

BEACON LIGHT

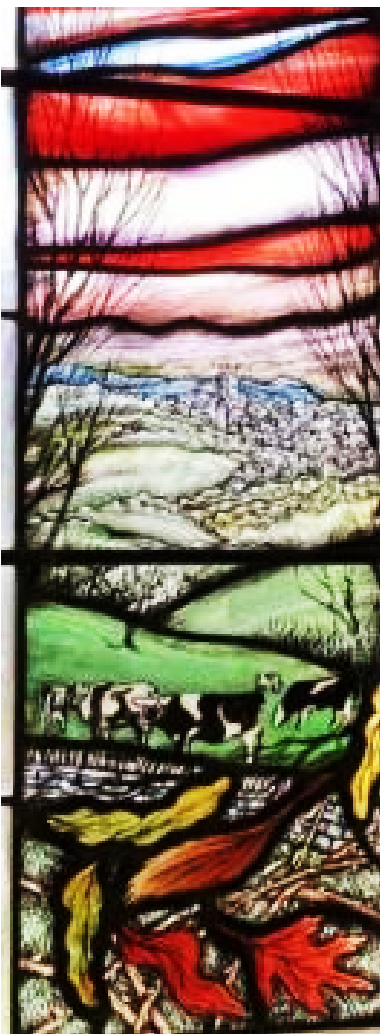
...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 16th November	2nd Sunday before Advent	
11.00am	Edge with Harescombe	Morning Worship
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Painswick	 Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra Concert
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

Monday 17 th November 12 Noon – 1.15pm	Painswick Town Hall	Community Lunch
Tuesday 18 th November 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Tuesday 18 th November 7.00pm-9.00pm	Church Rooms	Left to their own devices 
Wednesday 19 th November 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday 19 th November 10.30am – 12 noon	Timbercombe Cottage, Sheepscombe	Sheepscombe Home Group Paul 07485253388, Angie 07816451446
Wednesday 19 th November 11.00am-12 Noon	Resthaven	Holy Communion
Thursday 20 th November 9.15am-10.45am	The Church Rooms	 St Mary's Mums
Thursday 20 th November 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer Email Karen (as above) for link
Thursday 16 th October 2.00pm – 3.15pm	Painswick Church Rooms	Explorers Bible Study Group Email Barbara: dandbgay@gmail.com

Sunday 23rd November	Christ the King	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise



Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Beacon People and Prayers

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

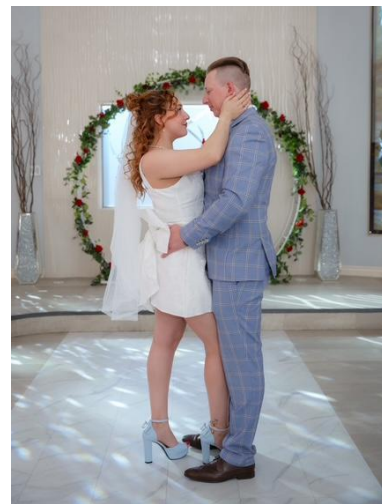
Beacon Intercessory Prayer Coordinator: Mike Campbell
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Our prayers are asked for all who are unwell or injured in mind, body or spirit, especially **Alan Tyson, Bill Lambell, Chris Garrett, David Swinson, Don Say, Elaine Leach, Hazel Stacey, Jean Garratt, 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 **Betty Sims, Ian Mayo, Joan Parfitt and Sue London**, 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 our Lord.

Weddings

Please pray for God's blessing on **Sarah Chandler and Robin Anthony**, who are to be married at Painswick on Saturday 22nd November. Please also pray for **Jonathan Goddard and Mackenzie Goddard** (pictured right), who were married earlier this year in the US and will have their marriage blessed at Painswick on Sunday 7th December.



