

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 15 th February	Sunday next before Lent	
9.30am	<u>Harescombe</u> with Edge	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion – with guest speaker Helen Kay from 'Building Circles' charity
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

Monday 16 th February 9.00am	Cranham	NEW! Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Monday 16 th February 7.00pm	The Church Rooms	ALPHA ?
Tuesday 17 th February 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Tuesday 17 th February 7.00pm	The Church Rooms	The Well
Wednesday 18 th February 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Wednesday 18 th February 11.00am	Resthaven	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18 th February 12 Noon	Painswick	Ash Wednesday - Benefice Service & Soup Lunch
Thursday 19 th February 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>

Sunday 22 nd February	1 st Sunday of Lent	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise – with Hope Price, author & guest speaker on Angels

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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 **Julie Berry, Liz Flint, Jean Garratt, Irene Hodges, Peter Jenkins, Elaine Leach, Denise Magauran, 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, Chris Garrett, Alan Graham, Jean Harley, Ingrid Holland, Hilary Kohler, Bill Lambell, John Lendon, Anne Shawcross, Aryna Starovoitova, Roger Stewart, Jean Ward, Christine 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 **Rev'd Christopher Garret** will take place at **St Mary's, Painswick** on **24<sup>th</sup> February** at **11am**. **Hilary Kohler's** funeral will take place at **St Mary's, Painswick** on **3<sup>rd</sup> March** at **12 noon**. **Christine West's** Thanksgiving service will take place on **9<sup>th</sup> March** at **1.30pm** at St Mary's Church, Painswick.

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Baptisms

Please continue to pray for **Freddie Sacre** and **Rich Hasler** who were baptised last Sunday in the family service at Painswick.



Alpha Week 4

This week we were shown William Holman Hunt's painting of "Jesus the Light of the World" who knocks on the door of our lives and waits to be welcomed in. We were offered a simple prayer to open the door of our heart to Jesus and invite him to come in by his Holy Spirit - a prayer worth echoing:

"Lord Jesus Christ, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life..... Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong. Thank you that you died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free. Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit. I now receive that gift. Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever. Thank you, Lord Jesus. AMEN" Life-changing!!

Next **Monday 16th February** we will be considering:
"Why and How do I Pray?"

Although the course is now fully booked, if you know someone eager to learn about our faith, do encourage them to contact the Office and we will put them on a waiting list for next time. Contact beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com for enquiries about availability of spaces – or offers of help and contributions to help fund this work.



Alpha Behind the scenes

An enormous thank you to Emma, who you would usually associate with stunning floral arrangements and bouquets of flowers from her company Bespoke Flowers. However, Emma also volunteers her time each week to head up our Church Rooms kitchen at Alpha, ensuring fabulous food is served each week on time. As she blesses God's church family here, we pray he will bless Emma and her family too. In Jesus' name. **Amen**



Snowdrop-in St John's Edge



Despite the dismal weather, the blanket of snowdrops in Edge churchyard provided a focus for visitors to admire outside. Although there were not the usual opportunities for photographs outside in the rain, visitors were given a warm welcome inside and were able to enjoy tea, coffee and the usual 'Edge selection' of home-made cakes, biscuits and

savouries. Plants were on sale and there was a craft and book stall. There were also displays to look at – Wendy Stuart had provided specimens of the many different varieties of the snowdrops she has in her garden and there were displays of "Over the Edge and into the Vale". These displays focused on the River Severn and the Sharpness to Gloucester Canal, the Haresfield Airfield, and Edge church.





On Sunday morning Mike Campbell led us in a special service entitled 'God created a Garden which reflected on the beauty of the natural world'. Olive had made a beautiful model of snowdrops (photo) using wool and pipe cleaners! We are very grateful to our team of helpers who manned the refreshments stall and provided a very warm welcome to our visitors. One couple have come all the way from Birmingham each year! We were able to raise over £900 for church funds and the PCC. Thanks all who came along.



BAAM – Toddler Group Plus

Recently a group of six families gathered in the Children's Chapel after St. Mary's Mums. We listened to a story about Jesus's first miracle at the Wedding of Cana. We talked about how Jesus wanted the friends and family to have a lovely time at the wedding celebration, and that he didn't want the bridegroom to feel embarrassed that the wine had run out!

Jesus loved him so much, that through the simple obedience of servants he turned water into the best wine, and everyone had enough. Jesus loves us so much – what will he do for us? We talked about the people we love and made a cheeky love heart chappie to give to someone that we love. We listened and danced to, 'What an Awesome God' by Phil Wickham as we did it.

