

# BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

## What's on this week

| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter |                         |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9.30am                        | <b>Edge</b> with Harescombe      | Morning Worship         |
| 11.00am                       | Sheepscombe                      | Morning Worship         |
| 11.00am                       | Painswick                        | Holy Communion          |
| 6.30pm                        | Cranham                          | Evensong ( <i>BCP</i> ) |

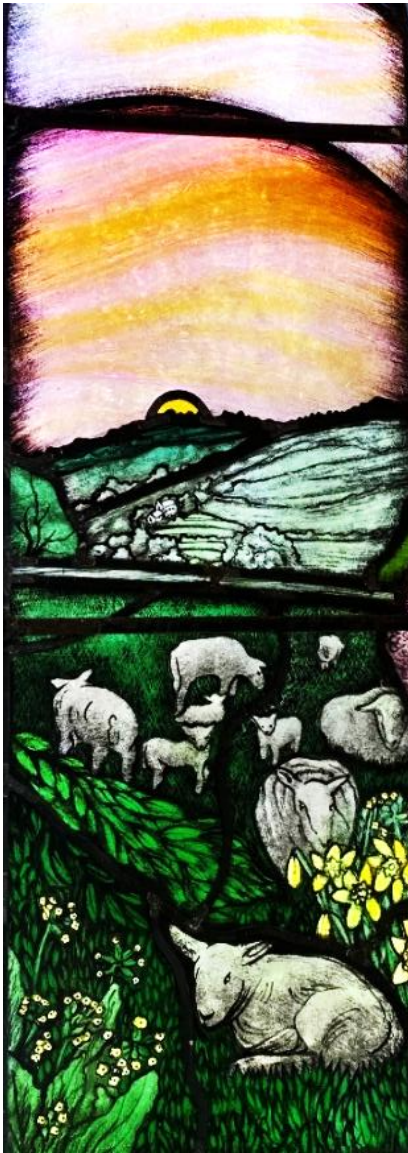
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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 9.00am    | Cranham          | Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>                                                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 9.00am   | Painswick        | Morning Prayer <i>with coffee+</i>                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 7.00pm   | The Church Rooms | The Well                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 9.00am | Via Zoom         | Beacon Prayer<br>Email: <a href="mailto:lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com">lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com</a><br>or Karen: <a href="mailto:kriding07@yahoo.co.uk">kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</a> |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 9.30am  | Via Zoom         | Northumbrian Morning Prayer<br>Email Karen (as above) for link                                                                                                                     |

| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter |                 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9.30am                        | Pitchcombe                       | Holy Communion  |
| 11.00am                       | Sheepscombe                      | Holy Communion  |
| 11.00am                       | Cranham                          | Morning Worship |
| 11.00am                       | Painswick                        | Beacon Praise   |
| 6.00pm                        | Painswick                        | Evensong        |

### Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory 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](mailto: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 **Sue Dunnett, Michael James, Bill Lambell, Tom Mahendran, Mary Morse, and Barbara O'Dwyer.** 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.

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

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## 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 – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am**

**Harescombe - 12<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon**

**Sheepscombe – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
at 12.30pm**

**Painswick – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April -  
supper at 6.15pm in the Church Rooms,  
meeting due to start at 7pm.**

**Pitchcombe – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
at 2pm**

**Cranham – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm**

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## 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](mailto: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.



## GOOD NEWS!

### James and Alexander Compton Baptism

Brothers James and Alexander Compton were baptised by Revd Helen during our Family Service on Sunday 12th April. Vics Soutar also shared in the welcoming and leading of the Service with Helen. It was a joy to have the Compton family and their friends supporting and encouraging the boys, aged 10 and 5, and made for a warm family atmosphere throughout.

We learnt how the wise man built his house upon the rock, which stayed standing and the foolish man built his on the sand, which fell flat and how we should build our lives on the sure foundation of faith in Jesus.

