

Beacon



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...linking the Beacon Parishes

Sunday 5th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion

Not-the-Rector

I have had discussions with Archdeacon Hilary and Sue Murray, our Area Dean, regarding cover for services, now we know that Janet will be absent until the end of October. We have covered services from local resources for the last four months, but both Michael Irving and I will be taking time off in the next couple of months, so it is sensible to look for assistance from the deanery now.

I shall be asking the deanery office for cover from active retired clergy for some of our services over the next months. I will let parishes know the details when I have them.

I know that you will all give a warm welcome to the clergy who volunteer to minister at our services. I am grateful beyond measure to our local retired clergy and Mike our reader, who have all so willingly taken on more work over the past months. We shall continue to need their support in the benefice, but these arrangements will hopefully allow us to share ministry more widely and also take time for refreshment.

Revd. Andrew

Readings

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time on and for evermore.
For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous may not stretch out
their hands to do wrong.
Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.
But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.
Peace be upon Israel!

The Gospel according to Mark 7.24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Jesus performs miracles and tells everyone to keep quiet about it but they proclaim the news far and wide. Here is the Gospel: the power of God is present, among us, and cannot be contained even though it has not yet been fully revealed.

It is hard to keep quiet when we have good news to tell. What kind of joy or gratitude do you have in your heart that wants to be shared?

Can you see God present and working in your life somewhere?

Do you hear God calling you into something new?

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, especially **Jackie Hammond** and **Reigh Sutton**, as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. Reigh Sutton's funeral service will take place in St. Mary's at 11am on September 15th.

Notices

A **Thanksgiving Service for the life of Frances (known as Frankie) Marsh** who died in March 2021 will take place at St Mary's Church at **12 noon on Tuesday 14th September**. All are welcome for this celebration- no black, please, at Frankie's request!

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After a pause of some months, the **Painswick collections for the food bank** are now planned to resume. The next one will be on **Wednesday September 15th , 10am – 12 noon by the stocks outside St Mary's church and in Stamages car park**. The main reason for the pause was that the food bank had to move out of their warehouse at the end of July. The building, owned by Stroud District Council, is due to be demolished so a new warehouse had to be found and then everything dismantled and relocated, while keeping the show on the road to distribute food to those in crisis. This was achieved by a wonderful team of volunteers, proving yet again what fantastic support there is for the food bank in this area. We would be very grateful for donations of tinned pulses, tinned potatoes, tinned spaghetti, cooking sauces, toiletries and sweet and savoury treats. Other items (within use by date) also always welcome but we currently have plenty of pasta, tea and cereal. We would be very grateful for your continuing support. *The Painswick Foodbank Committee*.

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Edge is having a **Poetry and Music evening on September 18th at 7.30pm**. Due to the fire in Edge Church Pitchcombe have kindly agreed to let us have it there. The programme is celebrating Gloucestershire Poets. David Ashbee and Harvey Sagar will read some of their own Poetry and Paul Smith will play the organ. Tickets are £10 which includes a programme and Ploughman's Supper with wine or soft drinks. Tickets are available from Ann Kennett 01452812669 or a.kennett279@gmail.com Hope to see you there.

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**Clypping Sunday**, Painswick's patronal festival, falls this year on **September 19<sup>th</sup>**. The Clypping Service, when Painswick gives thanks for our church and honours our patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be held at 3pm in the churchyard. Painswick is justly proud of this lovely and ancient tradition. Sadly, we had to cancel the service last year, ( for the first time since World War 2), due to covid restrictions and our 2019 service was held indoors due to bad weather, so the return of our traditional outdoor service will be very welcome.

Painswick Feast will also take place during the day. Frances Watson and Alison Robinson are planning to provide Fairtrade teas in the church and would be very grateful for offers of cakes or biscuits made with at least one Fairtrade ingredient and also for offers of help on the day. Please speak to Frances (812 071) or Alison (812 286) if you are willing to be involved in baking or serving.

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Last Sunday's **Christian Aid bucket collection** raised an amazing £770, rising to £875 when gift aid is included. The money raised will be split equally between CA's Haiti Earthquake and Afghanistan/Global Hunger appeals. Thank you so much to everyone for their great generosity. - *The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee*

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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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Weekday Worship

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.

1st Wednesday of each month: 11am. Holy Communion at Richmond Village
2nd Wednesday of each month: 10.30am Morning Prayer at Richmond Village
3rd Tuesday of each month: 11.00am Holy Communion at Resthaven

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### Services next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.30am  | Painswick         | Holy Communion          |
| 9.30am  | Pitchcombe        | Morning Prayer          |
| 11.00am | Edge Village Hall | Holy Communion          |
| 11.00am | Sheepscombe       | Morning Worship         |
| 3.00pm  | Painswick         | Holy Baptism            |
| 6.30pm  | Cranham           | Evensong ( <i>BCP</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:** "Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be the soloist for the morning service. The vicar will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."