

Beacon

Sunday 30th July



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Light

Welcome

Welcome to our Benefice Communion this morning. I always find it uplifting when we can come together from across our parishes to worship together like this. It reminds us that God doesn't just call individuals, he calls whole communities into his kingdom. And it is about the kingdom we hear Jesus teaching this morning; parables that intrigue us and make us ponder how our Churches can demonstrate kingdom values in all we do.

Revd. Mike

1 Kings 3. 5-12 or Romans 8. 26-39, Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Beacon People

Our congratulations and best wishes to those couples who are getting married soon in the churches of our benefice: Darius and Artje, Nicola and James, Ewart and Victoria, Christopher and Emma. We offer our prayers for their future lives together.

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Betty Barney, Rita Bishop, Glynnis Mayes, Laurie Smith, Will Tarbuck, and Annabel Grellier**. Let us also remember their carers, families and friends.

We also pray for all whose prayer requests are on our prayer boards. Pray also for all the recently departed, especially **June Hannis, Christopher Poole, Zoe Sindall and Jack Smith**. Remember also their families and friends and those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

The funeral of **Zoe Sindall** will take place at St. James, Cranham on 1st August at 10.30am and the funeral of **Christopher Poole** will be at Cheltenham Crematorium at 2.45 pm on 9th August. There will be a celebration of the life of **Jack Smith** at Painswick Rugby Club at 10am on August 10th.

News of Mission Shaped Intro...

Mission Shaped Intro (msi) is a short six-week course, led by local leaders, with involvement from Cate Williams (Diocesan Mission & Evangelism Officer) in planning and preparation, and leadership of 1-2 sessions for all the churches of Stroud Deanery. We hope that each church will send two people on this initial course.

The msi six sessions (around 2 hours each), include creative activities, film clips, presentations, discussion, worship and prayer, explore:

- **rediscovering mission:** the mission of God as the foundation for any expression of church;
- **changing world, changing church:** how the church might respond to a world of change and uncertainty;
- **re-imagining church - community:** the need for fresh expressions of church to develop authentic community in a world shaped by consumerism and individualism;
- **re-imagining church - worship:** how fresh expressions of church are re-imagining worship;
- **discipleship and leadership:** how to enable healthy discipleship and leadership within fresh expressions of church;
- **where do we go from here?:** to provide space for you to consider your response to the course and offer options to what you might do next.

Where? St Matthew's, Church Road, Cainscross, GL5 4JE

When? Saturday 30th September until Saturday 4th November from 10.00 am until 12.00 (except October 7th when it will be 2.00-4.00 pm)

Notices

Cranham Feast – Sunday 13th August. Feast Service at 3pm. This year the Feast has a Carnival/Circus theme sitting alongside the values and traditions of the Feast which is very much about coming together to have fun and celebrating all that is good about Cranham, its people and their associations.

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Don't forget GHCT's sponsored Ride + Stride event on **September 9-cycle or walk round local churches to raise money for Historic Churches.** Contact Glenn if you'd like to know more about taking part, to order a banner advertising the event or to update the information for your church: [rideandstride@ghct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@ghct.org.uk) or call 01452 538271. Full details can be found at [www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride](http://www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride)

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DASH (*Delivering aid to Stroud Homeless*) & **Foodbank**: **Marah** pass on their thanks for the donations of toiletries - Shampoo, shaving cream, spray deodorants toothbrushes and toothpaste are all still needed as are UHT milk, instant coffee and sugar (these two can be in any size as they are given out in small packages). Items can be placed in the box at the back of the church or in the box at Murrays Estate Agency. Your small change is also much appreciated and useful and should be given to Alison Robinson (812286) or Frances Watson (812071) or to one of the churchwardens. **The Food Bank** also welcomes donations, particularly of tinned fruit, tinned custard and pasta sauces. If you buy these at a supermarket which has a collection box, please put the items in there as some supermarkets match donations. Otherwise they can be placed in the box at the back of Painswick, Pitchcombe or Sheepscombe churches.

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**PLEASE NOTE** that the farewell party for **David and Rita Bishop**, planned for August 13<sup>th</sup>, has had to be **cancelled**.

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## What's on in the coming week

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

9.00am Pitchcombe Holy Communion

11.00am Richmond Holy Communion

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

9.30am Sheepscombe Morning Prayer

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August *Jean-Baptiste Vienney*

11.00am Edge Beacon Prayer

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

*Please note there is no 8am Communion Service*

9.30am Edge 3 Parish Communion

9.30am Painswick Parish Communion

11.00am Cranham Family Communion

11.00am Sheepscombe Morning Worship

### Further Ahead:

**Rudford Retreat Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August**, 10am to 3pm, Rudford Church, GL2 8DT. On the third Thursday of each month. Rudford Retreats provide an opportunity to give space for God in our lives; to still ourselves, listen for God, and share in quiet fellowship with others. More information from [www.highnamchurch.org/rudford](http://www.highnamchurch.org/rudford) £12, booking required.

**St.Mary's Flower-Burst:** August Bank Holiday (24-28) this is part of the Painswick Arts Festival.

**Painswick Feast – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.** The Clypping Service, Novelty dog show, stalls, music, apple pressing! Details to follow!

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