



...linking the Beacon Parishes

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

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> )

### Not-the-Rector

This month's edition of the Messenger from the Diocese of Gloucester offers us ways to challenge ourselves, to grow in faith and nurture our relationship with Jesus. It details some courses and resources to help you draw nearer to God and to show your faith in every area of your life. Visit [gloucester.anglican.org/discipleship](http://gloucester.anglican.org/discipleship) for the first three resources.

**Loved and Liked** is a six session course offering the chance to explore how we are all uniquely made and that God actually loves and likes us. It looks at questions of identity, calling and service, and includes amazing true stories of local people.

**Personal Shapes for Living** will pair you with an encourager, who will help you to look at the shape of your whole life and pinpoint small changes that could help you to step closer to God.

**The Giving Toolbox** is a set of resources and programmes to help both you and your church engage with understanding the place of money in our own lives and the importance that our own gifts of it through the church play in furthering God's Mission.

**Pocket Prayer guides** have been created to help existing Christians enrich their prayers, trying out new ways of connecting with God. Find out more at [gloucester.anglican.org/your-prayer](http://gloucester.anglican.org/your-prayer).

Take some time to check out these resources – hopefully you will find something of interest to you.

*Revd. Andrew*

## Readings

### *Collect*

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Psalm 19*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.  
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## ***The Gospel according to Mark 8.27-38***

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

"Get behind me, Satan!" When pondering this famous phrase, don't get too caught up in the word "Satan." It simply means "accuser." Focus instead on the "get behind me" part. Jesus commands Peter to get behind him because it's from there that Peter can continue to follow Jesus. "Get behind me," Jesus says. He is reminding Peter that God is in charge. This is an important reminder for us all. We don't have to have all the answers; that's why we follow the one who does.

Do you ever need to be reminded that it's enough simply to follow?

How might you practice being a better follower of Jesus in the week to come?

## **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 **Susan John, Rob Streetman** and **Reigh Sutton,** as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Frankie Marsh's Thanksgiving Service (no black clothes, please) will take place at St Mary's Church at 12 noon on Tuesday, 14th September. Reigh Sutton's funeral service will take place in St. Mary's this Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

## Notices

The next **Painswick collection for the food bank** will be on **Wednesday September 15th , 10am – 12 noon by the stocks outside St Mary's church and in Stamages car park**. 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. 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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**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.

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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'A Taste of Tanzania' : Gloucester Diocese has a very active and fruitful partnership with the Diocese of Western Tanganyika, in Tanzania. Several years ago St Mary's gave a generous grant to assist Kabanga church complete their re-roofing project. As a celebration of our ongoing partnership we are holding a 'Taste of Tanzania' party, on Sunday 26th September. 4 - 5.30pm in the Gambier Parry Hall, Highnam. Everyone is very welcome - there will be music, updates and pictures of the partnership projects, a craft stall, and African style afternoon tea. Please wear something Africa, or bright colours to add to the atmosphere! No charge, though donations welcome to support the work. Please RSVP to Helen Sammon (to help us with numbers for planning), who will send further information and directions. . [helen.sammon@gmail.com](mailto:helen.sammon@gmail.com).

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**Sportily/PSALMS news and prayer requests:** Sportily is the new name selected by children and young people for our sports ministry organisation, building on 15 years of PSALMS' ministry in Gloucestershire. The name makes it clear that we are focused on sport and physical activity for all abilities and felt it communicated a welcome, fun and inclusive environment.

Be encouraged that over the summer we were still able to interact and engage with young families and children in the area, and so we can continue this relationships rather than start again this term.

Pray for Luke Gomes, who is our new placement student. He is 18, a basketball player, passionate for Jesus and will be working in this area a day a week which is exciting. Pray for him as he is fresh out of school and receiving a lot of information on his first day.

Pray for conversations with schools once again, as we revisit The Croft, Cranham and Sheepscombe. Pray for all the young people we are going to re-engage with.

Pray that we are able to connecting in a sensitive and warm way, whilst continuing faith conversations we've built up with them over the years.

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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](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 19<sup>th</sup> September Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Painswick Feast – Patronal Festival

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| 9.30am  | Painswick  | Holy Communion       |
| 11.00am | Cranham    | Morning Prayer       |
| 11.00am | Harescombe | Holy Communion       |
| 3.00pm  | Painswick  | The Clypping Service |

*Preacher: The Bishop of Tewkesbury*

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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:** "A worm welcome to all who have come today."  
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