

Beacon



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Light

12th January 2020

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches
The Baptism of Christ**

What's on in the coming week

Sunday 12th January The Baptism of Christ

Painswick	9.30am	Holy Communion
Pitchcombe	9.30am	3 Parish Communion
Cranham	11.00am	PSALMS Prayer & Praise
Sheepscombe	11.00am	Parish Communion
Cranham	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)

Monday 13th January *Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367*

Painswick	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Resthaven	11.30am	Holy Communion
Painswick Town Hall	12-1.15pm	Community Lunches
Painswick	5.00pm	Evening Prayer

Tuesday 14th January

Painswick	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Cranham	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Painswick	5.00pm	Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th January

Painswick	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Painswick	5.00pm	Evening Prayer

Thursday 16th January

Painswick	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sheepscombe	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Brookthorpe Hall	2.00pm	Holy Communion
Painswick	5.00pm	Evening Prayer

For next Sunday's services, please see back page

Rector's Voice

I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen. *Methodist Worship Book.*

The above prayer is one of God's gifts to His church through the Methodist church and the writings of John and Charles Wesley. Each year in every Methodist church and circuit a Covenant service is held and this prayer prayed. I first came across it 14 years ago when, on the discernment process for ordained ministry in the Church of England, I took myself away for a weekend to seek God. Trying to worship at the local Cof E on the Sunday I found they were sharing the Covenant service with their brothers and sister at the Methodist church and so I joined them. So began a practice of praying this prayer each new year. I invite you to look at, think through and pray this prayer as we look to the coming year together, will you be willing to be used in whatever way God wills, will you Covenant to 'yield all things' to his 'pleasure and disposal. Not easy words but God calls us all to be His disciples, to take up our cross and follow Him.

Revd. Janet

Beacon People

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **John and Pam Bailey, Marjorie Bettley, William Daws, Andrea Linsell, Peter Minall, Ken Morgan, Anne Shawcross, Will Tarbuck, Ann Burges Watson.** 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 **Richard Dickinson, Somerset Moore, Brian Shawcross, and Sybil Taylor** , as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Notices

Community Lunch at Painswick Town Hall - tomorrow, 13th January from 12noon to 1.15pm. The hosts are Richmond Village.

On 20th January it's the turn of **Churches Together Around Painswick** to serve lunches of homemade veggie soup, bread and cheese. Any offers of a couple of pints of vegetable soup from our congregations would be most welcome, and/or assistance on the day for a couple of hours around lunchtime. The RC ladies will of course be helping out too. Please let us know. Lindsay Gardiner 814282. Sue Stick 813407

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**7pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Sheepscombe Village**

**Hall**, first question at 7.30pm. Support the work of **Christian Aid** by entering this **general knowledge quiz**. Funds raised will go towards a Community Partnership project to help refugees from the Syrian crisis in Iraq and Lebanon and will be 6:1 match funded. Entries £8 pp / £32 per team of 4. To book, call Liz Davies on 812211 or Dylan Davies on 812966. Entry includes Ploughman's Platter & Chocolates, served during the intervals. Cash bar with real ale.

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On Sunday 19th January the speaker at 11am at **Sheepscombe** will be **Sue Barrance**. Sue is a Quaker and a member of the multi-faith chaplaincy at Leyhill Open Prison. All are welcome.

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Also on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, the ecumenical **St Joseph @Prinknash Prayer Group** meets at 2pm and the Healing Ministry Training course ( free, just cost of workbook) starts Feb 1st .

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Thank you to the Flower Guild for the wonderful Christmas displays at St. Mary's. They were much admired by the congregation and visitors.

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**The Big Christmas Card** at the back of St Mary's raised more money for Marah than ever before – a splendid £162.05 which will help in their work providing hot meals and help to the homeless and vulnerable of Stroud. This year the card was signed not only by regular churchgoers but by visitors from Spain, Poland, Iceland, South Africa, Wolverhampton and Reading. Clearly visitors to the church wanted to join in with spreading goodwill at Christmas to fellow Christians and people in need. Many thanks to you all!

**Services Next Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> January**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

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| Painswick                                   | 9.30am  | Parish Community                                                       |
| Harescombe                                  | 9.30am  | 3 Parish Communion                                                     |
| Cranham                                     | 11.00am | Parish Communion                                                       |
| Sheepscombe                                 | 11.00am | Morning Worship                                                        |
| Painswick <i>Our Lady &amp; St. Therese</i> | 4.00pm  | Christian Unity Service<br><i>Guest Preacher: Fr. Gary Brassington</i> |

**Collect:**

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Post Communion:**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** *Isaiah 42.1-9 or Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 3.13-17*

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