

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

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

Monday 26 th January 7.00pm	The Church Rooms	NEW! ALPHA
Tuesday 27 th January 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 28 th January 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Thursday 29 th January 9.15am – 10.45am	Painswick Church Rooms	St Mary's Mums
Thursday 29 th January 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>

Sunday 1 st February	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
11.00am	Pitchcombe	Benefice Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy,
 your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
 release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
 anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free
 to praise you in 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 **Julie Berry, Liz Flint, Jean Garratt, Chris Garrett, Irene Hodges, Peter Jenkins, Elaine Leach, Mary Morse, Sue Pouncey, Don Say, Hazel Stacey, David Swinson, Alan Tyson 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, Alan Graham, Jean Harley, Ingrid Holland, Bill Lambell, John Lendon, Anne Shawcross, Aryna Starovoitova, Roger Stewart, Jean Ward, Chris West, 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 funeral of **Joy Edwards** will be on **Wednesday 28th January** at **2pm** at St. John the Apostle, Sheepscombe. The funeral of **Ingrid Holland** will be on **Monday 2nd February** at **11.30am** at St Mary's Church, Painswick. The funeral of **Jean Ward** will be on **Monday 2nd February** at **1.15pm** at St John the Baptist, Pitchcombe. The funeral of **Alan Graham** will take place on **11th February** at **12 noon** at St John the Baptist, Pitchcombe.



Baptism

Please pray for Freddie who will be baptised on 8th February at St Mary's, Painswick.



Cranham Church moved to the Village Hall.



Unfortunately, last week the heating failed in Cranham church. Realising that it would be too cold for us to worship there on Sunday, we made a quick decision on Saturday morning to move our Communion service to the Village Hall. This felt especially poignant as the Hall was a place of worship, as the local Congregational chapel, from 1930 to 1977. And while we were there it seemed a perfect opportunity to share a soup and bread and cheese lunch together. All in all a happy and memorable occasion with less than 24 hours planning!

PS - It was also Beryl's Birthday!



A BIG THANKS TO ST MARY'S TREE ANGELS!

How lovely it was to have the Churchyard at the centre of our village lighted-up once again throughout December and January for Christmas and New Year. This can only happen with dedicated teamwork because the lights on each yew tree are charged by batteries which need re-charging twice a week! This entails getting the battery from each tree in the morning, plugging them into their chargers inside the Church and in the afternoon collecting them and reconnecting them onto each tree before dark!

So this is to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the Tree Angels team: **Sarah Bishop, Ben Compton, Dylan Davies, Sarah Haslam, Louise Kemp, Andy MacDonald, Ian Marsh, Fiona Ormerod, Ian Ormerod, Emma Thomson, Lynsey Willis, Nigel Willis and Gary, Anna, Dylan and Rory.** Your time and effort are a 'Christmas' gift to the whole community! *Lindsay Gardiner (Church Warden)*



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.



Fantastic Start to Alpha!

The **ALPHA** Course began last Monday with 48 participants! What a magnificent start - and thanks to all who have prayed for the success of this venture. Also many thanks to the Team behind the scenes, setting up, making all the practical arrangements, and particularly providing the sit-down meal for such a large group. **Pictured right: some of the Alpha team from churches across our benefice.**



We will continue next Monday, asking the question: **“Who Is Jesus?”** The course is pretty much fully booked, but we have sadly had one last-minute cancellation so, if you know someone eager to learn about our faith, please encourage them to contact the office and we will try to squeeze them in... or otherwise put them on a waiting List in case places become available. Please keep praying for ALPHA - the Lord God is on the move!

Contact beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com for enquiries about availability of spaces – or offers of help and contributions to help fund this work



Meet Cameron!

This is Cameron, who lives in Painswick and is now volunteering at St Mary's as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award work experience. He got stuck into serving meals at the first session of Alpha on Monday and is a great addition to the team! 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.





