



BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Friday 7 th November 10.00am – 1.00pm	Cranham Village Hall	Pop-up Café
Friday 7 th November 10.00am – 11.30am	Painswick Town Hall	Painswick Community Hub Coffee Morning

Sunday 9th November	Remembrance Sunday	
10.45am	Pitchcombe	Remembrance
10.45am	Edge with Harescombe	Remembrance
10.45am	Painswick	Remembrance
10.45am	Cranham	Remembrance

Monday 10 th November 9.30am	Edge	Morning Prayer
Monday 10 th November 12 Noon – 1.15pm	Painswick Town Hall	Community Lunch
Tuesday 11 th November 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Tuesday 11 th November 10.00am-1.00pm	Cranham Village Hall	Pop-up Cafe
Tuesday 11 th November 10.30am-11.30am	Pitchcombe	Coffee Morning
Tuesday 11 th November 10.45am	Sheepscombe War Memorial	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11 th November 10.45am	Painswick War Memorial	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11 th November 7.00pm	The Church Rooms	NEW! The Well
Wednesday 12 th November 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Wednesday 12 th November 10.30am – 12 noon	Timbercombe Cottage, Sheepscombe	Sheepscombe Home Group <i>Paul 07485253388, Angie 07816451446</i>
Thursday 13 th November 9.15am-10.45am	The Church Rooms	 St Mary's Mums
Thursday 13 th November 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through 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 **Alan Tyson, Bill Lambell, Chris Garrett, David Swinson, Don Say, Elaine Leach, Hazel Stacey, Jean Garratt, Liz Burge, Liz Flint, Mary Morse, and Sue Pouncey**. 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 **Ian Mayo** and **Joan Parfitt** and **Sue Lendon**, who recently passed away. May they rest in the peace and love of Christ. We also remember all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. May their families and loved ones know the peace, light and love of Christ.

Weddings

Please pray for God's blessing on **Sarah Chandler** and **Robin Anthony**, who are to be married at Painswick on Saturday 22nd November.

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## THE WELL!

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

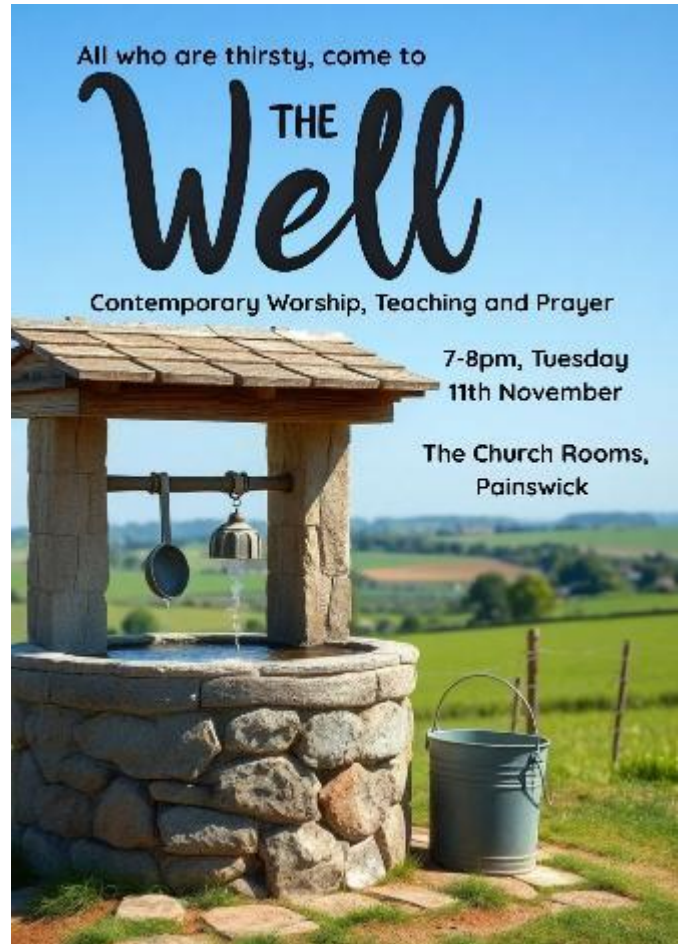
THE WELL got off to a terrific start spending time in the Lord's presence, enjoying fellowship with one another and with Jesus. As the song says, *"I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you, all about you, Jesus"*.

