

Beacon



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Sunday 4th August 2019

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches
on the 7th Sunday after Trinity**

What's on in the coming week

Sunday 4th August – 7th Sunday after Trinity

Edge	9.30am	3 Parish Communion
Painswick	9.30am	Parish Communion
Cranham	11.00am	Family Communion
Sheepscombe	11.00am	Morning Worship

Monday 5th August *Oswald*

Edge	9.30am	Prayer in Edge
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Wednesday 7th August *John Mason Neale*

Richmond	11.00am	Holy Communion
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Thursday 8th August *Dominic*

Sheepscombe	9.30am	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 11th August 8th Sunday after Trinity *Cranham Feast*

Painswick	9.30am	Holy Communion
Pitchcombe	9.30am	3 Parish Communion
Sheepscombe	11.00am	Parish Communion & Holy Baptism
Cranham	3.00pm	Feast Service <i>Preacher:</i> <i>Revd. Pat Freeth,</i> <i>Area Dean of Stroud</i>

Good News – at last!

We were delighted to receive the following announcement from the Lord Chancellor's Ecclesiastical Office, which was read in our churches last Sunday:

“You will be pleased to know that The Lord Chancellor has approved the appointment of the Reverend Janet Elizabeth Turville, BEd, as Rector of Painswick, Sheepscombe, The Edge, Cranham, Pitchcombe, Harescombe and Brookthorpe in the Diocese of Gloucester.”

Janet is currently Team Vicar in the Parish of Louth in Lincolnshire. She and her husband Kevin are likely to move to the Beacon Benefice in mid to late October. Our new Rector will be licensed by the Bishop of Tewkesbury, on the evening of Monday November 4th. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend Janet's licensing and welcome her to our parishes.

Beacon People

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Pam and John Bailey, Andrea Linsell, Will Tarbuck, and Joan Wood**. We pray for all whose prayer requests are on our prayer boards, and especially for all those people, whether they are relatives or friends, who care for the sick and disabled in their own homes. We also remember before God all who have died recently or whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Prayer Points from PSALMS

Thank God for the Pulse Games which ran at The Croft school in Painswick, with all 3 local schools taking part. Only one PSALMS minister was present with 8 local church volunteers and 4 young leaders helping out, which was really encouraging.

Give thanks for the Tennis sessions that have been running since March, with a real family feel developing. Pray for future growth, for a strategy over the winter months and for the relationships built to be enriched by the Holy Spirit.

Give thanks for the end of the Pulse Leadership Academy, which finished in July with a commissioning service and BBQ. Pray for the young leaders as they continue to be lights amongst their peer groups and pray for Nathan & Emily as they prepare for a new cohort to start in September.



St. Mary's Flower Guild will be staging a display of flowers, themed **Through the Year**, starting at 2pm on Wednesday 21st August until Monday evening 26th. The proceeds will be shared between the Church and Longfield. We would appreciate offers of help, foliage and flowers. Contact Freda Steed 01452812376 or any of the flower arrangers.

The Good Shepherd Project – Can you find the sheep? All Church of England Primary schools in the Diocese of Gloucester were visited in 2018/2019 by a sheep which was looked after and decorated by the school community, before continuing on pilgrimage to the next school within the deanery for a new adventure and decoration. All the members of the Diocese of Gloucester flock are spending their holidays in Gloucester Cathedral, where they would love to be visited by children and their families from 8 August. Come along during your holidays and follow the sheep trail around the cathedral...Can you find all the 9 sheep?



Painswick Church Re-ordering Scheme

For some time now the St Mary's Parochial Church Council and Church members have been looking into providing essential facilities within St. Mary's Church which are currently lacking. Our vision is to fulfil three principle aims, to provide:

- Welcome – accessibility and user friendliness.
- Flexibility – for both worship and community use.
- Warmth - creating a place of peace, comfort and beauty.

Please come into the church and see the outline drawings.

If you have any comments to make about these proposals please contact

Margaret.radway@tiscali.co.uk. All feedback is welcome positive or otherwise.

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Readings: *Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2. 18-23 or Colossians 3. 1-11,
Luke 12. 13-21*

Prayer for our Parishes

Almighty God, you have called us to be your family in this place.
Guide and sustain us through this period of vacancy.
We give thanks for and ask you to bless those leading us through
this time, may we support each other and grow together.
We give thanks for the leader you are sending us.
May she inspire us to serve you
and show your love in our communities.
This we ask in the name of your Son our saviour Jesus Christ.

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