

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Friday 28 th November 5.00pm – 9.00pm	Painswick	 Goodwill
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Sunday 30 th November	1 st 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

Monday 1 st December 8.30 – 9.30am	Sheepscombe	Early Bird Morning Prayer
Monday 1 st December 2.00pm-3.00pm	The Church Rooms	NEW! The Waiting Room Advent Prayer, Activities & Reflection
Tuesday 2 nd December 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 3 rd December 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Wednesday 3 rd December 10.30am – 12 noon	Timbercombe Cottage, Sheepscombe	Sheepscombe Home Group <i>Paul 07485253388, Angie 07816451446</i>
Wednesday 3 rd December 11.30am	Auditorium, Richmond	Holy Communion
Thursday 4 th December 9.15am – 10.45am	The Church Rooms	 St Mary's Mums
Thursday 4 th December 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>
Thursday 4 th December 2.00pm – 3.15pm	The Vicarage, Painswick	Explorers Bible Study Group <i>Email Barbara: dandbgay@gmail.com</i>
Thursday 4 th December 6.30pm	St Mary's Church	Rococo Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 7 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Benefice Communion
6.00pm	Cranham	Film: The Nativity

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
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 Burge, Liz Flint, Jean Garratt, Chris Garrett, Bill Lambell, Elaine Leach, Mary Morse, Sue Pouncey, Don Say, Ann Williams, David Swinson, Hazel Stacey and Alan Tyson.**

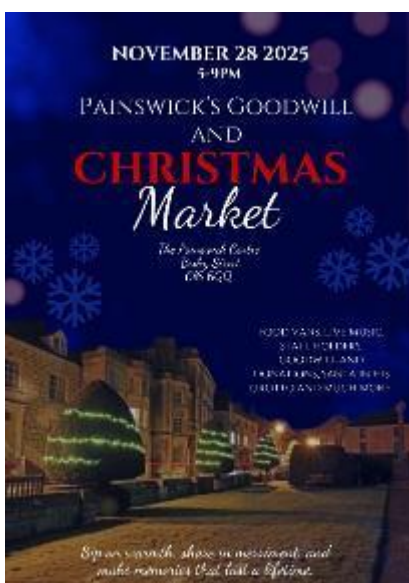
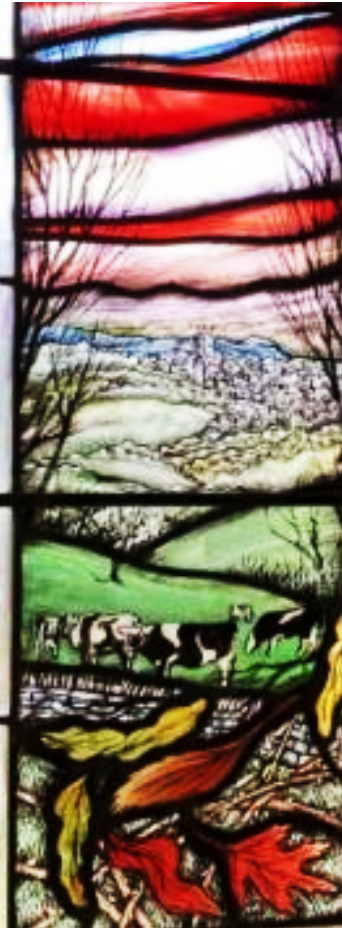
Let us also pray for all people, whether they are relatives, friends or professionals, who care for the sick or disabled in their homes, and for those recovering from surgery or undergoing cancer treatment.

We remember before God **Feifei Gao, Charles Garstang, Jean Harley, Betty Sims and Anne Shawcross** 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 **Jonathan Goddard and Mackenzie Goddard**, 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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## THIS WEEKEND:

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

Join us for a heart-warming Goodwill Evening! There will be food, music, and plenty of opportunities to make special memories.

**4.45pm** Bells ring from St Mary's Church to welcome everyone.

**5.00pm** Service at St Mary's Church – Santa trail maps available in exchange for Foodbank donations.

**5.30pm** Santa arrives at St Mary's Church and makes his way to his grotto in the Painswick Center.

**6.00pm** Santa's Grotto opens. Meet the alpacas and hear live Christmas Jazz piano.





## 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 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

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Joy to the world! #Follow that donkey!

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 30th November
St Mary's, Painswick

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

The Christmas countdown starts here!
#FollowThatDonkey

@painswickchurch @beaconbenefice

Christmas is coming, and Mary, Joseph and their donkey are travelling toward Bethlehem. As part of our Advent preparation, we're inviting the Painswick community to "make room" for them for one night before passing them on to the next home.



How does it work?

Their journey begins at the Advent Family Service at St Mary's, **9.30am on Sunday 30th November**. After visiting a different home each night, the figures return for the **Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm**.

