

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 12 th April	2 nd Sunday of Easter	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Worship
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	Painswick	Family Worship and Baptisms 
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion
11.00am	<u>Harescombe</u> with Edge	Morning Worship

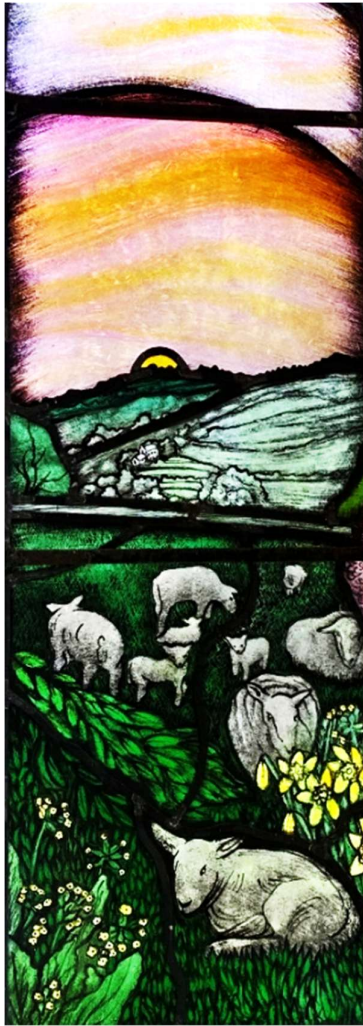
Monday 13 th April 9.30am	Edge	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 14 th April 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 15 th April 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kridding07@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday 16 th April 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer Email Karen (as above) for link

Sunday 19 th April	3 rd Sunday of Easter	
9.30am	Edge with Harescombe	Morning Worship
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen



Beacon People and Prayers

Is there someone in particular you would like us to pray for?

Beacon Intercessory Prayer Co-ordinator: 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 **Julie Berry, Basil Butler, Liz Flint, Jean Garratt, Irene Hodges, Valerie-Ann Hutton, Peter Jenkins, Elaine Leach, Denise Magauran, Sue Pouncey, Don Say, Hazel Stacey, 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 **Graham Baker, Sue Dunnett, Michael James, Bill Lambell, Tom Mahendran, Mary Morse, Barbara O'Dwyer, and Christine West.** 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.

A thanksgiving service for **Mary Atkinson** will take place at **1pm** on **14th April 2026** at **St John the Baptist, Pitchcombe.**

A thanksgiving service for **Susan Dunnett** will take place at **2pm** on **16th April 2026** at **St Mary's the Virgin, Painswick.**

Tom Mahendran's funeral will be held at **St John's, Sheepscombe** on **6th May 2026** at **11am.**



Baptisms

Please pray for James and Alexander Compton who are being baptised on 12th April at St Mary's Painswick by Revd Helen as part of the family service at 11am. As usual, everyone is really welcome to come along to our worship and support the boys and their family.



Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (APCCM) Announcement

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings (APCCMs) will take place in the respective churches (unless stated otherwise) as follows:

Edge - 19th April at 10.30am

Sheepscombe - 19th April at 12.30pm

Pitchcombe - 22nd April at 2pm

Harescombe - 12th May at 12 noon

**Painswick - 23rd April supper at 6.15pm
in the Church Rooms, meeting due
to start at 7pm.**

Cranham - 26th April at 12.30pm





GOOD NEWS

Sherlock Supper – Sherlock Investigates Easter

The recent Sherlock Supper was a wonderful success, bringing together families for an afternoon full of fun, creativity, and celebration. With crafts, games, and story time, there was plenty to keep everyone entertained as we explored the Easter story in an engaging way.



Guests enjoyed the delicious supper, kindly prepared by CTAP of lamb meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta, followed by crumble and custard—both of which went down very well!

It was lovely to see so many people come along, and the atmosphere was warm, welcoming, and full of laughter. Thank you to everyone who helped, came along, and made the event so special. We're already looking forward to the next one!



Easter Gardens

It was wonderful to welcome so many local families for the Easter Garden Workshop, following on from the Sherlock Supper the previous evening—where some of the same families had heard the Easter story.



We enjoyed a fantastic time making beautiful Easter gardens, children enjoyed building their own miniature Easter gardens, complete with crosses, pathways, and greenery. The church was filled with a lovely sense of community.

As well as creating their own gardens to take home, children also helped to build the Easter garden in Painswick Church, bringing the story of Easter to life in a shared and visual way. Thank you to everyone who came along, and to all those who generously gave their time and energy to make the event a success.