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## We will remember them

### Remembrance Sunday at Pitchcombe

Over 30 people came to Pitchcombe to celebrate Remembrance Day. Sue Hartley led the congregation down through the churchyard to the war memorial where, thanks to Nigel Shaw's mastery of the acoustics, we were able to pay our respects to the ever evocative sounds of the Last Post, and later, Reveille. We then moved back to the church for the remaining service which included a very moving address from Sue, and culminated in a rousing rendition of the National Anthem. *Sally Goodman*

## Remembrance Sunday at Painswick



Over 100 people attended on Sunday. We had an extra full choir led by organist Chris Swain, and with the joy of having at least 6 members of the armed forces (most in uniform and wearing medals) taking part, bearing colours, speaking the ever-enduring phrases and reading the Scripture it all felt very fitting for this important day in the Church calendar. This message was sent from one church member after our Remembrance Service, *"What a moving and poignant Remembrance Service"*.

Victoria and Mike shared in leading the Service, with Mike preaching and Victoria and Margaret helping the children, mostly from our servicemen's families, make edible poppies and poppy bookmarks! They start 'remembering' early in life! Sincere thanks go to all who took part. *Lindsay Gardiner*

## Remembrance Sunday at Cranham

The service at Cranham this year was, as ever, greatly enriched by the Cubs and Beavers who came along and bore colours that were received by Revd Sarah inside the church following the Act of Remembrance at the Lychgate. Pictured right are Louisa and Arthur, who very much enjoyed being part of the proceedings.



## ~~~~~ **THIS WEEKEND: Free Concert!** **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!



## 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. (i.e. 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.

## SAVE THE DATES! Mondays in January, February & March.

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](mailto:paul.kenchington@icloud.com)

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Thank you from the CTAP Team

Socks And Pants For The Homeless

Ask and ye shall receive....

We did ask - and we certainly did receive!

A huge thank you for the generous donations from the whole Benefice. CTAP have collected up an unbelievable three large sackfuls of wonderful underwear for the homeless which will be shared between Gloucester City Mission and Gloucester Royal Hospital's cupboard of spare clothes for the homeless. In this wet and chilly weather there will be a lot of grateful feet.

Whatever we do for one of the least of our brothers we do for God.

Thank you so very much.

Love, the CTAP team

Foodbank - Thank you!

THANK
YOU

FOR YOUR SUPPORT
THIS HARVEST!



You collected 37.55kgs of much needed donations. We couldn't do our work without your support.

 Stroud District
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

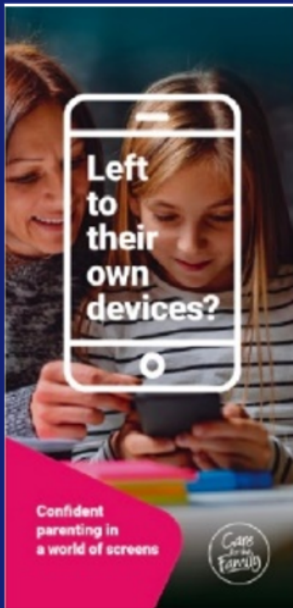
Left to Their Own Devices?

Smart phones, screen time – how do we keep our children safe?

Being a parent is one of life's greatest joys, but it also brings big challenges — especially raising children in a digital world. From their first steps, we guide our children to stay safe, both in the real world and online.

Join us to explore these questions over refreshments, using the *Care for the Family* parenting resource. Suitable for parents of younger children and teenagers — everyone is very welcome.

For more information or book please contact Vics Soutar at familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk or follow the link to the booking page: [Book](#).



The Beacon Benefice Presents:

Left to their own devices?

Tuesday 18th November,
7.00 – 9.00pm
at Painswick Church
Rooms,
£5 per family

Smart phones, screen time – how do we keep our children safe?

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## 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.



## Advent Carol Services

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

Painswick  
30<sup>th</sup> November  
6pm



Join us for our  
**FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE!**

**At Cranham Church**

**11am, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

## **Family Christingle Service**

Cranham church

**11am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Join us for our special **Family Christingle Service**  
as we celebrate together.

During the service, we will also have the **blessing of our Posada family** as they set out on their journey around the village.



With blessing of our Posada family as it starts its journey around the village, too!

**Cash donations in aid of The Children's Society**

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✨ **Help Us Light Up the Churchyard!** ✨



Can you lend a hand to make Painswick churchyard sparkle for Christmas?