How can I join in?

Say yes to **#FollowThatDonkey** by contacting Victoria Soutar at **familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk** or **07900 451248**. You'll receive the figures in a small box with a prayer and Advent candle, then pass them to the next family.

Share your part of the journey on

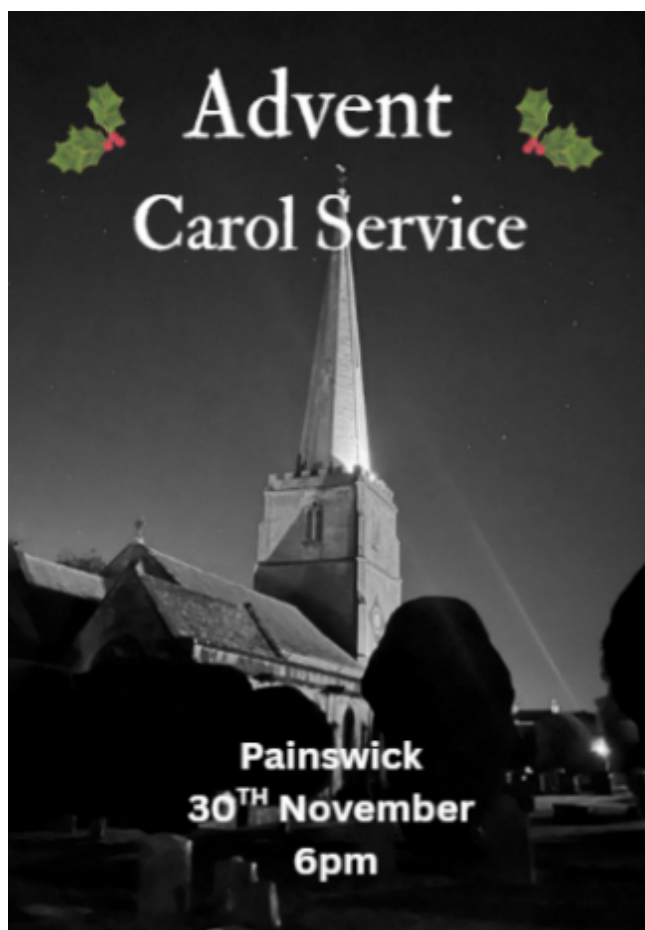


@PainswickChurch or



@beaconbenefice. We hope this shared journey helps us all make room for Jesus in our hearts and homes this Christmas as we

#FollowThatDonkey to Bethlehem.



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### **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)



## IN DECEMBER



**Painswick Rococo Garden**  
**Christmas Carol Concert**  
 St. Mary's Church Painswick  
 Thursday 4th December 2025 at 6.30pm

featuring:  
 Bell-Tide Hand Bell Group  
 The Painswick & Corinium Community Choirs  
 & Cathy Thompson (Adele's violinist)

**FREE**  
 All welcome!

Registered charity number: 1107844

## Joy to the world

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| <b>1st</b> Monday, 2pm:<br>THE WAITING ROOM, ADVENT PRAYER, THE CHURCH ROOMS | <b>14th</b> Sunday, 9.30am:<br>HOLY COMMUNION, ST MARY'S                      |
| <b>4th</b> Thursday, 6.30pm:<br>ROCOCO GARDENS CAROL CONCERT, ST MARY'S      | <b>14th</b> Sunday, 11am:<br>FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, ST MARY'S            |
| <b>8th</b> Monday, 12.15pm:<br>COMMUNITY LUNCH, TOWN HALL                    | <b>15th</b> Monday, 7pm:<br>THE WAITING ROOM, ADVENT PRAYER, THE CHURCH ROOMS |
| <b>8th</b> Monday, 2pm:<br>THE WAITING ROOM, ADVENT PRAYER, THE CHURCH ROOMS | <b>15th</b> Monday, 7pm:<br>THE WELL, THE CHURCH ROOMS                        |

## Let every heart prepare him room

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| <b>18th</b> Thursday, 9.15am:<br>ST MARY'S MUMS CHRISTMAS, THE CHURCH ROOMS    | <b>22nd</b> Monday, 4.30pm:<br>SHERLOCK INVESTIGATES CHRISTMAS, THE CHURCH ROOMS         |
| <b>21st</b> Sunday, 11am:<br>HOLY COMMUNION, ST MARY'S                         | <b>24th</b> Christmas Eve, 4pm:<br>CRIB SERVICE, CHILDREN'S DRESS UP NATIVITY, ST MARY'S |
| <b>21st</b> Sunday, 6pm:<br>'O COME LET US ADORE HIM' CAROL SERVICE, ST MARY'S | <b>24th</b> Christmas Eve, 11.15pm:<br>MIDNIGHT MASS, CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION, ST MARY'S |
| <b>22nd</b> Monday, 2pm:<br>THE WAITING ROOM, ADVENT PRAYER, THE CHURCH ROOMS  | <b>25th</b> Christmas Day, 10am:<br>CHRISTMAS FAMILY COMMUNION, ST MARY'S                |

## PAINSWICK in December

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NEW FOR ADVENT!

