

Beacon



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Light Online

...linking the Beacon Parishes

Sunday 4th April – Easter Day

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

9.30am	Harescombe	Holy Communion (<i>in the churchyard</i>)
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Edge	Morning Worship (<i>in the churchyard</i>)
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion

Some of our Easter Services will be held outdoors to allow greater numbers to attend. Regulations state that indoor services should have plenty of ventilation, which may mean that the church doors remain open throughout the service. In both cases, **please wear warm clothing**. To reserve seats for Sunday services, please contact your churchwardens. For St. Mary's, please email lychgateoffice@btinternet.com or phone Margaret Radway on 07896 430107

Rector's Voice

After the disruptions of the last 12 months- and not being able to gather together to worship or share communion last Easter Day it is a great joy to anticipate being together again in our Church buildings or in the Churchyard this Sunday. We gather to proclaim afresh the resurrection of Jesus, to proclaim aloud with Mary- "we have seen the Lord."

As we look forward with hope into the days, weeks and months ahead, we do so knowing that while we have to remain vigilant and careful we can also do so with fresh vision for the future.

Life will continue to be different, and we will need to begin to look for a fresh vision of what it is to proclaim Jesus, his life, death and resurrection afresh in our generation.

Revd. Janet

Readings

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:
- 16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'
- 17 I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Gospel according to John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him

away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Let us pray to see Jesus afresh in our daily lives.

Thank you to all who have helped develop and lead the services on zoom for Holy Week they have been a real blessing. *Happy Easter everyone - Rev Janet*

Sunday Worship in the media

9.00am	Live worship on the Church of England website https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online
10.15am	Gloucester Cathedral Sunday Eucharist https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/worship/services/services-live-stream/
8.10am	Radio 4 Sunday Worship
10.00am	BBC1 Easter Day Eucharist
1.15pm	BBC 1 Songs of Praise

Beacon People

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Andrea Linsell, Peggy Ward and Jennifer Watts**. Pray for all those people, whether they are relatives or friends, who care for the sick and disabled in their own homes, for those undergoing cancer treatment at this time and for all from our churches and villages who work in the NHS and in care homes.

We also remember before God all who have died recently, as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them*

Notices

Foodbank: The next Painswick collection will be on Tuesday 13th April 10am – 12noon in Stamages Car Park, St Mary's and by the Stocks. Suggested items are UHT fruit juice, UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned custard, tinned tomatoes, tinned puddings, savoury snacks. But, as always, any non-perishable items will be gladly received. Please do check use by dates so that we can provide the most appropriate support to those in need. Archway School would also still appreciate any old laptops and iPads too.

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**GetOneGiveOne** - We have raised nearly £100,000 already for vaccinating people in low income countries. The idea that we should show our gratitude for the free NHS jobs by donating directly to the GAVI/COVAX programme has proved popular. However, the challenge is huge. Anyone who would like to join in can do so at <https://covaxamc.ctdonate.org/index:payment.html> . *Nicky Tyler*

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Sources of help :

St. Mary's Pastoral Link system: Anyone who is self-isolating or unable to get out, we can help you by getting shopping, prescriptions etc. Please contact Delyth Allen (St. Mary's Pastoral Link Coordinator) on 813182 or 07854262517 or email delyth_allen@hotmail.co.uk

Painswick Community Support: The Painswick Covid-19 Community Support initiative set up in March will be providing ongoing community support for Painswick with the same telephone number but an updated e-mail address. If you need support, please contact 07956 203087 or painswickcommunity@gmail.com

Cranham Covid-19 Community Response Team: The initial contact for Cranham residents is: nigelrobincooper@gmail.com Tel: 07973 340227

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## Weekday Worship

### Each evening:

I invite you to join me in lighting a candle and praying at 6pm.

Prayers can be found at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>

### Thursday weekly :

9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom from Sheepscombe

If you would like to join in or would like a copy of the service sheet please email Karen Riding [kriding07@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kriding07@yahoo.co.uk).

### Weekday worship in the media

9.45am Daily Service - Radio 4 (Long Wave)

3.30pm Wednesday Choral Evensong - Radio 3

The Church of England website;

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.

## Services next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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| 9.30am  | Painswick  | Holy Communion       |
| 11.00am | Pitchcombe | Holy Communion       |
| 6.30pm  | Cranham    | Evening Prayer (BCP) |

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Information for the next Beacon Light Online to [ajpleach@gmail.com](mailto:ajpleach@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 5pm at the latest**, please.

## and Finally...

**Seen in a pewsheet:** "This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar. "