"This was so lovely! Clara had a wonderful time! Thank you", feedback from one of the families.
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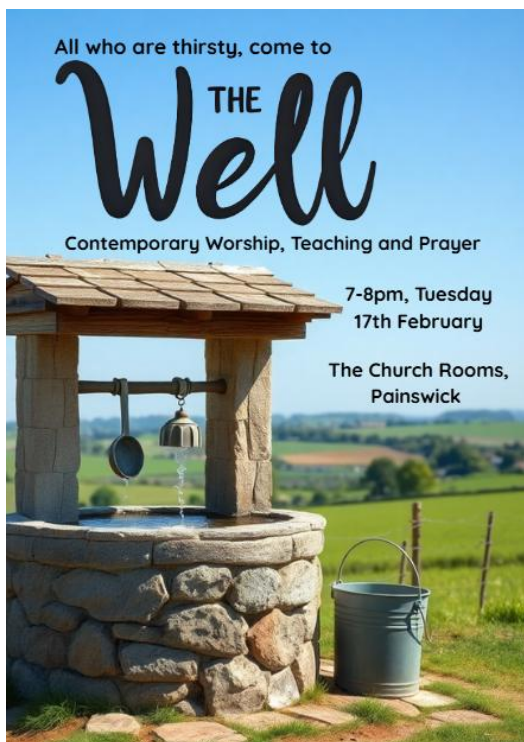


CTAP

Also busy earlier this week was CTAP (Churches Together Around Painswick) – meeting to review the fantastic Ageing Gracefully Course they are running and to discuss upcoming events. There are a number of other people who Frances Watson managed to fit around her dining table but just couldn't squeeze into the photo – which tells me that CTAP is growing! If you would like to find out more about their work, please do contact Frances!



COMING UP THIS WEEK



Our next meeting to worship will be on **Tuesday 17th February**. This is a chance to spend time in the Lord's presence, singing, giving praise, listening, praying.... If you enjoy contemporary worship and *"speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit; singing and making music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" [Eph 5:19]* ...then you won't want to miss this. **7.00-8.00pm**. All welcome.

Then, on **Wednesday 18th February** we have a special **midday** service with penitentiary Ashing and Holy Communion at St Mary's in Painswick which will be followed by a simple Lent lunch in the Church Rooms. Again, all are welcome.



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## Sheepscombe Home Group

Our group meets 10.30am to 12 noon weekly on Wednesdays. 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.

## 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.*

**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

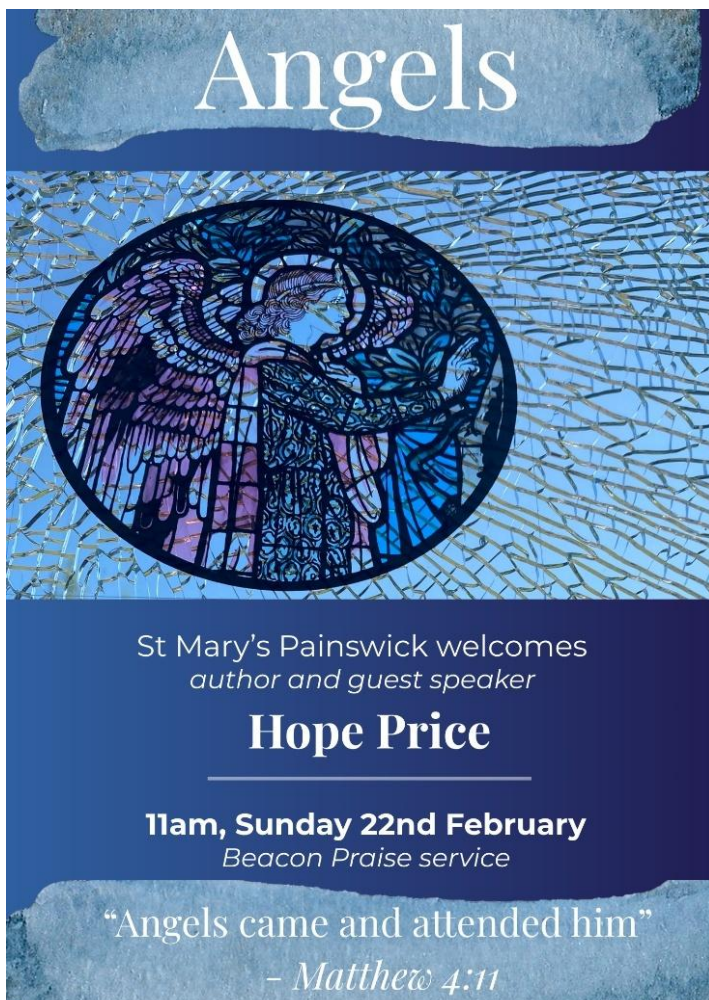


Sheepscombe

## DON'T MISS NEXT SUNDAY

### Angels

Hope Price Author of the book Angels - True stories and how they touch lives is going to be the guest speaker at our Beacon Praise service at St Mary's in Painswick on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. All are welcome, and there will also be copies of the book available for purchase should you wish.



