

Beacon



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Light Online

...linking the Beacon Parishes

Sunday 11th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

*Covid regulations state that indoor services should have plenty of ventilation, which may mean that the church doors remain open throughout the service - **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

Last week's Gospel ended with Mary's words: I have seen the Lord. This week we have the disciples seeing Jesus, some of them more than once. But the one who always stands out- perhaps because it is so easy to relate to him in his moment of questioning is Thomas. Thomas goes through history as Doubting Thomas- and yet he has been the one in the past who has been willing to follow Jesus into Jerusalem despite, the known risks.

As we move forward along the roadmap out of Lockdown, we do so, knowing that risks still exist and so cautiously, tentatively, trusting that between the vaccine and care taken when we do meet, we will see the end to the year of pandemic and its tight restrictions.

We will continue to need to wear masks in services, to keep to the 2m rule and not to mingle inside. But we can at last worship together, we can join in with the words of our Psalmist- dwell together in unity and trust God that we will see His blessing in our congregations and communities.

Revd. Janet

Readings

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Psalm 133

1. Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
2. It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
3. Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
4. It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
5. For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore.

The Gospel according to John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me?'

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

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
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.

Notices

Zoom services - We have received a number of comments about how much people have appreciated the zoom services and how it is hoped it won't end now that we are able to worship back in the buildings. After some thought and discussion, it has been agreed that we will continue once a month with a Zoom service of Evening Prayer on the first Sunday of the month. Our first one will therefore be on the 2nd May. However, we are not sure what time would be best. Therefore, please could you let Andrew know which is your preferred time- we will go with the one which proves most popular. If no one responds I will choose my preferred time 😊 *Janet*

The options are:

4.30pm

5.30pm

6.30pm.

Please note I will be on holiday from April 12th- 24th, and I will not be answering the phone or emails during that time. If you have an issue please contact your Church Warden's or Rev Andrew.

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**Foodbank:** The next Painswick collection will be **this 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 jabs 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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**OneLife/PSALMS prayer requests:** \* Give a huge thanks to God for the numbers we've already had sign up to TRAC since we opened bookings 3 weeks ago. We have 28 sign ups so far, with max capacity of 55. We currently have 7 young people from the Beacon area coming as young people, and 3 others coming as full leaders for the first time. Praise God for his provision.

\* Next Monday, Nathan will be hosting a KS2 Sports Hangout for any children in the local area who are KS2 age. They will be able to come down to the youth club and be able to get involved in some games, and play table tennis etc. Pray that providing an open space to play sports is well received by local families and a good way to connect with people.

\* One of my colleagues and I are looking into starting some 'More than Pilates' sessions in the Painswick Church rooms for local adults to come along once a week on a Weds around 5-6pm. The sessions will be led by John, who is a qualified instructor and will be about connecting with adults in local area and have a light touch of faith in the sessions, with the view of the language of Jesus becoming normal to those who attend.

\* Pray for all families and young people in local area on Easter Holidays. Pray for rest and recuperation.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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| 9.30am  | Painswick   | Holy Communion  |
| 11.00am | Edge        | Holy Communion  |
| 11.00am | Cranham     | Morning Worship |
| 11.00am | Sheepscombe | Morning Worship |

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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: "The Spring Retreat will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>."