

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 18 th January	2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	
9.30am	<u>Harescombe</u> with Edge	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

Monday 19 th January 9.00am	Cranham	NEW! Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Monday 19 th January 7.00pm	The Church Rooms	NEW! ALPHA
Tuesday 20 th January 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Tuesday 20 th January 6.00pm	The Church Rooms	The Well
Wednesday 21 st January 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Wednesday 21 st January 11.00am	Resthaven	Holy Communion
Thursday 22 nd January 9.15am – 10.45am	Painswick Church Rooms	St Mary's Mums
Thursday 22 nd January 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>

Sunday 25 th January	3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Worship

Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory,
hidden through past ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## 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](mailto:beaconbeneficeministry@gmail.com)

Our prayers are asked for all who are unwell or injured in mind, body or spirit, especially **Liz Flint, Jean Garratt, Chris Garrett, Peter Jenkins, Bill Lambell, Elaine Leach, Mary Morse, Sue Pouncey, Don Say, Hazel Stacey, David Swinson, Alan Tyson, Chris West and Dick Williams.**

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.

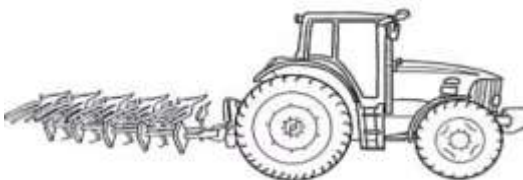
We remember before God **Joy Edwards, Jean Harley, Ingrid Holland, John Lendon, Anne Shawcross, Aryna Starovoitova, Roger Stewart, Jean Ward, Ann Williams and Reg Wrathmell.** May they rest in the peace and love of Christ. We also remember all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. May their families and loved ones know the peace, light and love of Christ our Lord.

The thanksgiving service to celebrate the life of **Roger Stewart** will be at St Mary's Church Painswick on **Monday 19th January at 11.30am.** The funeral of **Joy Edwards** will be on **Wednesday 28th January at 2pm** at St. John the Apostle, Sheepscombe. The funeral of **Jean Ward** will be on **Monday 2 February at 1.15pm** at St John the Baptist, Pitchcombe.

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PLOUGH SERVICE AT EDGE SUNDAY 11th JANUARY

It was a lovely, well-supported gathering at Edge last Sunday. Thanks were given for creation and for the farming community and prayers were offered for God's blessing on the land, our work, and the year ahead. Everyone enjoyed a good catch-up over tea and cakes afterwards too!





Meet Cameron!

This is Cameron, who lives in Painswick and will be volunteering at St Mary's as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award work experience. You may see him around the church over the coming weeks, especially if you're attending Alpha — please do say hello and make him feel welcome.



MONDAYS THIS JANUARY...

Mondays never looked so good!

Mondays aren't typically voted as peoples' favourite day, but perhaps that's about to change! Why? Because we think it's important to start your week in the best way we know - with prayer, scripture and coffee!



Morning Prayer & Coffee near You

1st Monday of the month - 8.30am at **Sheepscombe** (Karen Riding)

2nd Monday of the month – 9.30am at **Edge** (Ann Kennett)

3rd Monday of the month – 9.00am at **Cranham** (Revd Sarah)

For more information, please contact your churchwarden.

And, in case you haven't already decided how to spend your Monday nights, from Monday January 19th we'd love you to make friends, share a meal, have fun and join us for some open conversations about faith.

We are running **Alpha at 7pm in The Church Rooms** for anyone interested in learning what others think about the Christian faith and why we think Jesus is the most important discovery you can make.

Good News! We are currently **FULLY BOOKED** for the first session of Alpha but there may be some last-minute places available or places for future sessions so please do still register your interest by clicking [here](#), scan the QR code or email to register your interest.



Remember... we are running the **ALPHA** Course starting on 19th Jan 2026 through every Monday evening until 30th March. (i.e. into Holy Week - Easter Day is April 5th). Please keep this in your prayers.

For more info or for offers of help, please contact Paul Kenchington on paul.kenchington@icloud.com.

Explore
life,
faith &
meaning



Painswick Community Lunches also take place on Mondays!

