

# Beacon

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity



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# Light

## Welcome

Welcome to our services this morning. If you are a visitor, we hope your time with us will be blessed. Today we hear of Peter turning from rock to stumbling block in just a few verses. Jesus goes on to remind us of our call to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him.

Sometimes following Christ seems tough – but then being transformed can be a painful process even if it is into his likeness. But the end results will be glorious!

*Readings: Jeremiah 15. 15-21 or Romans 12. 9-21, Matthew 16. 21-28*

## News from the Painswick Singers

The Painswick Singers choir is busy planning for its Christmas Concert to take place at St Marys Church on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. We have a new Music Director, Jessi Pywell. She believes that singing in a choir should be enjoyable, taking the music seriously but not ourselves – it should be fun! We are looking for new choir members for all parts, ability to read music is not essential, ability to hold a tune and listening to your fellow singers will suffice. No auditions are held, please come along and try us out, there will be no subscription to pay for your first term starting at 7.30 on September 18<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium at Richmond Painswick. For more information or to let us know that you are interested in joining us, please contact our Membership Secretary Jean Jones on 01452 813545

## Beacon People

**A message from David Bishop:** “Rita and Dave Bishop would like to thank all who contributed in any way to our amazing send-off last Sunday at St. Mary’s. The whole service was very moving and memorable for us. Thank you for the most generous presents – a lovely large etching of Painswick and a John Lewis gift voucher.”

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Betty Barney, Helen Briggs, Glynnis Mayes, Laurie Smith, Will Tarbuck and Peggy Ward**. We also pray for all whose prayer requests are on our prayer boards.

Pray also for all the recently departed, especially **Peter Holburn..** Remember also their families and friends and those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

## MABEL (Mike’s Adventures in BibleLand) – Which Modern Bible?

It would take me ages to cover all the versions so I’m just going to look at the main contenders – apologies if I miss your favourite!

The market leaders are the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) and the New International Version (NIV). They are both good translations which aim to be as accurate as they can be on a line-by-line basis. The NRSV is the one you hear most often in our Churches. You need (at least) one of these for serious bible study.

But line-by-line translations aren’t always the best for getting the sense of what the original writers were trying to say and can give us some rather difficult to follow sentences. That’s why other versions do it differently with a ‘looser’ translation to help a modern reader understand. The most famous of these was the Good News Bible, still a favourite for many but rather dated in its language now – but it did have those fantastic pictures! Probably the nearest equivalent now is The Message; very American in feel but absolutely brilliant for giving a fresh insight on some passages. Well worth a look! The Contemporary English Version (CEV) is intended to be easy to follow and doesn’t feel quite so American.

Two others worth a look are the New English Translation (NET), an online version with a really comprehensive set of footnotes, and Tom Wright’s New Testament for Everyone, accurate but written in a style which makes it easy to follow.

*Next week – back to the journey with The Five.*

## Notices

**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 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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**Autumn courses - Helping with Worship**-5 sessions on Tuesday afternoons and (mostly) Wednesday evenings starting on 12<sup>th</sup> September in Pitchcombe (afternoons) and Sheepscombe (evenings). To include: leading intercessions , setting up or distributing Communion, organising worship, leading worship. Just choose the sessions covering areas where you may feel that, with some guidance, you might become involved.**More info from** [revmike.holloway@gmail.com](mailto:revmike.holloway@gmail.com) .



**Join our choir! St Mary's Choir** has resumed rehearsals after its summer break and would love to welcome new members of all ages and voices. We meet in Church on Fridays from 5.30 – 6.30 pm– no experience is necessary and newcomers are guaranteed a warm welcome. You are invited to try it out in September before committing yourself, and if you are not sure whether it's for you, please speak to Chris Swain in church or telephone 01453 822998. As Gareth Malone has demonstrated in a number of projects shown on television, **singing can transform lives** and we are keen that as many people as possible have the opportunity to discover this for themselves.



**At Harescombe next Sunday**, there will be a special service at 6.pm to bless the new church gates. The porch at Harescombe Church was fitted with a pair of Victorian gates which had fallen into disrepair. Exact replicas have been made to replace them and at the same time new gates to the churchyard have been installed as well. All are welcome to come and share this celebration.

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**Painswick Feast – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**. The Clypping Service will take place at 3.00pm with **Bishop Rachel**, the Bishop of Gloucester as our guest preacher. Also Stalls, music, apple pressing, novelty dog show! Details to follow!

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## What's on this week

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September *Birinus*

9.30am Edge Prayer in Edge

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September *Allen Gardiner*

9.00am Pitchcombe Holy Communion

11.00am Richmond Holy Communion

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am Sheepscombe Morning Prayer

3.30pm Painswick Messy Church

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September *Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

11.00am Pitchcombe Beacon Prayer

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> After Trinity

8.00am Painswick Holy Communion (*Traditional Language*)

9.30am Painswick Holy Communion – *Sharing in One Bread*

9.30am Pitchcombe 3 Parish Communion

11.00am Sheepscombe Parish Communion

11.00am Cranham PSALMS Prayer & Praise

6.00pm Harescombe Evening Worship  
*with Blessing of the Gates.*

6.30pm Cranham Evening Worship

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