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

5th January	St Mary's Church
12th January	Christian Aid
19th January	Local History Society
26th January	Yew Trees WI
2nd February	Croft Primary School
9th February	Croft Primary School
16th February	Falcon Bowls Club
23rd February	Churches Together Around Painswick
2nd March	Painswick Bowling Club

Suggested donation £4

Money raised donated to local charities

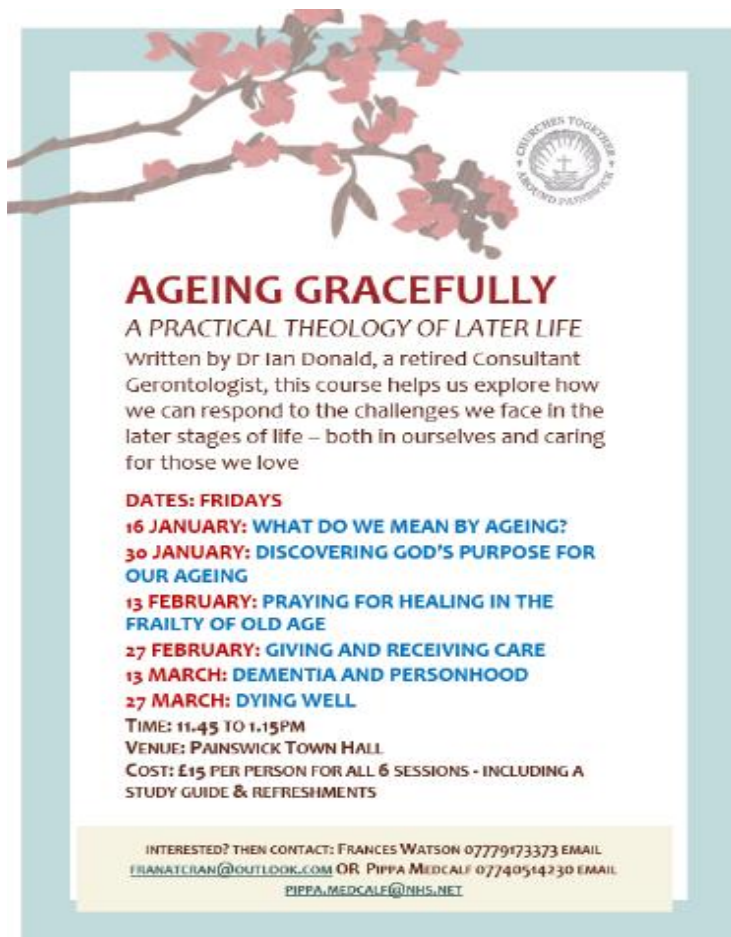
PAINSWICK COMMUNITY HUB



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).

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 07779473373 EMAIL FRANATCIAN@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

Painswick Music Society - 80th Anniversary Programme

Our first concert features the Adam Heron Piano Trio. Adam was a piano finalist in the 2018 BBC Young Musician of the Year competition and is joined by violinist Cristina Dimitrova and cellist Dequan Smith. We welcome back Meliora Collective, an ensemble of creative and spirited young artists who wowed our audience in 2024. This is followed by the well-known vocal ensemble Voces8. Sir Stephen Hough, who combines a distinguished career as a renowned pianist with those of composer and writer, features in our final concert. We look forward to seeing you and advise you [to](#) book your tickets soon. For full details: painswickmusicsoc.co.uk



Concerts
2026



Painswick
MUSIC SOCIETY
80th Season



Your church needs you!

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND JOYFULLY!

Our churches are working hard to share the Gospel and keep our buildings warm and welcoming. Could you please think and pray about whether you are able to tithe regularly to help us?

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.



Brookthorpe



Cranham



Painswick

**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.



Harescombe



Edge



Sheepscombe

Home Communion, Home Visits and Lifts to Church

If you are in need of home communion, **please contact Delyth Allen (Pastoral Assistant) on 07854 262617 or by email: delythallen58@gmail.com** who will be only too happy to arrange this. 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.



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.





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

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## **NEW! FROM THE ROCOCO GARDENS: Happy New Year! Rococo Garden's Feb news.**

### ***Snowdrops & Half-Term at Rococo Garden***

*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 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.*

*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](http://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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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  
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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)

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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.