

# Beacon



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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**  
**A warm welcome to the**  
**Beacon Family of Churches on the**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

## What's on in the coming week

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion – <i>Sharing in One Bread</i>
9.30am	Pitchcombe	3 Parish Communion
11.00am	Cranham	PSALMS Prayer and Praise
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evening Worship

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

12-1.15pm	Ashwell	Community Lunches
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### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January *Anthony of Egypt*

5.00pm	Painswick	Evening Prayer
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### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25<sup>th</sup>*

9.30am	Sheepscombe	Morning Prayer
2.00pm	Brookthorpe Hall	Holy Communion

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

7.30pm	Cranham V.H.	Christian Aid Quiz
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### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am	Painswick	Parish Communion
9.30am	Harescombe	3 Parish Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Parish Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship

## **Beacon People**

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Betty Barney, Helen Briggs, Glynnis Mayes, Harvey Melling, Jean Ryland, Will Tarbuck, and Paula Woodcock**. We also pray for all whose prayer requests are on our prayer boards. We remember before God all who have died recently and those anniversaries of death which fall at this time.

**TOMORROW – Monday – Community Lunch will be hosted by Yew Trees W.I.** If you have not been before come and bring a friend, sample home made vegetable soup. 12 noon to 1.15pm at the Ashwell Centre. Cost £3.00. All money raised donated to local charities.

## **MABEL (Mike's Adventures in BibleLand) – Guidebooks**

Although we are finishing this trip through the Old Testament, what about further trips? Here are some guidebooks to help you find your way next time you visit.

An old favourite now, but still very helpful, is 'The Lion Handbook to the Bible.' It's got lots of information and pictures too. It's easy to follow whether you dip in or sit down and study.

Similar in scope but a bit more serious is John Drane's 'An Introduction to the Bible,' also published by Lion. Fewer pictures and more words but very helpful and a book that repays careful reading.

A different and shorter book, but one I find really helpful, is Nick Page's 'The Bible Book,' published by Collins. It's newer than the others and written by a fan rather than an expert. It's honest, not at all pompous and fun to read. If you want more detail but still easy to read, you cannot get much better than Tom Wright's 'Bible for Everyone' series. Each book in the series covers one book of the bible and provides wonderful insights from one of the Church's best biblical scholars and theologians.

That's the end of Mabel and I hope you found it interesting. There won't, of course, be anything from me next week but I do have ideas for Mabel 2: the New Testament so maybe, when I've got all that free time, I'll get round to writing it and send it to you all.

God Bless  
Mike

## Notices

### **Christian Aid General Knowledge Quiz- 7pm Saturday 20th January, Cranham Village Hall, first question at 7.30pm.**

Support the work of Christian Aid by entering this year's Quiz. Funds raised will go to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal, and will benefit from UK Aid Match. "For every pound raised the UK government will also give a pound" (see [caid.org.uk/Christmas](http://caid.org.uk/Christmas) for full details).

Entries £8 pp / £32 per team of 4. To book, call Sarah Taylor on 812262, Liz Davies on 812211 or Dylan Davies on 812966. Entry includes Ploughman's Platter & Chocolates, served during the intervals. Cash bar with real ale.

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### **Week of Christian Unity January 18<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Each January, CTAP arranges events to encourage people from all sections of the Christian faith (or none) to come together to share fellowship. EVERYONE is welcomed to each and all events.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Community Lunch.** 12 – 1.15pm Ashwell Centre, off Churchill Way, Painswick-Hosted this week by CTAP

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Afternoon Tea and talk about:** 'Gloucestershire's Asylum Seekers and Refugees'. **2.30pm in St. Mary's Church Rooms**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Agape at The Bistro – 7pm**

Bring your choice of readings, music, poetry etc and enjoy a light supper (provided by Catalina). There will be a cost of **£12.50**, to include tea/coffee. **Tickets** available from Terry Parker (tel:812191)

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Has anyone who sang in a choir over the Christmas season **lost their glasses?** We have found a pair in the Tower Vestry at St Mary's. They are still there.

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**Many thanks to all** who have donated towards the work done by **Marah** among the homeless and disadvantaged in Stroud. The Big Christmas Card raised £102.50 and donations from the Carols and Cakes added £80. Marah and its clients are very grateful ; also for the wonderful response to the appeal for warm clothing, shoes etc. They have enough clothing for now, but please keep saving your small change - and giving it to Frances Watson (812 071) or Alison Robinson (812 286) as that helps enormously with small emergencies. There is also an on-going need for toiletries (not soap) and used margarine pots (500g size) which can be put in the box by the bookstall in St. Mary's.

## Collects, Postcommunion and Readings

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.

*(or)*

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Post Communion*

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Readings: 1 Samuel 3. 1-10 or Revelation 5. 1-10, John 1. 43-end*

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