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Sunday 15th September 2019

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches
on the 13th Sunday after Trinity**

What's on in the coming week

13th Sunday after Trinity

Painswick	9.30am	Parish Communion
Harescombe	9.30am	3 Parish Communion
Cranham	11.00am	Parish Communion
Sheepscombe	11.00am	Morning Worship <i>Speaker: Canon Jonathan McKechnie-Jarvis, Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust</i>

Wednesday 18th September

Painswick	12 noon	Midday Prayer
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Thursday 19th September *Theodore of Tarsus*

Sheepscombe	9.30am	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 22nd September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Painswick Feast)

Harvest Festival in Edge

Pitchcombe	9.30am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>)
Edge	11.00am	Harvest Festival <i>Preacher: The Ven. Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Gloucester</i>
Harescombe	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Sheepscombe	11.00am	Parish Communion
Painswick	3.00pm	The Clypping Service <i>Preacher: The Ven. Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Gloucester</i>

Notices

Next Sunday, 22nd September, is **Clypping Sunday** at Painswick. Please note that there will be **no morning Painswick Praise Service**. The Clypping Service at 3pm will be Painswick's main service of the day. We shall be pleased to welcome the **Ven. Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Gloucester** as our guest preacher for the Clypping. Painswick Feast will take place in the churchyard during the day. Also on 22nd September, the first parish **Harvest Festival will be held in Edge at 11am**. Archdeacon Hilary Dawson will be the guest preacher here as well.

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On 29<sup>th</sup> September the feast of St. Michael and All Angels falls on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. We shall have a **Communion Service for the Beacon Family of Churches 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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Marah has asked me to pass on their gratitude for the continued steady flow of small change, which helps support their work in providing hot meals three times a week to the homeless and disadvantaged in Stroud. So please keep saving your 1, 2 and 5ps and passing them to Alison Robinson (812 286) or Frances Watson (812 071). In addition, instant coffee, long life milk and white sugar are always welcome as are donations of deodorant sprays, shower gel, men's shoes (especially trainers) and, as winter approaches, pairs of gloves. Thank you for anything you are able to give. Empty 500g margarine pots are used to give away any surplus cooked food so are also gratefully received. *Alison Robinson.*

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**The Marah Trust Annual General Meeting 2019** will be held on **Wednesday 25 September** at The Baptist Church Hall, Union Street, Stroud, (opposite the Farmers Market). 5pm doors open Tea, coffee and scones will be available. 6 pm AGM. Please note that there is no parking at the church hall.

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The **Stroud Annual Hospital Service** will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 6.30pm on **Sunday 20th October**. The preacher will be Revd. Mathew Page, a mental health nurse, who is a priest in the Stroud Team Ministry. There will be music from Supertrouper's Stroud Age UK Choir. Everyone welcome.

Beacon People

Community Lunches



Commencing Monday 7th October from 12 noon to 1.15pm at the Ashwell Centre. St. Mary's will be the hosts. All soup to be vegetarian.

7th October	St. Mary's Church. Please contact Lindsay Gardener 814282 If you can provide soup, and/or help.
14th October	The Country Market
21st October	Dog Training
28th October	Our Lady and St. Therese

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **John and Pam Bailey, Ann Kenber, Andrea Linsell, 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 also remember before God all who have died recently, especially **Rona Burcombe**, whose funeral takes place at St. Mary's on 18th September at 12 noon, **John Courts** whose funeral will take place at St. John the Baptist, Pitchcombe at 2pm on September 20th and **Isobel Morgan** of Cranham, whose funeral took place this week, as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

PSALMS Prayer Requests

Thank God for the conversations that Nathan had last week, catching up with young people, some of whom went to Soul Survivor. Thank Him for the journeys some of the kids are on, and that we as ministers have the privilege of being part of that journey.

Pray for Club Pulse which started back last Monday. Pray that all those who meet with Jesus over the summer at camps would be excited about returning, and for those who weren't around, pray they would come back refreshed and replenished.

Continue to pray for us as a team, as we induct 3, possibly 4 new recruits to the PSALMS team. It's exciting, but could be exhausting as we want them to get all up to speed quickly. Pray for energy for us, and energy for them as they take in all the information. Pray for Beacon Messy Church. Just like all of these things, it's important that it doesn't plateau, but that it continues to bolster the relationships already built over the last couple of months, and represent Christ in the best way possible.

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: *Exodus 32.7-14 or 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10*

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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