Beacon Light

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Sunday 1st September
A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches on the 11th Sunday after Trinity

What's on in the coming week

Sunday 1st September 11th 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 2nd September *Martyrs of Papua New Guinea*		
Edge	9.30am	Prayer in Edge
Wednesday 4th September *Bininus*		
Richmond	11.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 5th September		
Sheepscombe	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 8th September 12th Sunday after Trinity		
Painswick	9.30am	Holy Communion - *Sharing in One Bread*
Pitchcombe	9.30am	3 Parish Communion
Cranham	11.00am	PSALMS Prayer & Praise
Sheepscombe	11.00am	Parish Communion
Cranham	6.30pm	Evensong *(BCP)*

Notices

From Freda Steed: **"**A big thank you to all those concerned with the highly successful **Flowerburst** event in St. Mary`s: so many people, involved in the preparation, execution of the magnificent displays, stewarding and clearing up. A great effort, which gave pleasure to hundreds of visitors from all corners of the world.**"**

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Our benefice administrator, **Lydia Savage,** has retired from her post at the Lychgate office at the end of August. We thank Lydia for her years of service and wish her a very happy retirement. The office will continue to be open from 9am to 11am Monday to Friday, staffed by our volunteers.

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September dates for your diaries:

12th September: The first Messy Church of the new term takes place in Painswick Church Rooms at 3.30pm.

22nd September: Clypping Sunday at Painswick. We shall have the traditional Clypping Service in St. Mary's Churchyard at 3pm. Our guest preacher will be the Ven. Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Gloucester. Painswick Feast will take place in the churchyard during the day.

Also on 22nd September: The first of our parish Harvest Festivals will be held in Edge at 11am. Archdeacon Hilary Dawson will be the guest preacher here as well.

29th Setember: The feast of St. Michael and All Angels falls on the 5th Sunday of the month. We shall have a Benefice Communion Service at 10.00am on that morning in St. John the Baptist, Edge. It will be the only service of the day in our parishes. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

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Stroud Foodbank need donations of: **Children's toothbrushes, Baby Wipes, Shaving Kit, Soup, Small bags of sugar, Tinned meat.** Thank you for your continued support; last year you helped us to feed 5700 people.

Beacon People

Our congratulations and good wishes go to **Tobin Osicki and Clara Farque,** who were married at St. James the Great, Cranham yesterday.

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Pam and John Bailey, Ann Kenber , Andrea Linsell, Rosemary Sharpe (**recovering from a broken arm). **Will Tarbuck, Gwen Welch 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 remember in our prayers those who have died recently; especially **John Courts, Molly Ewart , Betty Perks and Jill Walford**. Pray too for their grieving families, and also all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Molly Ewart's service will be at St Mary's at 11:00 am on Wednesday 11 September.

Flower Burst - "All through the year in Flowers"

Congratulations and thanks to Freda Steed and her team for the wonderful flower arrangements in the church.

Based on the Church calendar throughout the year as well as the seasons, the team produced really inspiring and well thought out displays using so many different flowers etc. They are a great team.

This will be Freda's last big display as she is now retiring from her role of being in charge of the Flower Guild.

She has done such a marvellous job over a number of years along with her husband Mike and we shall miss them greatly.

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm
on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: *Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 or Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16, Luke 14. 1, 7-14*

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. Amen

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