

# Beacon



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# Light *Online*

*...linking the Beacon Parishes*

**Sunday 8th August  
The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Cranham Feast**

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer
3.00pm	Cranham	Feast Service

## **Not-the-Rector**

This week we mark the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, which took place on a mountain in Galilee. We often talk about “mountain top moments” and go on to say that we cannot always stay on the mountain but must descend again to the plain of daily life.

We have experienced both the mountains and the plains, the highs and the lows, in our life in the benefice this week. On the one hand at Edge, we are assessing the consequences of the fire which broke out in the church last Sunday morning. We have to be thankful that no one was in the building at the time, that the smoke was quickly spotted and the fire service called. Nevertheless, the church building will be closed for repairs for some time, although worship in the village will continue. We pray for everyone dealing with the consequences of this event.

In contrast, we have the celebration of Cranham Feast this Sunday, where we shall celebrate and give thanks for everything that is good in village and parish life, asking for God’s continued blessing and guidance. In the words of Cranham’s own Feast Hymn:

“Let us then make music, sing with heart and voice,  
standing in God’s presence , each of us rejoice.  
Join in celebration, joyful songs we raise,  
echo round these hillsides Cranham’s Feast of praise.”

May God be with us in all the highs and lows of our lives this week.

*Revd. Andrew*

## Readings

### Collect

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Psalm 97

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!  
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.  
Fire goes before him,  
and consumes his adversaries on every side.  
His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.  
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold his glory.  
All worshippers of images are put to shame,  
those who make their boast in worthless idols;  
all gods bow down before him.  
Zion hears and is glad,  
and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O God.  
For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD loves those who hate evil;  
he guards the lives of his faithful;  
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.  
Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.  
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

## ***The Gospel according to Luke 9.28-36***

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

### *This is the Gospel of the Lord*

The Transfiguration, while intimate, reveals a Jesus unlike the gentle, human teacher we have come to know in earlier passages. The Jesus of the Transfiguration may feel distant or fantastical to some, while others may be captured by the majesty, mystery, and beauty of God shown in this way.

How do you experience God most fully?

What images of Jesus draw you into the mystery and beauty of God?

## **Beacon People**

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Richard Garrett, Andrea Linsell, and Jenipher Pritchard**. Pray for all those people, whether they are relatives or friends, who care for the sick and disabled in their own homes and for those undergoing cancer treatment at this time.

We remember also all the charities which this benefice supports, including Christian Aid, Marah, OneLife/PSALMS, Stroud Foodbank and The Vine Project and all from our churches and villages who work in the NHS and in care homes.

We also remember before God all who have died recently, as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices

The service scheduled for this Sunday in Harescombe has been cancelled. Instead St John the Baptist, Harescombe will host a **joint communion service for Edge and Harescombe next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.**

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**Living in Love and Faith Course** - This is a major new Church of England initiative to help church communities examine afresh their life and learning together in the face of difference and diversity. It sets out to inspire people to think more deeply both about what it means to be human, and to live in love and faith with one another. The course will run on consecutive Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, starting on 23rd September and ending on 21st October, and will be held at Gainscross Church Hall. You can find out more about it on the Church's `Living in love and Faith` website. If anyone is interested in taking part please contact Sally Withers, the Deanery Administrator on 07808294910. Anyone wishing to share transport, please contact me on 812071. *Frances Watson, Deanery Synod Representative, Painswick.*

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**OneLife/PSALMS prayer requests:** Give thanks for TRAC, which was just fantastic. We were so encouraged by the 2 days, and God moved powerfully even though it wasn't a residential. It's often the culmination of our work each year, and to be able to run an event that was so well received by all who attended was so rewarding. Not only that but many barriers were broken down, particularly how worship to God could be so fun, and how the story of Jonah could have so many parallels to our lives. Praise the Lord.

**Sports Breakfast** - Tomorrow marks the start of the first of 4 Sports Breakfasts happening every Weds during August. It will be a time to spend with 7-11 years old, to have food, open the bible and play sport together. Please pray for God to move powerfully as we open his word together.

**Sports Holiday Club** - Next Monday and Tuesday the Croft school will host a Sports Holiday Club for 13 local children aged 7-11. We will be looking at the character of Esther and her courage over the two days. Pray for those young people attending, that they would be impacted by what is shared.

**Edge Church** - Please be praying for all those over at Edge Church, where there was a fire in the church building last Sunday morning and there is a fair bit of damage. Please pray for all the discussions going forward and that God would be with them in all ways.

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## Weekday Worship

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August:** 10.30am Richmond Morning Prayer

**Thursday weekly :** 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom from Sheepscombe  
*If you would like to join in or would like a copy of the service sheet please email Karen Riding [kriding07@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kriding07@yahoo.co.uk).*

### **Worship in the media**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Daily Hope - music, prayers and reflections and services from the Church of England 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.

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## Sources of help :

**Cranham Covid-19 Community Response Team:** The initial contact for Cranham residents is: [nigelrobincooper@gmail.com](mailto:nigelrobincooper@gmail.com) Tel: 07973 340227

**St. Mary's Pastoral Link system:** Anyone who is self-isolating or unable to get out, we can help you by getting shopping, prescriptions etc. Please contact Delyth Allen (St. Mary's Pastoral Link Coordinator) on 813182 or 07854262517 or email [delyth\\_allen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:delyth_allen@hotmail.co.uk)

**Painswick Community Support:** The Painswick Covid-19 Community Support initiative set up in March will be providing ongoing community support for Painswick with the same telephone number but an updated e-mail address. If you need support, please contact 07956 203087 or [painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com)

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## Services next Sunday 15th August - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.30am  | Painswick                                        | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Cranham                                          | Morning Prayer |
| 11.00am | Harescombe                                       | Holy Communion |
|         | <i>(Joint Service for Edge &amp; Harescombe)</i> |                |

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Information for the next Beacon Light Online to [ajpleach@gmail.com](mailto:ajpleach@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 5pm at the latest**, please.

## and Finally...

**Seen in a pewsheet:** "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall he live. "