

...linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Friday 10 th October 10.00am – 1.00pm	Cranham Village Hall	Pop-up Café
Friday 10 th October 10.00am – 11.30am	Painswick Town Hall	Painswick Community Hub Coffee Morning

Sunday 12 th October	17 th Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	<u>Harescombe</u> with Edge	Morning Worship
11.00am	Pitchcombe	Harvest Worship 
11.00am	Painswick	Family Worship 
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion

Monday 13 th October 9.30am	Edge	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 14 th October 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Tuesday 14 th October 10.00am – 1.00pm	Cranham Village Hall	Pop up Café
Tuesday 14 th October 10.30 – 11.30	Pitchcombe	Coffee Morning
Wednesday 15 th October 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Wednesday 15 th October 10.30am – 12 noon	Timbercombe Cottage, Sheepscombe	Sheepscombe Home Group <i>Paul 07485253388, Angie 07816451446</i>
Wednesday 15 th October 11.00am	Resthaven	Holy Communion
Thursday 16 th October 9.15am – 10.45am	Painswick Church Rooms	 St Mary's Mums 
Thursday 16 th October 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>
Thursday 16 th October 10.00am – 11.30am	Sheepscombe Village Hall	Coffee Morning
Thursday 16 th October 2.00pm – 3.15pm	Painswick Church Rooms	Explorers Bible Study Group <i>Email Barbara: dandbgay@gmail.com</i>

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Beacon People and Prayers

Is there someone in particular you would like us to pray for?

Beacon Intercessory Prayer Coordinator: Mike Campbell
Tel: 07812 000646 Email: beaconbeneficeministry@gmail.com

Our prayers are asked for all who are unwell or injured in mind, body or spirit, especially **Liz Flint, Chris Garrett, Jean Garratt, Bill Lambell, Elaine Leach, Mary Morse, Sue Pouncey, Don Say, Hazel Stacey, David Swinson** and **Alan Tyson**. Let us also pray for all people, whether they are relatives, friends or professionals, who care for the sick or disabled in their homes, and for those recovering from surgery or undergoing cancer treatment.

We remember before God **Sue Lendon** and **Ian Mayo**, who passed away this week. May they rest in the peace and love of Christ. We also remember **John Glibbery**, and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. May their families and loved ones know the peace, light and love of Christ.

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## CTAP Collection for World Homeless Day



We will be observing World Homeless Day on **Sunday 12th October** in all churches in the Benefice, with special prayers shared in our worship services. We also want to take the opportunity to collect much needed items of underwear for homeless people in our area.

Each church congregation is being asked to donate **new men's pants, socks and gloves**. Female underwear can also be given but the number of men who are without homes is greater.

Please bring these items to your own church service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, or to the Benefice Office at the Lychgate in Painswick after this date, and they will be collected and distributed as needed. The **last day for donations will be Monday 3rd November**. Any questions please contact Frances on [franatcran@outlook.com](mailto:franatcran@outlook.com) Thank you for your help.




*Thanksgiving*  
**HARVEST**  
 19TH OCTOBER 11AM  
 ST MARY'S PAINSWICK

Give thanks to God for this year's bountiful harvest from our gardens and farms.

Followed by a simple lunch in the Church Rooms  
**12.30pm**

Bring gifts of tinned and packeted food that we shall pass on to the food bank.




St. John's Church  
 Sheepscombe



# Harvest Festival

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00



Harvest Appeal



| Shopping list           |
|-------------------------|
| Tinned Ham              |
| Fray Bentos Pie         |
| Pasta Sauce             |
| Tinned Potatoes         |
| Nuts or Cereals         |
| Biscuits                |
| Fruit Juice (long-life) |
| Milk (UHT)              |
| Shampoo & Conditioner   |
| Laundry Detergent       |



## Harvest Festival

We are supporting the Stroud District Food Bank Harvest Appeal – please check their shopping list and bring along what you can.  
 Let's celebrate and share the harvest together! All are welcome to stay for a simple soup lunch after the Painswick and Sheepscombe services.