If you've not been before, the Community Lunches are a great place to catch up with friends old and new.

Everyone is welcome. This week's lunch will be hosted by the Local History Society.



Agape Supper

On **Monday 26th January CTAP** is holding its annual Agape evening at St Michael's Restaurant in Painswick. We have a meal together and then share something that means something to us, a piece of music, a poem, a story... The meal costs **£20**. If you would like to join us, please contact

Terry Parker (01452 813191) or Frances Watson (01452 812071).



Sheepscombe Home Group

Our group meets 10.30am to 12 noon weekly on Wednesdays. The Bible is truly amazing and we can only scratch the surface of what it says in Sunday services. This group is for you if you want to look at the Bible in a bit more depth or just think about some knotty questions, all with the aim of growing our faith. Absolutely no prior Bible knowledge required, and you can join anytime or come for a taster. Anyone in the Benefice is welcome. We have lots of chat and have coffee with cake and or biscuits too! Where? **Paul and Angie Ryan's in Sheepscombe**. If you might like to come or know more do contact Paul 07485 253388 or Angie 07816 451446.




AGEING GRACEFULLY

A PRACTICAL THEOLOGY OF LATER LIFE

Written by Dr Ian Donald, a retired Consultant Gerontologist, this course helps us explore how we can respond to the challenges we face in the later stages of life – both in ourselves and caring for those we love

DATES: FRIDAYS

16 JANUARY: WHAT DO WE MEAN BY AGEING?

30 JANUARY: DISCOVERING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR AGEING

13 FEBRUARY: PRAYING FOR HEALING IN THE FRAILTY OF OLD AGE

27 FEBRUARY: GIVING AND RECEIVING CARE

13 MARCH: DEMENTIA AND PERSONHOOD

27 MARCH: DYING WELL

TIME: 11.45 TO 1.15PM
 VENUE: PAINSWICK TOWN HALL
 COST: £15 PER PERSON FOR ALL 6 SESSIONS - INCLUDING A STUDY GUIDE & REFRESHMENTS

INTERESTED? THEN CONTACT: FRANCES WATSON 0777973373 EMAIL: FRANATCIRAN@OUTLOOK.COM OR PIPPA MEDCALF 07740514230 EMAIL: PIPPA.MEDCALF@NHS.NET

St John's Church, Edge

SNOWDROP-IN

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th February
10am – 4pm
Free entry

*Local history exhibition,
 crafts and book stall*

Tea, coffee and cakes

Sunday at 11am
Special Snowdrop Service!
Everyone is Welcome



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## Concerts 2026



### Painswick Music Society Concerts

We are very pleased to bring our 80th Anniversary season of four wonderful concerts to the village with our programmes attracting people from far and wide into the church.

We provide stunning music in a beautiful space with very reasonably priced tickets and also bring custom to village pubs, shops and cafes providing support for the church and also the wider community.

This year again, we welcome artists and ensembles playing music of different genres, with programmes to appeal to all music lovers. We are grateful to Revd Sarah and our Churchwardens for all their support. For full details and tickets: <https://painswickmusicsoc.co.uk>.

## NOTICES

### We're Looking for a Proofreader!

Do you have a keen eye for detail and a love for clear, polished writing? We are seeking a reliable proofreader to help ensure the quality and accuracy of our content. If you—or someone you know—might be interested, please contact the office at [beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com) for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



### PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND JOYFULLY!

I recently read that “your attitude towards money is a barometer of your whole outlook on life” (*Nicky Gumbel, Bible In One Year*), so I wonder, 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.*

