

BEACON LIGHT

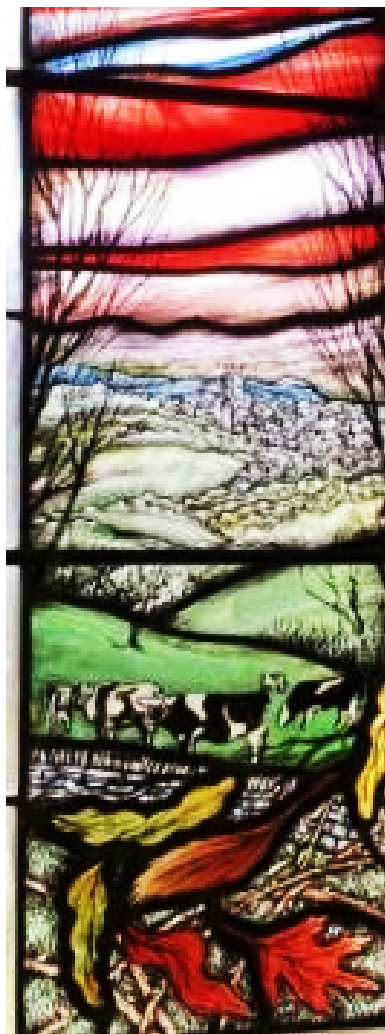
...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

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

Monday 24 th November 12 noon – 1.15pm	Painswick Town Hall	Community Lunch
Tuesday 25 th November 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 26 th November 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Wednesday 26 th November 10.30am – 12 noon	Timbercombe Cottage, Sheepscombe	Sheepscombe Home Group <i>Paul 07485253388, Angie 07816451446</i>
Wednesday 26 th November 11.00am	St Mary's, Painswick	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th November 9.15am – 10.45am	The Church Rooms	 St Mary's Mums
Thursday 27 th November 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>
Thursday 27 th November 2.00pm – 3.15pm	Painswick Church Rooms	Explorers Bible Study Group <i>Email Barbara: dandbgay@gmail.com</i>
Friday 28 th November 5.00pm – 9.00pm	Painswick	 Goodwill

Sunday 30th November	1st Sunday of Advent	
9.30am	Painswick	 Family Advent Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Celtic Morning Worship
11.00am	Cranham	 Christingle 
11.00am	Harescombe with Edge	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Painswick	Advent Carol Service
6.30pm	Cranham	Advent Carol Service



Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
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, Sue Pouncey, Ann Williams and Feifei Gao.** 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 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 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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## More from Remembrance

### Remembrance Sunday at St John's EDGE

St John's church Edge, was host this year to the service which is held to honour those who served in the World Wars from Edge and Harescombe. The names of those to be remembered were read, and poppy wreaths placed in church. The Last Post, played very evocatively by Roger Barrett on the harmonica, was used to start the 2-minute silence, with Reveille signalling its end.

Rev'd Helen Sammon conducted the service, and in her address she spoke about her own family connections with the Second World War and her father's time as a prisoner of war. His efforts to knit a jumper in the prison camp was used as an allegory for an explanation of the way the world could move on. There were also reflections on what VE and VJ Day had meant to those who had lived through the war.

Friends from Harescombe and Edge combined to give the readings and prayers and Paul Smith was the



organist. After the service refreshments were served and everyone took the chance to reflect on their own family connections with the war. £280 was raised in the collection and this is to be donated to the British Legion and the Red Cross.

## Remembrance Day at Sheepscombe

**St John's in Sheepscombe meanwhile joined with Sheepscombe School** to share in their Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. The children performed songs, recited poems and showed their pictures. The names of the fallen were read out, followed by prayers for peace in the world and a commitment from children and adults to work for a better future.