Fun Crafts Games Story time

# Sherlock Supper

Thursday 23rd October 2025  
4.30-6.00pm - St Mary's in Painswick

**Sherlock Investigates:**  
"Who made the world?"

Activities, story, then pay-as-you-feel  
hot meal in the Church Rooms  
Children, bring your own adult with you!

Cash donations on the door

We will be serving Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic  
bread followed by crumble and custard.

Scan the QR code to  
book your place or  
click on the world  
before 21.10.25

Next Sherlock Supper: Monday 22nd December  
For more info, email Vics Soutar [familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk](mailto:familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk)

## Next Sherlock Supper Investigates: Who made the World?

**When:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025  
**What:** Stories, activities and supper  
**Who:** Children (bring an adult with you!)



## COMING SOON: THE WELL! Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

THE WELL is a new initiative. If you have been enjoying Praise & Prayer, then this will be for you!

THE WELL will be a place for spiritual refreshment, drinking the living water that Jesus offers.

THE WELL will involve extended times of modern worship, space to dwell in the presence of Jesus, opportunity to open God's Word and listen to Him, time to pray with one another and to enjoy fellowship.

**Tuesday October 21st  
at 7.00pm  
St Mary's CHURCH ROOMS.**

Come to THE WELL. Come thirsty.  
Come expectant of God.  
All are welcome at THE WELL.

All who are thirsty, come to

# THE Well

Contemporary Worship, Teaching and Prayer

7-8pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

The Church Rooms,  
Painswick

christian  
**aid**

## Harvest Supper

at the Church Rooms, Painswick

**7 for 7.30pm, Monday 20 October**

Chicken, Sausage or Vegetarian Casserole

(advance selection required)

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Selection of Home-Made  
Desserts

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Cheese & Biscuits

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Complimentary Glass of Wine



**Tickets £25 per person**

To book, call 01452 810935 or 812966

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Pay as  
you feel

**Painswick Community  
LUNCHES**

Where: Painswick Town Hall  
When: Mondays 12 - 1.15pm

*Variety of vegetable soups, freshly  
baked bread, butter and cheese.*

Hosted by local groups

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|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 27th October  | Monday Walkers              |
| 3rd November  | Beacon Conservation Group   |
| 10th November | Dog Training Club           |
| 17th November | Library Book Club           |
| 24th November | Painswick Parish Council    |
| 1st December  | Painswick Community Support |
| 8th December  | Catholic Church             |

Money raised donated to local charities

PAINSWICK COMMUNITY HUB

## Beacon Men's Breakfast with Guest Speaker

Please join us for coffee, bacon baps,  
and fellowship. All welcome!

Our guest speaker; **Bill Harvey** will reflect on his

**“Journey with God –  
an Unpredictable Adventure”**

Bill has enjoyed a long career in education and was  
General Secretary of the Woodard  
Corporation, an affiliation of independent and state  
CofE secondary schools. He considers he has been  
blessed with “an incredibly fit life”,  
being both a squash player, a keen cricketer and a  
father of four! After retirement he lived for eight  
years with his wife in France.

**Saturday 25th October**  
St Mary's Church Rooms  
**9.00am – 10.15am**

Numbers would be helpful. Please call  
Mike Campbell (07812 000646) or  
Ian Marsh (07990 578671)

**BEACON  
MEN'S  
STUFF**

**SAT. 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**9-10.15AM ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOMS**

Please join us for coffee, bacon baps and fellowship.  
All are welcome!

Mike Campbell (07812 000646) or  
Ian Marsh (07990 578671)

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
BILL HARVEY  
‘JOURNEY WITH GOD-  
AN UNPREDICTABLE  
ADVENTURE**



## Benefice All Souls Service

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

3.00pm at St Mary's, Painswick

Come to remember close family and friends who have died.  
It is an opportunity to reflect, feel sad and thankful.  
The names of those who have died will be read out and  
there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in  
memory of your loved ones.