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.

**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.



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St John's Edge clean- up team Saturday 1st November

A team of stalwart volunteers worked extremely hard on Saturday morning to tidy up the churchyard and to clean inside the church. Fuelled by coffee and cakes, a whole trailer was filled with leaves etc outside and inside the pews were polished.

We are very grateful to all the hard- working volunteers , some of whom are shown in the photograph. (Apologies to those missing from the line -up).

Courtesy of Viv and Roger Barrett, a barbecue lunch was enjoyed by the helpers. The churchwardens are very grateful to all who gave up their Saturday morning to help and very much appreciate the support of Paul Slinger who provided the trailer .

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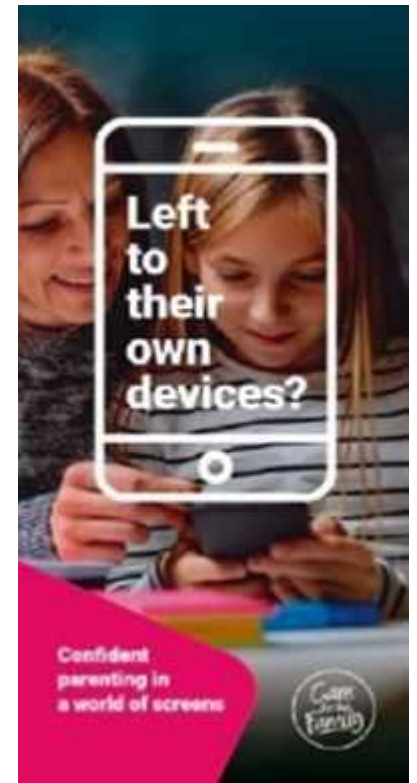
## Left to Their Own Devices?

Top tips for parenting in a digital age

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00 – 9.00pm**  
**at Painswick Church Rooms,**  
**£5 per family**

**Smart phones, screen time – how do we keep our children safe? Join us as we explore these questions over refreshments, using the Care for the Family parenting resource.**

Being a parent is one of life's greatest joys, but it also brings with it big challenges. One particular challenge is how to effectively parent your children in a digital age. From the day our children take their first few steps in the world, one of our tasks as parents is to teach them life skills, particularly those that will keep them safe. Just as we keep them safe in the physical world, we also have a vital role in keeping our children safe in the online world.



**This resource aims to provide parents with:**

- Knowledge, confidence and practical ideas to help their child through the challenges of the online world.
- Information about the potential dangers of the online world.
- Strategies for using the internet together in a safe and positive way.

**Care for the Family** is a national charity which aims to strengthen family life and help those who face family difficulties.

**Everyone is very welcome; appropriate for parents with younger children and teenagers.**

For more information please contact Vics Soutar at [familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk](mailto:familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk) or register [here](#).

## Walk for Peace!



Good friends Phil Taylor and Peter O'Brien served in the Armed Forces for a combined total of about 70 years. In retirement they have come to believe that too little effort is made to prevent war from breaking out. War brings appalling death and destruction, grief, suffering and environmental pollution on an enormous scale. Many wars sow the seeds for the next war; wars sometimes seem to be endless. Little flourishes in wartime and what most people need and want is peace.



Peter and Phil were joined by a small group of local friends to make a peace walk that linked the three road signs that declare 'Welcome to Painswick' and 'Friends of Slavutych'. Painswick has had a Friendship and Co-operation Agreement with the Ukrainian town of Slavutych for about 3 years and continues to support the town during the ongoing conflict. The group enjoyed the walk and gave thought to those suffering from the dreadful consequences of war, wherever they are. Peace does not always come easily but it is essential if we are to prosper and be happy.

## Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra

Join us for a special performance by the Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra, GYSO, a group of some of the most talented young players in the county.



**Sunday, November 16th at 3pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Painswick**

Free concert with a collection in aid of St Mary's Church and GYSO.

Enjoy a wonderful programme featuring works by Górecki, Vivaldi, Florence Price, Alexander Taylor (student composition), and music from *Bridgerton*.

Come and be inspired by the next generation of musicians!



## Advent Carol Services

Come and prepare for the coming of the King this Advent!

Join us for an evening of carols. All are welcome to celebrate the start of the Advent season.

Painswick 6.00pm 30<sup>th</sup> November

Cranham 6.30pm 30<sup>th</sup> November



## NOTICES

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✨ Help Us Light Up the Churchyard! ✨



Are you available to lend a hand as we make the churchyard sparkle with **Christmas lights**?

We'd love some extra help to get everything looking beautiful for the season!

If you're able to assist - either in the week of Goodwill with putting up the lights - or equally importantly to be part of our team who cares for the lights over the Christmas weeks, please email:

beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com to let us know.

Let's bring some festive cheer to the village together!

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### Small Change, Big Difference!

We're continuing our collection of small change in aid of Marah, and every coin truly counts! Marah are a local charity **supporting vulnerable and marginalised people in the Stroud area**.

With contactless payments now the norm, spare coins might seem a thing of the past — but if you're clearing out your pockets, bags, or drawers and come across any odd bits of change, please consider donating them to this great cause.

Your small change can make a big impact for those who need it most. Please give any coins to Alison and Frances from Painswick, or to your churchwarden next time you're in church, and help us support Marah's important work in our community. Thank you! *Alison Robinson and Frances Watson*

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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.



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### Explorers Bible Study Group

Everyone is welcome to join us when we return to The Church Rooms at 2pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We will pick up with the adventures of the early church at the start of Acts Chapter 17. For more information contact Revd Sarah or Barbara Gay.

## Foodbank - SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We will be holding our special Christmas collection for Stroud Foodbank on:

**Wednesday 12th November**

With your help, will be able to make the festive season just a little happier and brighter for families in the area. Any donation, however small, would be gratefully received.

Please may we ask for some the following items:

**Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, tinned ham, gravy granules, stuffing, jars of chutney or pickles, Christmas biscuits, boxes of chocolates, tins of sweets and savoury crackers.**

Our volunteers will be in the Stamages Lane car park from **10am until 12 noon on Wednesday 12th November.**

If you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:

**Stroud District Foodbank CIO**

**Sort code: 09-01-29**

**Account: 21994911**

Thank you and wishing you a peaceful Christmas!



## Christmas Appeal

**Help support your local food bank this Christmas**

Together, we can share the season with all. Your support means so much.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
10am-12 noon  
Stamages Lane Car Park**

### Prefer to Help Financially?

Financial donations help cover the costs of buying, storing and distributing food, and supports sustainable projects for those facing hardship.

### Shopping list

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| Christmas Pudding      |
| Christmas Cake         |
| Tinned Ham             |
| Gravy Granules         |
| Stuffing               |
| Jar of Chutney/Pickles |
| Christmas Biscuits     |
| Box of Chocolates      |
| Tin of Sweets          |
| Savoury Crackers       |

Please click the QR code to donate

<https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>



Stroud District Foodbank Registered Charity in England & Wales 1176306 [office@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:office@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk)

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Auction of Promises!

Tickets are now selling for the Promises Auction in aid of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's to be held at **Painswick Golf Club 7.00pm on Saturday 15th November.**

There are plenty of great promises on offer such as:-

- Tickets for Goodwood
- Spa day at Richmond
- Art
- Christmas Meals
- Holiday Home in Cornwall
- Yoga

It should be a great fun night with former Harescombe resident Andrew Young as auctioneer. Tickets are £10.00 which includes a welcome drink and chilli bowl supper. The organisers are trying to encourage people to make up tables of 4 or 8 people to join them for the evening. If anyone would like to support these very worthwhile causes, please contact Liz on 01452 812018.