## Daffodil Weekend

Please come along and enjoy the sight of our churchyard full of wild daffodils; stroll amongst the old chest tombs; take a peek inside our 14th century church especially decorated to celebrate the daffodils and then take the short walk down to the parish hall where you can view the newly created burial plan of the churchyard; read some of the fascinating history about families who lived in the village many years ago and who are buried in the churchyard; admire the beautiful quilts created by Elizabeth Mayo and then enjoy a well-earned tea or coffee and a piece of home-made cake. Donations towards refreshments would be welcome. We are praying for dry weather and that the daffodils are fully open.

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Harescombe's Daffodil Weekend

St John's Church:	Village Hall:
• Tales from the graves • Textiles inspired by the Church • Daffodil service Sunday 9.30am	• Harescombe 'Horrible Histories' • Life & times of Harescombe parishioners • Refreshments

Parking available near the Church, GL4 0XD

	Saturday 7th March	2.30pm-5pm	
	Sunday 8th March	10.30-3.30pm	

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.

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## Painswick Music Society - 80<sup>th</sup> 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](http://painswickmusicsoc.co.uk)



Concerts  
**2026**



**Painswick**  
MUSIC SOCIETY  
*80<sup>th</sup> Season*



## In conversation with...

Join us for First Thursdays at The Painswick Centre when we interview local authors and writers from further afield. Meet the author, get your book signed, meet fellow book lovers and enjoy a glass of wine

Buy your tickets at  
[www.firstthursdayspainswick.co.uk](http://www.firstthursdayspainswick.co.uk)

## Announcing our Spring Season



**Jay Griffiths - How Animals Heal Us**  
 5th February 2026  
 19:30 - 21:00 (Doors open at 7pm)



**Keggie Carew-Dadland**  
 12th March 2026  
 19:30 - 21:00 (Doors open at 7pm)



**Alice Jolly - The Matchbox Girl**  
 7th May 2026  
 19:30 - 21:00 (Doors open at 7pm)



**Arthur Snell - Elemental**  
 How we will live on a warming planet.  
 4th June 2026  
 19:30 - 21:00 (Doors open at 7pm)

Location: The Painswick Centre, Bisley Street, Painswick, GL6 6QQ



**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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|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 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



## Coffee Hotspots

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

**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

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Church Contacts

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

Painswick Church Rooms Bookings Co-ordinator:
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



Pictured above: Safeguarding Officer Diane Blandford

Meet Diane, one of our Safeguarding Officers. Diane is the first point of contact for any safeguarding concerns in Cranham, Harescombe, Painswick and Pitchcombe.

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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.**



**Stroud  
Deanery**

**PRAY**

**INVITE**

**CREATE**

**CHANGE**

### Communication

**Do you know someone who could be involved in developing a communications strategy?**

#### Outputs:

A deanery-wide communications strategy (branding, storytelling, digital presence).

Professionalised digital media (website, social media, video, live-streaming).

Training for parishes in local comms and digital engagement.

### Ministry & Leadership

**Do you know someone who could be part of a group involved in helping create a deanery plan for deployment of clergy?**

#### Outputs:

A deanery-wide plan for clergy and lay deployment.

Training and encouragement for lay ministries and vocations.

Strategic posts to resource transformation: DTL (3 years), Family Worker, Stroudwater Missioner.

Outcome: Clergy and lay leaders deployed wisely, resourced well, and released to serve in mission and ministry.

### Buildings Finance and Assets

**Do you know someone who could be part of a deanery finance group or a deanery buildings group?**

#### Outputs:

A deanery-wide buildings audit.

Shared expertise in maintenance, contracts, and community use.

Clear plans for buildings which cannot be sustained.

Shared financial strategies and accountability.

Outcome: Church buildings that are fit for purpose, mission-focused, and sustainable.

Please ask anyone interested to contact Sally Withers  
[sally@stroud-deanery.org.uk](mailto:sally@stroud-deanery.org.uk)

## **Church Opening Times**

**Cranham** 10am – 5pm

**Painswick** 9.30am – 5pm

**Pitchcombe** 9am – 5pm

**Edge** 8am – 5pm

**Harescombe** always open

**Sheepscombe** 8am – 4pm

## **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.**