Good Friday Procession Of Witness

The threatened rain held off for the Good Friday Procession of Witness. The procession started at the church of our Lady & St. Therese, proceeded through St. Mary's churchyard to a service held on the grass by the A46, just outside the Lychgate. There were over 50 participants, including Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury and following a moving service, all went off to sample the hot cross buns at the town hall.



Easter at St John's Edge

Our Easter Sunday worship at Edge culminated in an Easter Egg hunt after the service and a whole basket- full of chocolate eggs was shared among then congregation. Reverend Andrew Leach led the Easter Communion Service and Paul Smith was the organist. After the lighting of the Easter candle and the blessing of the Easter garden, friends from Harescombe and Edge joined in a joyous service, with readings by Jolyon and Ian. After the service, whilst everyone was enjoying the usual Edge hospitality the 3 young ladies in the photograph worked hard to find all of the eggs which had been carefully hidden. It was wonderful to see the church so full for such a special service and for us all to share this Easter Service.



Easter at St James Cranham

An Easter celebration of light, spring flowers and Easter eggs was held at Cranham Church on Sunday for Easter Communion. The church was blessed with a full congregation - such a joyous occasion!





Painswick Egg Hunt

The Painswick Playgroup Committee, along with all our families, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support of the Easter Egg Hunt this year. The event was a wonderful success, and it was truly appreciated by everyone who attended. We received many grateful comments from visitors, particularly about the welcoming refreshments—tea and coffee—which added to the warm and friendly atmosphere of the day. There were also countless remarks on how impressive the Easter egg display in the church was, which clearly made a lasting impression on all who saw it. We would especially like to thank Paradise for their incredible contribution. It is this kind of community spirit and collaboration that makes

events like these so special. Thank you once again to everyone involved for helping create such a memorable occasion.

The Painswick Playgroup Committee & Families

"The coral reef egg has been the work of many hands and indeed hearts, both students (people of Paradise), and our dedicated staff team. At last count, over 20 creative souls helped in its making."

Paradise House – Novalis Trust



Easter Lily Fund

If you would like to donate to the Easter Lily Fund in memory of a loved one, please contact Freda at 01452 812376 or Court Cottage, Hale Lane with the name of the person to be remembered. Send any donations to the Benefice Office please (cheques made payable to 'St Mary's Church PCC' or cash in an envelope is fine, too). *Freda Steed*



Attention All Gardeners!

During Christian Aid week, 10th-16th May, there will be a 'bring and buy' Garden Shop on Sunday 16th May at St. Mary's Church Rooms. If any keen gardener would like to grow plants for the shop it would be greatly appreciated.

Home Communion, Home Visits and Lifts to Church

If you are in need of home communion, **please contact Delyth Allen (Pastoral Visitor) 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.

What's On...



BEACON MEN'S STUFF

Please join us for coffee, bacon baps and fellowship.
All are welcome!

SAT. 11TH APRIL 2026
9AM ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOMS

For more details and to book your place contact:
Mike Campbell (07812 000646) or
Ian Marsh (07990 578671)

GUEST SPEAKER:
MARTIN KINGSTON KC



The Painswick Centre
at the heart of Painswick

Utrillo Jazz Trio

BAR & FOOD FROM 6.30PM
LIVE MUSIC FROM 7.30PM

SAT 11TH APRIL

£12.50 ENTRY

Tickets - link on Painswickcentre.com, facebook or
Instagram
QR Code below
Email: Manager@painswickcentre.com
Phone: 01452 814567



The final ALPHA event, which is open to ANYONE INTERESTED, will be the **ALPHA Celebration** on **27th April** at **7.00pm** in the **Painswick Centre**, Beacon Hall - a bring-and-share meal with stories to tell, fellowship to enjoy and celebratory worship as we give thanks to God! Do please let the office know if you intend to come
beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

