**Weekly Prayers**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**Christian Aid week**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**5th Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Ascension Day**

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:  
help us to seek and serve you,  
that we may join you at the Father’s side,  
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,  
now and for ever.

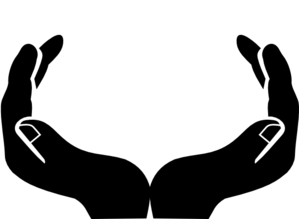
**7TH Sunday of Easter**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Beacon Benefice

**Prayer Diary**

May 2019



**Benefice Prayer 2019**

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 pray for a leader to 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

12-18 May

**Prayer**

O God, our refuge and strength,  
our help in times of trouble.

Have mercy on the lands where the earth has given way.  
Have mercy on the lands where the weather has destroyed livelihoods. Prosper those who rebuild houses,  
and strengthen those who rebuild hope  
so that entire communities  
may face the future without fear.  
  
Amen.

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| **Date** | **Reading** | **Church** | **Community** | **People who live in......** |
| 1st Philip and James | James 1.1-12 | Painswick Roman Catholic Church | Children | The Highlands PA |
| 2nd | John 21.1–14 | Open the book | County Councillors | The Knowle CR |
| 3rd | John 21.15–19 | Organists | Cranham Primary School | The Park PA |
| 4th | John 21.20–end | Painswick Roman Catholic Church | Cranham Village | Tibbiwell Lane PA/SH |
| 6th | Ephesians 1.1–14 | Painswick Society of Friends | Cranham Village Hall | Tibbiwell PA |
| 7th | Ephesians 1.15–end | Pastoral visitors | Cranham Village Hall | Upper Washwell PA |
| 8th | Ephesians 2.1–10 | PCC members | Croft Primary School | Upton Lane BR |
| 9th | Ephesians 2.11–end | Psalms staff | David Drew MP | Vicarage Street PA |
| 10th | Ephesians 3.1–13 | Psalms volunteers | District Councillors | Wades Lane PI |
| 11th | Ephesians 3.14–end | Retired clergy | Edge Village | Whiteshill Road ED |
| 13th | Ephesians 4. 1-16 | Bishop Robert | Parish Councils | Painswick Road CR |
| 14th Mathias the Apostle | Acts2.37-end | Sacristans/Vergers | Edge Village Hall | Wick Street PI/PA |
| 15th | Ephesians 5.1-14 | Sheepscombe Church | Harescombe Village | Woodborough Close PA |
| 16th | Ephesians 5 15-end | Sidespeople | Harescombe Village Hall | Wordings Mount SH |
| 17th | Ephesians 6.1-9 | St James, Cranham | Local bus services | Wragg Castle Lane PI |
| 18th | Ephesians 6. 10-end | St John the Baptist Edge | Local clubs and societies | Wynstones Drive BR |
| 20th | 1.Peter 1-12 | St John the Baptist Harescombe | Local fairs/events | Yokehouse Lane PA |
| 21st | 1 Peter 1.13–end | St. John Pitchcombe | Local farms/smallholdings | Andrews Close BR |
| 22nd | 1 Peter 2.1–10 | St Mary’s, Painswick | Local fairs/events | Ashwell PA |
| 23rd | 2 Peter 2.11-end | St Mary’s, Kabanga,Tanzania | Local garages/workshops | Back Edge Lane ED |
| 24th | 1 Peter 3.1-12 | Food and Furniture banks | Local Hotels and B&Bs | Beacon Close PA |
| 25th | 1 Peter 3.13-end | Sue Hartley | Local offices | Beacon Lane PI |
| 27th | 1 Peter 4.1–11 | The work of Psalms | Local playgroups/preschools | Beech Lane SH |
| 28th | 1 Peter 4.12–end | Wedding and baptism co-ordinators | Local pubs | Berry Close PA |
| 29th | 1 Peter 5 | Andrew Leach | Local restaurants and cafes | Bisley Street PA |
| 30th Ascension Day | Hebrews7 26-end | Archdeacon Hilary Dawson | Local secondary schools | Blakewell Mead PA |
| 31st Visit of Mary to Elizabeth | 1 Samuel 2.1-10 | Area Dean Pat Freeth | Local sports facilities | Brookthorpe Road BR |