

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 11th January	Baptism of Christ	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Worship
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Painswick	Family Worship
3.00pm	Edge with Harescombe	Plough Service

Monday 12 th January 9.30am	Edge	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 13 th January 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 14 th January 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Thursday 15 th January 9.15am – 10.45am	Painswick Church Rooms	St Mary's Mums
Thursday 15 th January 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>

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

Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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, Bill Lambell, Elaine Leach, Mary Morse, Sue Pouncey, Don Say, David Swinson, Hazel Stacey, Alan Tyson, Jean Ward, 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 Willians, Jean Harley, Anne Shawcross, Aryna Starovoitova, Roger Stewart and Ann Williams.** 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 **19th January at 11am.**

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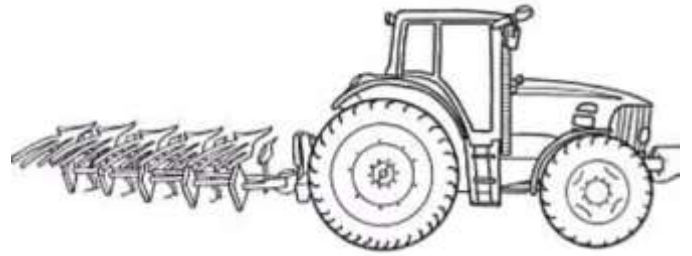


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Christmas



DON'T MISS! THIS SUNDAY... PLOUGH SERVICE AT EDGE

Have you ever been to a plough service before? This is an ancient festival revived in Victorian times, or so we believe, but it is enthusiastically celebrated in many rural benefices such as ours.



In essence it involves asking God to bless our care and work on the land so that our labour will result in bountiful growth and food for everyone in the coming year. Please come along and support our farming community as we give thanks for them and the beautiful resources that God has provided for us to steward and be blessed by in the year ahead.

Join us for a Plough Service at Edge Church, 3pm on Sunday 11th January, followed by refreshments.

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## **LATER THIS MONTH...**



### **Agape Supper**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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).



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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.

Don't miss out – book your free seat at the table! To book click [here](#), scan the QR code or email to register your interest.



So what now?

It's Time to Sign Up!

So by now you must know the ALPHA COURSE starts on **19th Jan at 7.00pm** in the **Church Rooms**. Many of you have indicated your interest, which is wonderful, but if you have not yet SIGNED UP, please do so either using the office email beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com or the QR code. We need sign-ups in order to cater accurately and to know if there are dietary requirements. Please get in touch ASAP. Thank you.

It's not too late!

And remember... we are running the **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 is for ANYONE interested, from across the Benefice and even beyond. Who will you invite? Please tell them now.

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 info or to say how you would like to be involved, please contact Paul Kenchington on paul.kenchington@icloud.com.**

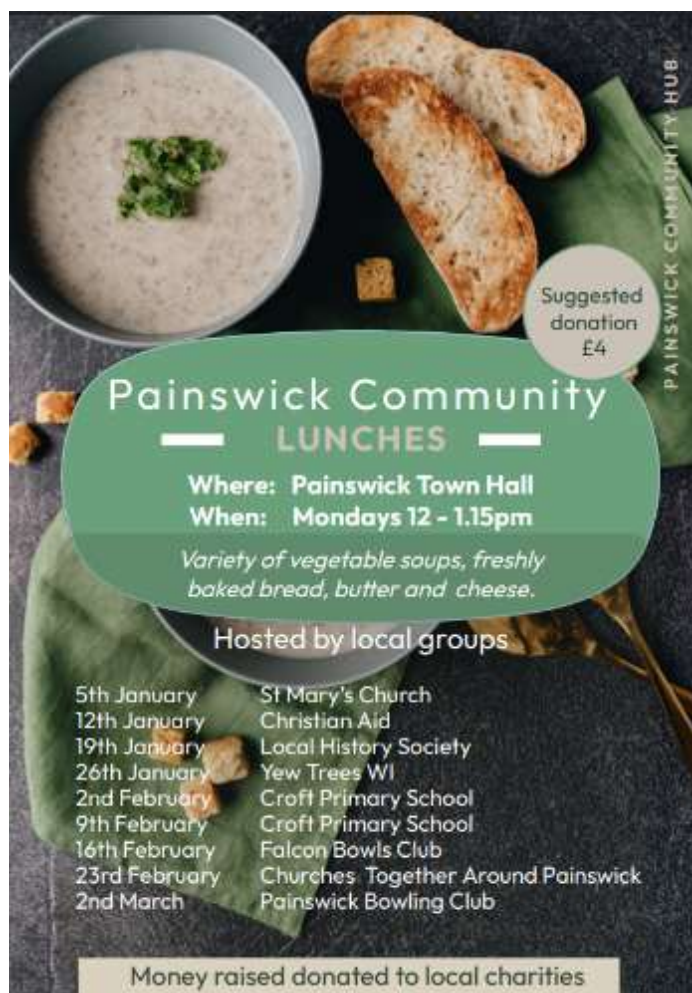


[Click here](#), scan the QR code or email beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com to register your interest.

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 Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee



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



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 07779173373 EMAIL FRANATERAN@OUTLOOK.COM OR PIPPA MEDCALF 07740544230 EMAIL PIPPA.MEDCALF@NHS.NET



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 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 real difference.



Brookthorpe



Cranham



Painswick



Harescombe



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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 really welcome. We have lots of chat and have coffee with cake and or biscuits too! Where? **Paul and Angie Ryan's in Sheepscombe**. Starting up again on **7th January**. If you might like to come or know more do contact Paul 07485.253388 or Angie 07816 451446.

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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** 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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### QR Codes

You may notice we are using QR Codes more often to share information quickly and easily. It has come to our attention that not everyone is familiar with how they work, so we've included this simple guide to help.

**There's no need to download anything - just use your phone's camera and follow these steps.**

#### How to scan a QR Code (iPhone or Android)

1. Open the **Camera app** on your phone.
2. Make sure you're using the **rear camera** (the one facing away from you).
3. Point the camera at the QR Code and **centre it on the screen**.
4. Hold your phone steady. A **link will appear** on the screen.
5. **Tap the link** to open the information.



#### If it doesn't work:

- Make sure the area is **well lit**
- Move your phone a little **closer or further away**
- **Clean your camera lens**
- Try **tapping and holding** on the QR Code
- Keep your phone **still for a few seconds**

#### Test QR Code



That's all there is to it—no app needed, just your camera.



## 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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Contacts

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Sheepscombe – Tessa Lentel Email: tessalentel@aol.com

Painswick Pastoral Assistant: Delyth Allen Tel: 07854 262517 Email: 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: 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

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.