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Sunday 19th September - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Painswick Feast – Patronal Festival

9.30am	Painswick	Patronal Festival Eucharist
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Harescombe	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Painswick	The Clypping Service <i>Preacher: The Bishop of Tewkesbury</i>

Not-the-Rector

Sunday 19th is Feast Sunday at Painswick and we are delighted to welcome Bishop Robert to preach at the Clypping Service at 3pm, as we once again observe this ancient custom on our Patronal Festival.

Churches keep the feast day of the saint whose name they bear as their Patronal Feast. The Church celebrates the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Painswick's Patron Saint, on September 8th but, when the Gregorian Calendar was introduced in Britain and 11 days were "lost" (to catch up with the date in Europe), Painswick refused to change its Feast date, so we remember Mary and the church's dedication to her 11 days after the rest of the Western Church.

"Clypping" has an Old English meaning – to embrace ; nothing to do with yew trees! As the Clypping Hymn is sung, we shall form a circle around the church building ,and move inwards and back, embracing or "clypping" the church. After the service the children will receive a coin and a Painswick bun.

On Clypping Sunday , we have an opportunity to pause and appreciate how fortunate we are to worship in this lovely place. We give thanks to God for the church where many of us learned our Faith , for the people who taught us and for the life of our church family today.

Revd. Andrew

Readings

Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 45.10-17

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,
and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;
the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts,
the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;
in many-coloured robes she is led to the king;
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

The Gospel according to Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

“My soul magnifies the Lord,” can mean that through me, through you, others can see the Lord more clearly. Through me and through you, through the way we choose to live our lives and practice our faith in the world people can catch a sustained glimpse of God’s peaceful kingdom.

Each of us, through our words and our actions, through all that we do, we magnify God. We magnify God’s action with our own practices. We magnify God’s word with our words in the world. God is the one who acts. We magnify that action and give it hands and feet and hearts and minds. We collaborate with God in the divine actions of lifting up of the lowly, feeding the hungry.

How do we magnify the Lord in the world, in our lives?

Beacon People

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Richard Garrett, Frauke, 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, Sportily (formerly 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 **Sara Saunders** as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Notices

Everyone in the Benefice is welcome to Beacon Praise for All!
Please come and join in this Service of informal worship at **11:00 am on Sunday 26th September** at St Mary’s, Painswick

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As we prepare to celebrate Clypping Sunday at Painswick and to welcome larger numbers of people into the church and churchyard than usual, it is perhaps an appropriate time to remind ourselves of the **precautions we are maintaining to protect everyone** in all our churches in these difficult times. Please continue to protect yourself, your friends and family, and everyone around you by **wearing a face mask in church** if you are able to and **make use of the hand sanitiser** provided as you enter. This is important at all times, but particularly so at larger events where people have gathered from many different places. Face coverings can reduce the risk of unknowingly spreading the virus to others. Of course none of us like them, but thank you for making the effort to wear your mask and protect other people in our churches.

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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.

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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 26<sup>th</sup> September - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.30am  | Pitchcombe  | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 11.00am | Painswick   | Beacon Praise        |
| 11.00am | Sheepscombe | Holy Communion       |
| 6.30pm  | Cranham     | Evening Worship      |

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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:** "Glory be to God on high and peace to his people on earth."