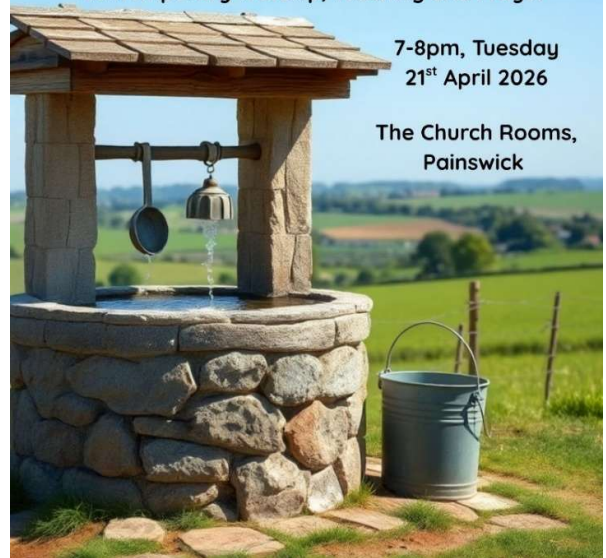
All who are thirsty, come to

THE Well

Contemporary Worship, Teaching and Prayer

7-8pm, Tuesday
21st April 2026

The Church Rooms,
Painswick



NEW! The Bible Course



The Bible Course :

grasp God's big story in 8 weeks!



Monday nights from 11th May
7.30pm, The Church Rooms

Starting this May - Ever wondered how the whole Bible fits together? Join us for *The Bible Course*, an engaging 8-week journey that helps you grasp God's big story from beginning to end. Meeting on Monday evenings from **11th May at 7:30pm** in the **Painswick Church Rooms**, we'll share a cuppa and dive into this study by Dr Andrew Ollerton – brought to you by The Bible Society.

Whether you're new to the Bible or looking to deepen your understanding, this course is for you. Register your interest using the form below - If you can't make it this time but are interested, please still register and let us know—we'd love to keep you informed about future courses.

Register **here**: <https://forms.gle/kBA981GMZbNUwJUM7>

All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!

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## In Monty's Footsteps

I visited the Imperial War Museum to look through his (Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery) diaries. I was struck by the scale of his journey in the weeks before D-Day – travelling the length and breadth of Britain, meeting the troops, watching training exercises and visiting factories. The purpose was to raise morale not just in the troops but in the country as a whole.

Inspired by this, I am going on a journey of my own – '**In Monty's Footsteps**' – and I invite you to join me.



*Henry Montgomery, grandson of Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery and Trustee of the Normandy Memorial Trust.*

Over the course of eight weeks of travelling through Britain and Normandy, I hope to uncover and share the human stories behind that moment in history, while supporting the educational work of the British Normandy Memorial. 'In Monty's Footsteps' will reflect on the national and individual collective effort, sacrifices and personal stories that shaped and ultimately ensured the remarkable success of D-Day and the Normandy Campaign.

You can follow Henry's journey **@BritishMemorial** on Facebook, X and Instagram.

From **Friday 1st May 2026**, 'In Monty's Footsteps', the **podcast and documentary series**, will be available at:

**[www.britishnormandymemorial.org/monty/](http://www.britishnormandymemorial.org/monty/)** and across all major podcast platforms.



## Coffee morning Cancelled - Pitchcombe

Pitchcombe's coffee morning on **Tuesday, April 14th** is cancelled as there is to be a funeral in the church on that day.

## 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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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

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## **NEW! FROM THE ROCOCO GARDENS: Rococo Garden's April news**



Spring has arrived at **Painswick Rococo Garden**, bringing with it one of the most colourful times of the year.

Across the garden, around **250,000 daffodils** are in bloom, creating a flowing display of gold, cream and soft white through the orchards, woodland and garden paths. Hellebores and other early spring flowers add to the seasonal interest, while trees and shrubs are beginning to come back into leaf. In the Exedra Garden, spring bulbs provide a particularly beautiful display.

From **28 March to 19 April**, the garden will be open daily for its Easter event, **Rococo's Egg-stra Fun Family Trail**. Known for its imaginative approach to family activities, the garden offers a trail designed to spark curiosity and creativity. As visitors follow winding paths and explore hidden corners, children can discover curious animals and their eggs, design their own magical egg creations and take part in a range of playful challenges along the way.

The café will be serving a selection of light lunches, including fresh salads, and visitors are reminded that there is no admission charge to visit the café, shop or Exedra nursery.

**With spring unfolding across the landscape and a variety of activities to enjoy, April is a lively and engaging time to visit the garden.**

## **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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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
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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

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

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## Church Opening Times

**Cranham** 10am – 5pm

**Painswick** 9.30am – 5pm

**Pitchcombe** 9am – 5pm

**Edge** 8am – 5pm

**Harescombe** always open

**Sheepscombe** 9am – 5pm

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Blessing

May the peace of God which is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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