If you would like a name read out, please email  
[beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

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Walk for Peace: Sunday 2nd November at 10am, St Mary's Painswick

Join us! Having reached our seventies and having had long careers in the Armed Forces, we are walking for peace. War brings death, destruction, suffering, refugees, disease, crime, harm to nature, and sows the seeds of hatred, which in turn creates future wars. Peace, and reconciliation, brings peace.

The walk will begin at **St Mary's, Painswick** at **10am on Sunday 2nd November** and follows roads, paths and country lanes that connect the three road signs that say 'Welcome to Painswick, Friends of Slavutych'.

The route will remind us of the Friendship and Co-operation Agreement between Painswick and Slavutych, a town that continues to suffer due to the ongoing conflict with the Russian Federation. The walk is about 5 miles and will finish at St Mary's – hopefully in good time to light a candle at the All Souls Service in honour of those who have died.

Those who would like to join Peter and myself are asked to be outside the church's main doors just before 10am. If you would like to talk to me in advance, please phone or text me (Phil) on 07525855253.



Pictured above: friends and servicemen Phil Taylor and Peter O'Brien.

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## Explorers Bible Study Group

Come and find out more about Jesus Christ with other seekers and followers. We are continuing to meet in the Church Rooms this month on Thursdays at 2pm to 3.15pm, and are seeking Christ in Luke's account of the Acts of the Apostles. For more information contact Revd Sarah.

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Church and Church Building Keys

If you currently hold any keys, please email the office
beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

- 🔑 How many keys do you have?
- 🔑 Which buildings do they belong to?

Even those who regularly use their keys it would be helpful to know what keys you have.
Thank you for keeping everything organised
and secure.



Sheepscombe Home Group

10.30am to 12noon, weekly on Wednesdays.
We are continuing to explore the Christian faith by reading and chatting together about the life of Jesus as told in Luke's gospel. All are welcome. Where? At Paul and Angie Ryan's home: Timbercombe Cottage. Do contact them if coming or if you wish to know more. Paul 07485253388, Angie 07816451446.



Home Communion and Home Visits

These are available for the housebound, ill and those unable to get to our published church services and activities for any other reason. There are readers and lay people who have been given permission and have received training to offer this ministry alongside the clergy team.

If you are in need of home communion, **please contact Delyth Allen (Pastoral Assistant) on 07854262617 or by email: delythallen58@gmail.com** who will be only too happy to arrange this.



Lifts to Church

There are also several people in and around Painswick who are unable to get to church without a lift at present. Although there are some people already offering lifts on a regular basis, if you are able to help by offering an occasional lift, please get in touch with Delyth Allen (contact details

above). Similarly, if you yourself are in need of a lift to a church service at another church and are struggling to find help, please let Delyth know so she can try to assist you with this.

Coffee Hotspots

Pitchcombe Coffee Morning Second Tuesday of the month.