ALPHA is coming. Let's pray and prepare NOW!



We intend to run an **ALPHA** Course starting on 19th Jan 2026 and through every Monday evening until 30th March. (ie. into Holy Week - Easter Day is April 5th). This will be for ANYONE interested, from right across the Benefice and maybe even beyond. So if there is someone you know who might be interested or might benefit from **ALPHA** (or it might be you yourself!), please tell them now so that they can arrange their diaries.

An **ALPHA** evening starts at 7.00pm and involves food, film and discussion; topics will include "Is there More to Life than This?", "Who is Jesus and why did He die?", Prayer, the Bible, "Who is the Holy Spirit?"... and much more.

ALPHA is a safe place to explore issues of faith and to ask absolutely anything. There are no daft questions!

So why not book those Monday evenings now and get the message out there! For more information or to say how you would like to be involved, please contact Paul Kenchington (*organising on behalf of Sarah*) on paul.kenchington@icloud.com

SAVE THE DATES! Mondays in January, February and March.

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## **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](mailto:delythallen58@gmail.com)** who will be only too happy to arrange this.



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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.



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

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

Pay as you feel

PAINSWICK COMMUNITY HUB

Coffee Hotspots

Pitchcombe Coffee Morning Second Tuesday of the month.

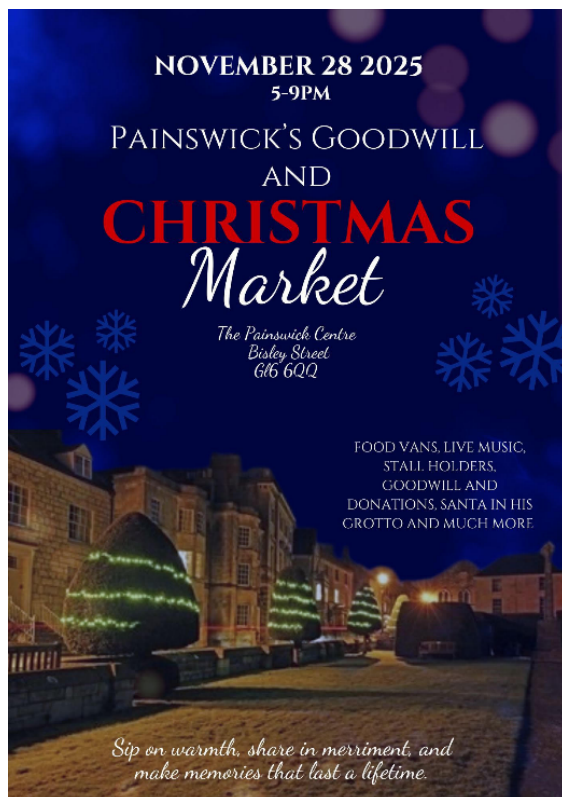
Edge Coffee Morning Last Friday of the month, at 10.30am in Edge Village Hall.

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.



NOVEMBER 28 2025
5-9PM

PAINSWICK'S GOODWILL AND CHRISTMAS Market

*The Painswick Centre
Bisley Street
GL6 6QQ*

FOOD VANS, LIVE MUSIC, STALL HOLDERS, GOODWILL AND DONATIONS, SANTA IN HIS GROTTO AND MUCH MORE.

Sip on warmth, share in merriment, and make memories that last a lifetime.



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!

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

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## Contacts

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Painswick Pastoral Assistant: Delyth Allen Tel: 07854262517 Email: [delythallen58@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com)

Cranham Community Response Team: The initial contact for Cranham residents is  
[jennybarracough.cranhampc@gmail.com](mailto: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** 8am – 4pm

## 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.**