

Weekly Prayers and Prayer Themes

1st – 6th May *For the growth of democratic government*

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

8th – 13th May *For an end to war and conflict everywhere*

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

15th – 20th May *For all those who rely on aid to survive*

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

22nd – 27th May *For those who work to bring peace to people*

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

29th May – 3rd June *For an end to all oppression*

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Beacon Benefice

Prayer

May 2017

This month, we return to our usual pattern of prayer diary but do not forget we are still in the season of Eastertide. So we continue to give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus Christ but we also pray for the transformation of our world. In particular, we pray for an end to all those unjust structures of power which keep people effectively enslaved and unable to enjoy the freedom God longs to give us.

This double focus is really appropriate in the month which includes both Christian Aid Week (14th – 20th) and Ascension Day (25th). Please do remember to get involved in both. Prayer doesn't always have to be quiet and reflective; it's also good to be active for Christ and make that action our prayer too.

Rev Mike

Beacon Prayer

Please help us pray our way around all our Churches.

5 th May	Edge
12 th May	Harescombe
19 th May	Cranham
26 th May	Sheepscombe
2 nd June	Painswick
9 th June	Pitchcombe
16 th June	Edge
23 rd June	Harescombe

Sometimes there is no Beacon Prayer because of other events happening.

Sometimes Rev Mike cannot come along to lead Beacon Prayer because he is involved elsewhere. But that need not stop Beacon Prayer going ahead. Each Church now has a file containing what is needed apart from a bible and the current Beacon Light and Prayer Diary.

Date	Reading	Church	Community	People who live in ...
1	Ephesians 1.1–14	The work of PSALMS	Those away at university or college	Edge Road PI
2	Ephesians 1.15–end	Wedding and baptism co-ordinators	Those who look after children	Far End SH
3	Ephesians 2.1–10	Andrew Leach	Those who travel to work	Folly Lane PI
4	Ephesians 2.11–end	Archdeacon Jackie Searle	The local elections	Friday Street PA
5	Ephesians 3.1–13	Area Dean Mike Smith	Those who work from home	George Court PA
6	Ephesians 3.14–end	The funeral service for Bishop Michael	Those who work in service industries	Gilberts Lane BR
8	Ephesians 4.1–16	Bell ringers	Utility companies	Gloucester Road PA
9	Ephesians 4.17–end	Bishop Rachel	Visitors to the benefice	Gloucester Street PA
10	Ephesians 5.1–14	Bishop Robert	Young people	Golf Course Road PA
11	Ephesians 5.15–end	Choir members	Ashwell House	Greenhouse Lane SH/PA
12	Ephesians 6.1–9	Church cleaners	Brookthorpe Hall Care Centre	Grunters Lane ED/HA
13	Ephesians 6.10–end	The Christian Aid service tomorrow	Brookthorpe Village	Gyde Road PA
15	1 Peter 1.1–12	Christian Aid Week	Carers	Hale Lane PA
16	1 Peter 1.13–end	Church refreshment servers/providers	Children	Halfway Pitch PI
17	1 Peter 2.1–10	Churchwardens	County Councillors	Hambutts Drive PA
18	1 Peter 2.11–end	Churchyard maintainers/mowers	Cranham Primary School	Hambutts Mead PA
19	1 Peter 3.1–12	Deanery Synod reps	Cranham Village	Harescombe Village
20	1 Peter 3.13–end	The PSALMS ceilidh this evening	Cranham Village Hall	Haresfield Lane HA
22	1 Peter 4.1–11	Diocesan Synod reps	Croft Primary School	Hill Mead BR
23	1 Peter 4.12–end	Eucharistic ministers	District Councillors	Holcombe Road ED/PA
24	1 Peter 5	Fiona Gill	Edge Village	Hollyhock Lane PA
25	Hebrews 7.26 - end	The Ascension Day service	Edge Village Hall	Horsepools Hill ED
26	Galatians 5.13 - end	Flower arrangers	Harescombe Village	Hyett Close PA
27	1 Corinthians 2	Homegroups	Harescombe Village Hall	Hyett Orchard PA
29	1 Corinthians 3	Hospital visitors	All enjoying the Bank Holiday	Jacks Green SH
30	1 Corinthians 12.1-13	Intercessors	Local bus services	Jenkins Lane ED
31	Mark 3.31 - end	Lesson readers	Local clubs and societies	Kemps Lane PA