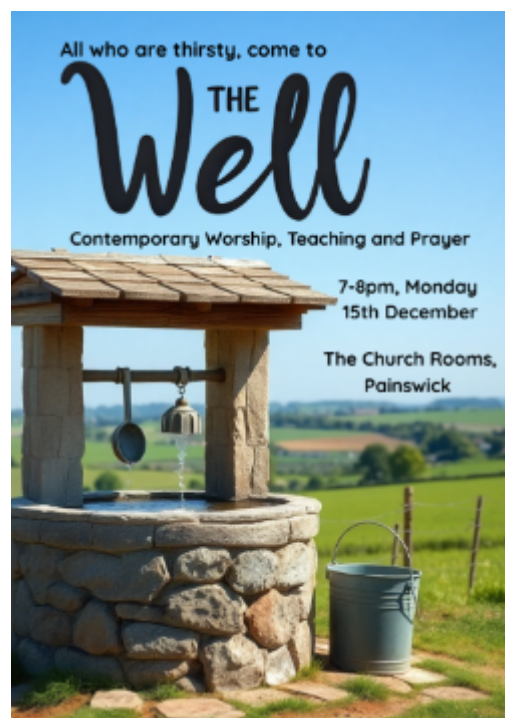


## The Well

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, after a long day which naturally included remembering those in the Armed Forces as well as civilians who lost their lives in wars past and ongoing, I was delighted to come to The Well! Ali Sanville supplied mugs of hot tea and coffee on arrival, before Revd Paul Kenchington led us in a time of worship, teaching and prayer.

Paul's vocals and guitar were expertly accompanied by Painswick's very own resident jazz pianist Francis Sanville. Francis had also supplied some atmospheric lighting and the old projector has been replaced with a modern screen that is now a permanent fixture in the Church Rooms. Over 20 of us gathered to wait on the Lord and receive from him. What struck me most was that Paul's teaching was on exactly the same theme that had been spoken about at the War Memorial earlier that day – hungering and thirsting for righteousness. The Holy Spirit is clearly at work in our benefice. By the final song, the hall was a buzz of energy, and people were being prayed for as I left.

I am very much looking forward to coming to the waters again next month: 7-8pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December!



**Wycliffe Choral Society & Orchestra**

# Vivaldi Gloria

Britten  
A Ceremony of Carols  
Telemann  
Viola Concerto  
Vaughan Williams  
Fantasia on Christmas Carols



Phillippa Lay (Soprano), Juliet Curnow (Mezzo Soprano), Leslie More (Viola)  
Leader - Stephen McDade  
Conductor - Christopher Swain

**Sunday 23rd November, 7pm**  
**Wycliffe College Chapel, Stonehouse**

Tickets: £15 (under 18's £2.00). Available from:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wycliffe-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wycliffe-choral-society)  
Phone: 0333-6663366  
Canal Trust Bookshop: Queen's Rd, Stonehouse  
(Wed, Fri and Sat 10 - 4pm)  
Stroud Sub Rooms: 01453-796880, [thesubrooms.co.uk](http://thesubrooms.co.uk)  
Or pay on the door




## THIS WEEKEND: Concert! ALPHA is coming. Let's pray and prepare NOW!

We will 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 across the Benefice and even beyond. Who will you invite? 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)



## PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND JOYFULLY!

Is it time for you to prayerfully review your financial giving to your church? If so, you might like to say the following prayer as you wait on the Lord for his leading.

*Gracious God, Thank you for your generosity to me. As I reflect on what it means to give faithfully, and regularly, open my hearts to your Spirit. Help me to see giving not as an obligation but as joyful participation in your work in the world. Amen.*

Harescombe

**Sort code: 30-93-48**

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Pitchcombe

**Sort: 30 - 98 - 29**

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Edge



Sheepscombe

Thank you for all the ways you give, seen and unseen.  
Your faithfulness makes a real difference.



**DON'T FORGET! GOODWILL STARTS IN ST MARY'S AT 5PM**



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### Help 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.

you can assist, please email [beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com). Let's bring some Christmas cheer to the village together!