We'd love some extra help putting up the lights during Goodwill week and caring for them over the festive season.

If you can assist, please email
beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com.

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

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## **Small Change, Big Difference!**

We're continuing to collect small change in aid of **Marah**, a local charity supporting vulnerable and marginalised people in the Stroud area.

With contactless payments now the norm, spare coins can seem a thing of the past — but if you find any in your pockets, bags, or drawers, please consider donating them. Every coin truly counts!

Please give any coins to **Alison and Frances** from Painswick or to your **churchwarden** next time you're in church. Your small change can make a big difference.

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

2pm-3.15pm, weekly on Thursdays.

Everyone is welcome to join us at The Church Rooms at 2pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November as we continue our study of the adventures of the early church as written by Luke in the New Testament book of Acts. For more information contact Revd Sarah or Barbara Gay.

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The Waiting Room: Advent Prayer, Activities & Reflection

2pm -3pm, Mondays in December, The Church Rooms throughout Advent. Join me in the main hall of the Church Rooms for a cuppa and some time waiting on the Lord in prayer and activities designed to help you enter quiet reflection. For more details email: beaconector@gmail.com. Revd Sarah

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## Christmas at Brookthorpe



We're getting ready to celebrate Christmas at Brookthorpe and would love for you to be involved!

If anyone would like to read a lesson during the service, please do get in touch. We'd especially love for children and young people to take part by reading a Christmas poem — it always adds something really special to the occasion.

Before the service, we'll be holding a **cleaning session** to give the church a little festive sparkle. This will take place on **Thursday 4th or Friday 5th December**, and volunteers are very welcome — please let me know if you can help on either day.

As in previous years, there'll be **mulled wine and mince pies** after the service — a lovely way to share some Christmas cheer together. We had a fantastic turnout last year, and it would be wonderful to see the same again. Please do spread the word! *Nigel Bone* [nigel.bone@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.bone@btinternet.com)

## 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.

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

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

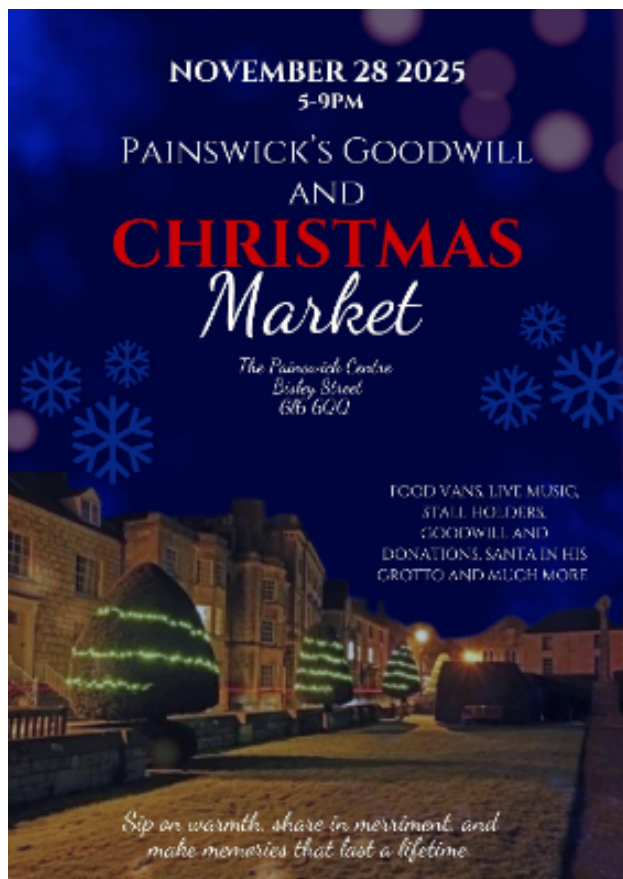
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**Cranham Pop-up Café** Every Tuesday and Friday (10.00am to 1.00pm) in Cranham Village Hall.

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Painswick Community Hub Coffee Morning

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



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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  
[jennybarraclough.cranhampc@gmail.com](mailto:jennybarraclough.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.**