The Waiting Room: Prayer, Activities & Reflection

2pm – 3pm, Mondays in December, The Church Rooms, throughout Advent.

God?

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 a time of peace and quiet reflection.

For more details email: beaconrector@gmail.com.

Revd Sarah





Join us for our family
Christingle Service



St Mary's Church, Painswick
14th December at 11am



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. 255512



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

All who are thirsty, come to

THE Well

Contemporary Worship, Teaching and Prayer

7-8pm, Monday
15th December

The Church Rooms,
Painswick



Sherlock Supper

Monday 22nd December 2025
4.30-6.00pm, St Mary's in Painswick



Sherlock Investigates Christmas

Activities, story, then meal in the Church Rooms
(Christmas cottage pie with cranberry sauce & peas, followed by ice creams, sauces & sprinkles.)

Children, bring your own adult with you!

Cash donations on the door



BOOK YOUR PLACE!

[Click here](#)

Or scan the QR code.

It will help us with numbers for catering.



For more info, email Vic Soutar familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

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.

Thank you for all the ways you give, seen and unseen.

Your faithfulness makes a real difference.



Brookthorpe



Cranham



Painswick



Harescombe



Edge



Sheepscombe

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## NOTICES

### Explorers Bible Study Group – breaking for Christmas

We will be meeting to study Acts for the final time this year on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December before taking a break for Christmas. For more information contact Revd Sarah or Barbara Gay [dandbgay@gmail.com](mailto:dandbgay@gmail.com).

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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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### 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.

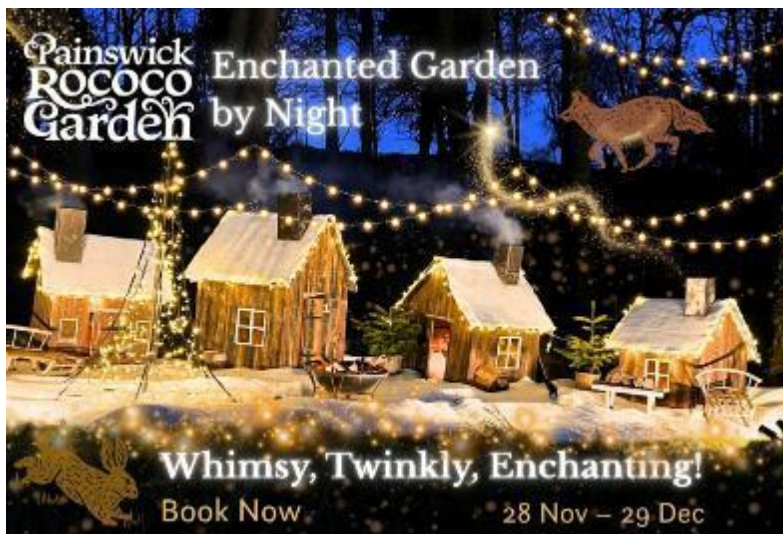
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Lifts to Church

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.

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## Rococo's Enchanted Garden



### A Festive Stroll Through the Enchanted Garden

Looking for something magical to do with the family this festive season? Painswick Rococo Garden is once again opening its gates for *Enchanted Garden by Night* – now in its third year and fast becoming a favourite local tradition.

**From 28 November to 29 December**, the garden will be transformed into a glowing wonderland. Imagine strolling along twinkling paths, spotting beautifully lit follies, and discovering a cosy cabin village tucked away in the woodland. It's brighter, bolder and more enchanting than ever, yet

still relaxed enough for all ages to enjoy.

Tickets remain good value – **£18 for adults, £9 for children (ages 4–16), or £50 for a family of four**. Relaxed sessions are available on selected evenings, and yes, dogs on short leads are welcome too.

You can enjoy an exclusive 10% discount with the code **Beacon10** when booking.

You are also cordially invited to Painswick Rococo Garden Carol Service at St James on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm. This year guests include Cathy Thompson, Adele's violinist. Entry is free, donations are welcome.

Please note, the garden will be closed during the day throughout December, reopening on 17 January for the snowdrop season.

Why not wrap up warm, gather the family, and make some memories that will last well into the new year?

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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

Rector: Revd Sarah Haslam Tel: 07870 126048  
Email: [beaconrector@gmail.com](mailto:beaconrector@gmail.com) (Usual day of rest: Friday)

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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).

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.**