

# Beacon



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# Light Online

...linking the Beacon Parishes

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
6.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer

*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](mailto:lychgateoffice@btinternet.com) or phone Margaret Radway on 07896 430107*

### Not-the-Rector

Today's readings remind us that when, like St Paul, 'we believe in the name of Jesus Christ', we accept the intimate relationship to which God invites us. We become branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ.

The Gospel shows the amazing intimacy that Jesus offers through the wonderful image of the vine and branches. Having Jesus, the true vine, live within our hearts, we as his disciples, the branches, will bear fruit; cut off from Jesus, we can do nothing at all. Jesus reveals his Father as the vinedresser, tending to us with love, and sometimes pruning us so that we can produce more plentiful fruit.

Think this week about the relationship God longs to have with us, and the fruit he enables us to bear. Just as a gardener comes very close to and looks at the plant he is about to prune, picture God coming close to us and examining us to see where we are producing fruit.

Being pruned brings us closer to the main vine, to Jesus, and enables new growth. Is there anything that we would like pruned within ourselves, or in our lives? As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, may we seek spiritual renewal, may our hearts and minds serve God and his truth, and may we bear fruit in all that we say and do.

*Revd. Andrew*

### Readings

#### Collect

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **Psalm 22.25-31**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

## ***The Gospel according to John 15.1-8***

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### ***This is the Gospel of the Lord***

How do you abide in Christ throughout your day?

How does your faith serve as your rootedness?

## ***Sunday Worship in the media***

9.00am	Live worship on the Church of England website <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online">https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online</a>
10.15am	Gloucester Cathedral Sunday Eucharist <a href="https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/worship/services/services-live-stream/">https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/worship/services/services-live-stream/</a>
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, Jenipher Pritchard, 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, especially **Hedley Ringrose** (*priest*) and **Michael Ross**, as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

## Notices

Don't forget that there is a **Zoom service of Evening Prayer at 6pm this Sunday**. This is an opportunity to join others across the benefice for worship from your homes. The invitation to join will come with the email circulating Beacon Light Online.

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**Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2021** starts with the Christian Aid service at 9.30am Sunday 9th May at St. Mary's Painswick. Owing to the pandemic this year's CA week will be quite different from "usual". Instead of a house-to-house collection, the Painswick Valley CA committee are asking supporters to donate online through the Christian Aid website using e-envelopes: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/painswick-valley>. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to hold a salmon supper but we do plan to serve lunches and cream teas and run a garden shop in St. Mary's churchyard on two or three days during the week of 17th May, depending on the weather. More details to follow next week.

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**Foodbank** - Thank you all for your continued and generous support. This month we again had a large collection of food, 279kgs which was then taken to the Foodbank warehouse. Our next collection will be on **Wednesday 12th May from 10am – 12 noon** as usual at St Mary's (by the stocks) and in the Stamages Lane Car Park. Donations of **savoury snacks, tinned potatoes, children's toothbrushes, shaving kits, toilet roll and deodorant** would be ideal but, as always, any non-perishable donations are gratefully received. We are also still collecting **old computers, laptops and ipads** for Archway School. Your continued support is very much appreciated! Thank you from the Foodbank Team. 07950 651228

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**OneLife/PSALMS Prayer requests:** Give thanks for Beacon Praise, which ran at the weekend. It was well organised and served the church community well with a different type of worship. But still be praying for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us all what Church looks like for families, as it still seems to be the case that Sunday morning is a barrier for most in the area - hence why lack of attendance.

Continue to pray for the 2 ultimate frisbee clubs happening in local schools, with Croft starting for the first time this Weds and Cranham already started. Pray that the connections and relationships built would feed into the PSALMS Hangout and Club Pulse. Also this Weds, Laura and Nathan are starting up an inclusive sport session for all SEN children in Cranham. It will be a 30min session, run by Laura and will aim to serve the school in providing activity and fun for children who normally would be on the periphery. Club Pulse has returned, and so please pray there is not only a sense of excitement from youth to attend, but also a good amount of reconnecting and opportunities for discussion with the Leaders. We want to connect on a personal level as well as playing sport and games with them.

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We have planted up several **pots of snowdrops** for anyone who would like some. A small donation to our fund would be much appreciated. They can be found behind the privet hedge in the St. Mary's church garden. Donations to Freda please. *The Garden Committee*

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### Sources of help :

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com)

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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-natio>

#### 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 9<sup>th</sup> May – 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion <i>with Christian Aid Preacher</i>
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:** "Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get."

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