Pitchcombe's QR Code to come soon -  
**Sort: 30 - 98 – 29 Acct: 00284962**

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



Brookthorpe



Cranham



Painswick



Harescombe



Edge



Sheepscombe



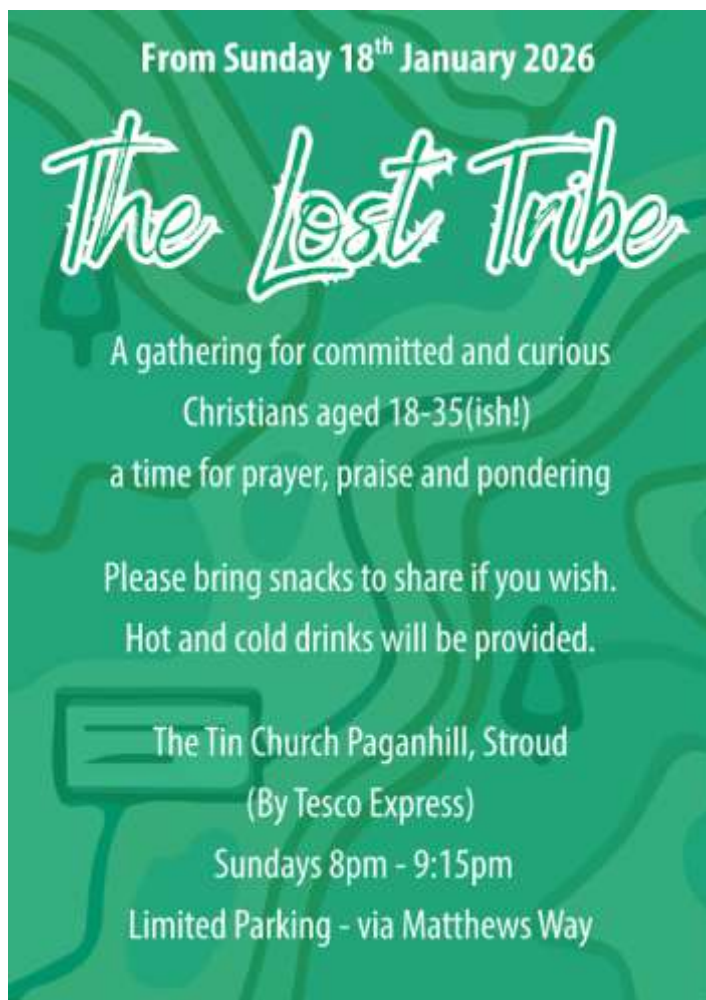
### Home Communion, Home Visits and Lifts to Church

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 07854 262617 or by email: [delythallen58@gmail.com](mailto:delythallen58@gmail.com)** who will be only too happy to arrange this.

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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Coffee Hotspots

Pitchcombe Coffee Morning Second Tuesday of the month, at 10.30am in Pitchcombe Church.

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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

NEW! FROM THE ROCOCO GARDENS:

Happy New Year! Rococo Garden's Feb news.

Snowdrops & Half-Term at Rococo Garden

Each year, just as winter feels at its longest, a quiet transformation begins at Painswick Rococo Garden.

The first snowdrops push through the cold soil, offering a gentle promise of spring. Introduced to Britain in the sixteenth century, these modest flowers thrive in great numbers across the garden's valley.

*Rococo Garden is now home to one of the country's most impressive naturalised displays, with more than five million snowdrops creating sweeping drifts of white across slopes and woodland edges. Their beauty lies in their simplicity, with *Galanthus nivalis* and the taller *G. 'Atkinsii'* forming a living tapestry that draws visitors back year after year.*

For many local families, a winter walk among the snowdrops has become a cherished ritual — a chance to stretch the legs, breathe crisp air, and enjoy the garden at its most peaceful.

*The garden is **open daily from 17 January to 1 March, 10am–5pm**, with **last admission at 4pm**. **Friends of the Garden visit for free**. You can join Friends of the Garden at rococo.org.uk/join-and-support.*

*During February half term, children can enjoy an **ISpy Trail**, encouraging young explorers to spot winter wildlife and notice the details that make the season special.*

Contacts

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Sheepscombe – Tessa Lentel Email: tessalentel@aol.com

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Please contact Delyth for help to arrange lifts to church or home visits (including Communion).

Painswick Church Rooms Bookings Coordinator: Margaret Radway Tel: 07896 430107
Email: 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

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

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## 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.**

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Church Opening Times

Cranham 10am – 5pm

Painswick 9.30am – 5pm

Pitchcombe 9am – 5pm

Edge 8am – 5pm

Harescombe always open

Sheepscombe 8am – 4pm

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## Blessing

May Christ the Son of God perfect in us the image of His glory  
and gladden our hearts with the good news of His kingdom.

**Amen.**