### Wreath Making Workshop

Spend a fun morning and leave with a beautiful Christmas wreath you are proud of

Led by experienced florist  
Ione

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
10am – 12:30am  
Painswick Church  
Rooms



£20 Painswick Gardening Club Members  
/ £22.50 others

Covers all materials and refreshments

Please contact Mary Parsons  
07500820205 to book. Payment in  
advance to : Painswick Gardening Club,  
30-98-28 Acc No. 002080185

Join us at our special Advent family service  
and begin the journey to Bethlehem

# Joy to the world

Help us to send Joseph and the little  
donkey off to carry Mary safely on their way

**9.30am, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**St Mary's, Painswick**

- Songs
- Crafts
- Bible story
- Share the Lord's Supper

**The Christmas countdown starts here!**

#FollowThatDonkey

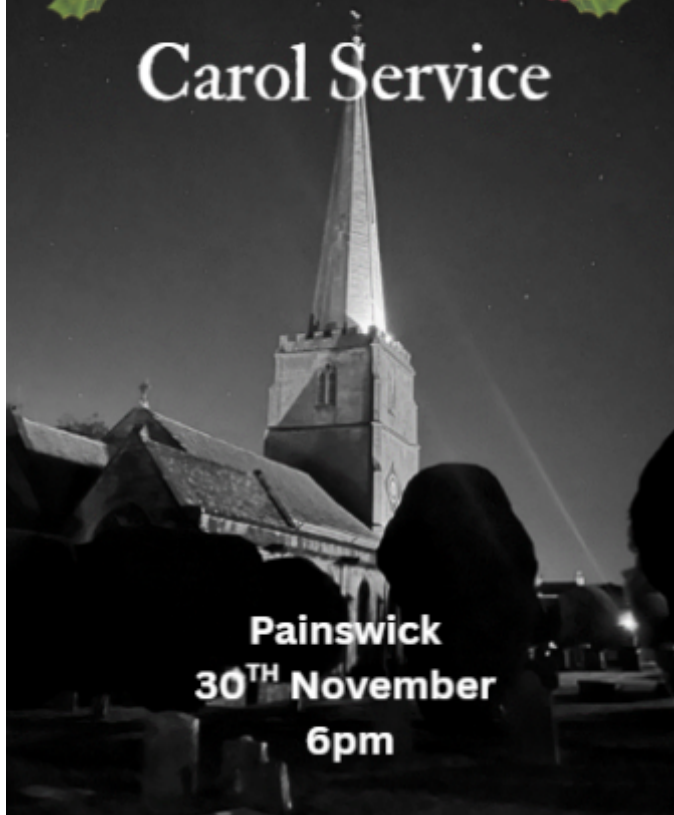
[f @painswickchurch](https://www.facebook.com/painswickchurch) [i @beaconbenefice](https://www.instagram.com/beaconbenefice)

# Advent Carol Service



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

# Advent Carol Service



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

## **NOTICES**



### **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.



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

**At Cranham Church**

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



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

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

## 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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NEW FOR ADVENT!

The Waiting Room: 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:

beaconrector@gmail.com. Revd Sarah

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## NOTICES

### Christmas at Brookthorpe

St Swithun's Church, Brookthorpe

# Christmas Service

Wednesday 10th December at 7pm

JOIN US FOR CAROLS FOLLOWED BY MULLED WINE AT THIS SPECIAL OPENING OF THE CHURCH. ALL WELCOME.

SCAN TO DONATE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH  
Registered Charity No. 250912

Churches Conservation Trust

St Swithun's Church, Stroud Road, Brookthorpe, GL4 0UJ

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)

## 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*

## 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.

## 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

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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

## 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



## Contacts

Rector: Revd Sarah Haslam Tel: 07870 126048  
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 Sheepscombe – Tessa Lentel Email: [tessalentel@aol.com](mailto:tessalentel@aol.com)

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).

Painswick Church Rooms Bookings Coordinator: Margaret Radway Tel: 07896430107  
 Email: [margaret.radway@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:margaret.radway@tiscali.co.uk)

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.**