

# Beacon



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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches  
on the Sunday next before Lent**

## What's on in the coming week

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

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	Evensong

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

11.30am	Resthaven	Holy Communion ( <i>xt</i> )
12-1.15pm	Ashwell	Community Lunch

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer
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### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7.30pm	Painswick	<b>Benefice Holy Communion Service</b>
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### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February *Sigfrid*

9.30am	Sheepscombe	Morning Prayer
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### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

9.30am	Painswick	Parish Communion
9.30am	Harescombe	3 Parish Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Parish Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship <i>Speaker: Amanda Oliver</i>

***Please can you bring your old palm crosses back to church today  
or tomorrow to make the ash for the Ash Wednesday service.***

## Notices

Monday Community lunch at Ashwell from 12noon to 1.15pm. Our hosts this week will be Friday Club, and the following Monday Richmond Village. On these cold winter days come and enjoy hot homemade soup with friends. Cost £3.00.

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**Bishop Rachel** will be visiting us for a Benefice Service on **April 15<sup>th</sup>** and we have the opportunity for this to be a **Confirmation Service**. If anyone wishes to consider being confirmed or to talk about the possibility, please contact Canon Michael, Irving on 01452 814242

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Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February Sheepscombe's 11am Morning Worship will be led by **Amanda Oliver (nee Todd)** telling of her journey from St. John's to ordination training in Ridley Hall College, Cambridge. She would love to meet old and new friends.

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**Women's World Day of Prayer** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 11.00am at the Roman Catholic Church. The Service has been prepared by the Women of Surinam - "All God's Creation is very good". For further details contact Frances Watson 01452 812071.

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**PSALMS are Vlogging!** Every week one of the PSALMS team film themselves in action to bring you an update on what they do. These short videos will be uploaded onto our YouTube channel (just search for 'PSALMS UK') and the most recent vlog will also appear on our website. By vlogging, we aim to give you a taste of what PSALMS are doing on a day-to-day basis. One really exciting thing to provide a flavour of the work of PSALMS is the new Pulse Leadership Academy (PLA). 11 15-year-olds have signed up to take part in it, starting with them all attending a leadership conference in London. So please do pray for a fantastic time of fellowship.

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The Street Pastors Stroud AGM and Commissioning Service will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 26 February at St. Alban's Church, Parliament Street, Stroud to be followed by tea, coffee and cake. All are welcome to attend.

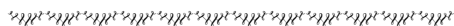
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There was an error in the **February Prayer Diary**; the prayer intentions calendar is the same as January's. We apologise for the mistake and are pleased to say you can see the corrected ones on the website.

## Beacon People



We are delighted to announce that Hywel James and Liz Butler will be getting married on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am at St. Mary's and they would love all their friends to come to the service.



Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Betty Barney, Glynnis Mayes, Rev. Peter Minall, Jean Ryland, Will Tarbuck**. We pray also for two of our churchwardens, **Margaret Radway and Sue Welbourn**, who are recovering from viruses. We also pray for all whose prayer requests are on our prayer boards. We remember before God all who have died recently, and whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

**News of Lent House Groups:** *PLEASE* phone the number quoted to register your interest in joining a group

	Day & Time	Leader	Venue	Contact
1	Tuesday eve 7.30 – 9pm Starting February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Wilson "Living Faith" by Kris Kandiah	Otters Pool, Kingsmill Lane Painswick GL6 6RZ	Jenny Wilson 01452 812247
2	Wednesday aft 2.00 – 3.30pm Start date TBA	Terry Parker (5 weeks) Returning Home: Christian Faith in Encounter with Other Faiths	Merrills Friday Street Painswick	Denise Magauran 01452 814570
3	Thursday aft 2.30 – 4 pm Starting February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Linda de Cossart, Della Fish and Liz Burge "Through prose, poetry and song. Sharing Jesus's journey to Jerusalem" "Poetry and Faith"	Details to be finalised.  The Lodge Cranham  and/or  Yew Tree House, Painswick,	Linda & Della 01452 812697      Liz Burge 01452 813177

**A Quiet Day for Lent:** *Our Spiritual Journey: insights from poetry & story* led by Revd. Dilwyn Edwards Retired Methodist Minister. Saturday, 3rd March 2018 10.00am – 3.00pm at The Parish Rooms, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG Cost £10 To reserve a place, contact Revd. Canon Michael Cozens [mgcozens86@btinternet.com](mailto:mgcozens86@btinternet.com) 01453 546459 [www.snfglos.org.uk](http://www.snfglos.org.uk)

## **Collects**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*(or)*

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Post Communion**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** *2 Kings 2.1-12, or 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9*

## **Prayer for our Parishes**

Father God, You have called us to be your servants in this place. We ask your blessing on us all during this vacancy.

We pray for all those involved in the selection process of a new Vicar for the Beacon Family of Churches. May they be guided by your Holy Spirit to recognise the one who can best inspire and lead us in our journey of faith. May the person you choose be open to your calling and our needs. 'Speak Lord for your servants are listening'

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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