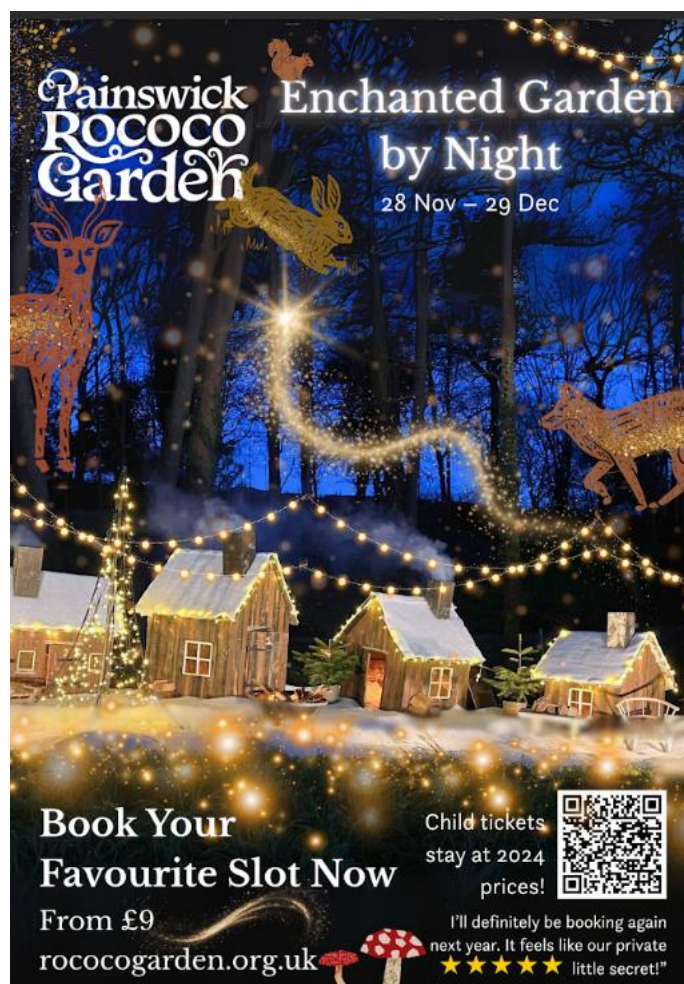
Edge Coffee Morning Last Friday of the month, at 10.30am in Edge Village Hall.

Sheepscombe Coffee Morning First & third Thursdays of the month, 10.00am to 11.30am in Sheepscombe Village Hall.

Cranham Pop-up Café Every Tuesday and Friday (10.00am to 1.00pm) in Cranham Village Hall.

Painswick Community Hub Coffee Morning

Every Friday, 10.00am to 11.30am, in Painswick Town Hall. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes.



Painswick Rococo Garden Enchanted Garden by Night
28 Nov – 29 Dec

Book Your Favourite Slot Now
From £9
rococogarden.org.uk

Child tickets stay at 2024 prices!

I'll definitely be booking again next year. It feels like our private little secret!"

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**Together
change is
possible**

Do you have a passion for seeing poverty removed from our communities? Do you have skills and time you can contribute?

Stroud District Foodbank currently has a number of opportunities for you to use your skills and experience as a trustee for our much-needed charity to make a real positive difference in our district. We are seeking to appoint two new trustees and a new Chair.

These are voluntary roles which involve currently 6 main meetings per year, with other opportunities in between to support the charity.

You will need good, independent judgement and the ability to work as part of a team. Experience in HR, PR/Communications or risk management would be great. So would any personal experience of living in poverty.

If you feel this could be you, and you're 18 or over, with a demonstrable commitment to the Foodbank's objectives and sympathy with its inclusive Christian ethos and values of compassion, dignity and service to all, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact admin@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk for an application pack. Closing date 20th October 2025.

**Stroud District
Foodbank**
Together with Trussell

Contacts

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Painswick Pastoral Assistant: Delyth Allen Tel: 07854262517 Email: delythallen58@gmail.com
Please contact Delyth for help to arrange lifts to church or home visits (including Communion).

The Painswick Community Support initiative provides community support for Painswick.
If you need support, please contact 07956 203087 painswickcommunity@gmail.com

Cranham Community Response Team: The initial contact for Cranham residents is
jennybarracough.cranhampc@gmail.com

Beacon Light Editorial Information

Deadline for all submissions to Beacon Light (news, dates of events and services, Beacon People additions & amendments, and posters in JPEG or PDF format): **Sunday, for Friday's publication.**

Church Opening Times

Cranham 10am – 5pm

Painswick 9.30am – 5pm

Pitchcombe 9am – 5pm

Edge 8am – 5pm

Harescombe always open

Sheepscombe 9am – 5pm

Congratulations!

Our warmest congratulations and prayers go to our new Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally.
May the LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.



Benefice Blessing

May God our Father bless us,
May his Spirit of love fill our hearts
and shine in all our words and deeds,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**