



...linking the Beacon Parishes

Services next Sunday 29th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Painswick
Holy Communion for the Beacon Family of Churches

Not-the-Rector

This coming Sunday we shall be able to hold our first benefice service since 2019 – it will be in St. Mary's at 10am. Perhaps we can see this as a sign of progress, as we put the worst of the pandemic behind us. Nevertheless we shall proceed with caution – social distancing is possible in St. Mary's and we shall take all the precautions we are now used to each Sunday in our churches across the benefice.

On benefice Sundays, we leave aside our individual parish traditions and meet on common ground. We have an order of service which is kept for the times when we come together as a benefice and our 10am meeting time is not associated with service times in any of the parishes. Fittingly, we do all this on a Sunday when the gospel reading urges us not to cling to tradition for its own sake.

There will also be a **Christian Aid bucket collection for the Haiti earthquake and Afghanistan/global hunger appeals** with proceeds being split equally, so please come prepared and give generously. I hope to see you there.

Revd. Andrew

Readings

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.

Psalm 45.1-2, 7-10

My heart overflows with a goodly theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

You are the most handsome of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you for ever.

you love righteousness and hate wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The Gospel according to Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

There are some rather tough words for us at the end of today's Gospel reading: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, – and the list goes on. We could very easily skim over the words with the thought, "Well, I don't do any of these things!"

Instead, try to keep it simple and ask yourself, "Am I honouring God with my lips, while my heart is far from God?"

Beacon People

We congratulate **Harriet George and Robert Reynolds**, married on Saturday in St. Mary's.

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.

Notices

Sheepscombe is raising funds for COVAX with an afternoon of TEA, SKITTLES and CHILDREN'S GAMES 2.30pm-5.00pm **Bank Holiday Monday 30th August** at Sheepscombe Village Hall. COVAX raises funds to provide vaccines for people of the poorest countries of the world against Covid19. Do Come!

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On **Saturday, 4 September** all are invited to join members of the Cathedral Ramblers, staff, and volunteers to complete a **Pilgrimage from Tewkesbury Abbey to Gloucester Cathedral** to promote spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing. The Gloucester pilgrimage is a 15-mile walk that connects Tewkesbury Abbey and Gloucester Cathedral via several parish churches on a route across stunning countryside. The event reconnects paths walked by our ancestors. It promotes being active in nature with others for spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing and caring for the planet.

There will be options to walk the whole route -15 miles – gathering from 0800 at the Abbey; or, from: Tirley – 9 miles – gathering from 0945; Ashleworth - 6 miles – gathering from 1145; or, Maisemore – 3 miles – gathering from 1330. To end with a dedicated Evensong in the Cathedral at 1630. Places will be limited and this link will take you to the Cathedral Website page that then contains the link to register – there will be no charge for any aspect of this pilgrimage. We are producing an e-book which will sent to those registered with a great deal more information. [Gloucester Cathedral | Pilgrimage from Tewkesbury Abbey to Gloucester Cathedral](#) . If you would like to join Delyth Allen and Margaret Radway who are taking part in this pilgrimage, do get in touch with Delyth ( 07854262517) or Margaret (07896430107).

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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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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](mailto:a.kennett279@gmail.com) Hope to see you there.

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Sources of help :

Cranham Covid-19 Community Response Team: The initial contact for Cranham residents is: 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

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

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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](mailto:kriding07@yahoo.co.uk).*

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

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Services next Sunday 5th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion

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Information for the next Beacon Light Online to ajpleach@gmail.com by **Tuesday 5pm at the latest**, please.

and Finally...

Seen in a pewsheet: "Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of several others."