Thank you to the Comptons for bringing James and Alexander to be welcomed into the Church family.



### Men's Stuff

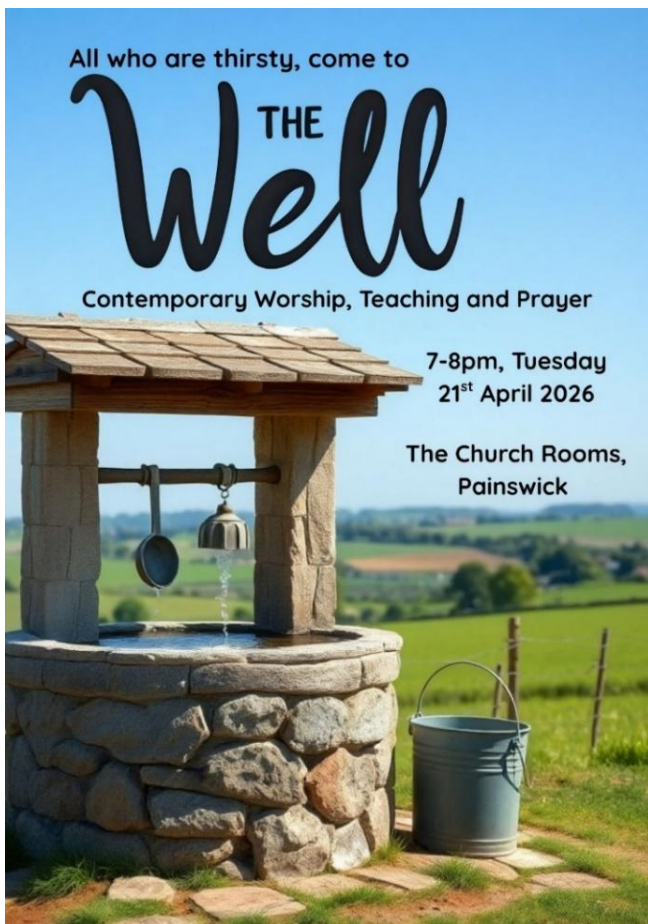
What an excellent meeting we enjoyed last Saturday at the Men's Breakfast! As well as great bacon baps produced by Mike Campbell and Francis Sanville (thanks, guys!!) and warm fellowship with 27 men from all around the Benefice, we were deeply moved by a talk from Martin Kingston KC on living and dealing with grief. Martin, who lives in Kemble, was the top lawyer in his field (Development) for over 20 years and presented Cases to the Supreme Court on at least two occasions. He represented our Diocese on General Synod and was a member of our Bishop's Council. Two years ago his life was rocked when his son, Tom, took his own life. It was all fairly high profile, which meant that the family's grieving was carried out in the public arena. It was clearly

a traumatic and very painful time for Martin, more painful emotionally even than physical pain - but his faith and trust in Christ enabled him nevertheless to push through.

In a very moving talk, Martin spoke about leaning into the pain rather than attempting to deny it; being thankful (not easy) for what he had and has, rather than airbrushing the trauma out of his life; and discovering that in the vulnerability that comes from deep trauma, one can develop an openness to other people's pain that is ultimately healing.

**The talk was recorded and is available on the Men's Stuff WhatsApp; it will be relevant to a lot of men who have faced challenges and pain in their lives. Contact Ian Marsh on [iwmarsh21@gmail.com](mailto:iwmarsh21@gmail.com) for more information.**

***Paul Kenchington***



## What's On...



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 by [registering here](#) or emailing [beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com)





### The Bible Course :

grasp God's big story in 8 weeks!



**Monday nights from 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
**7.30pm, The Church Rooms**

## NEW! The Bible Course

**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 **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 by clicking here](https://forms.gle/kBA981GMZbNUwJUM7) or copy this link <https://forms.gle/kBA981GMZbNUwJUM7>  
**All are welcome – we'd love to see you there!**



### Attention All Gardeners!

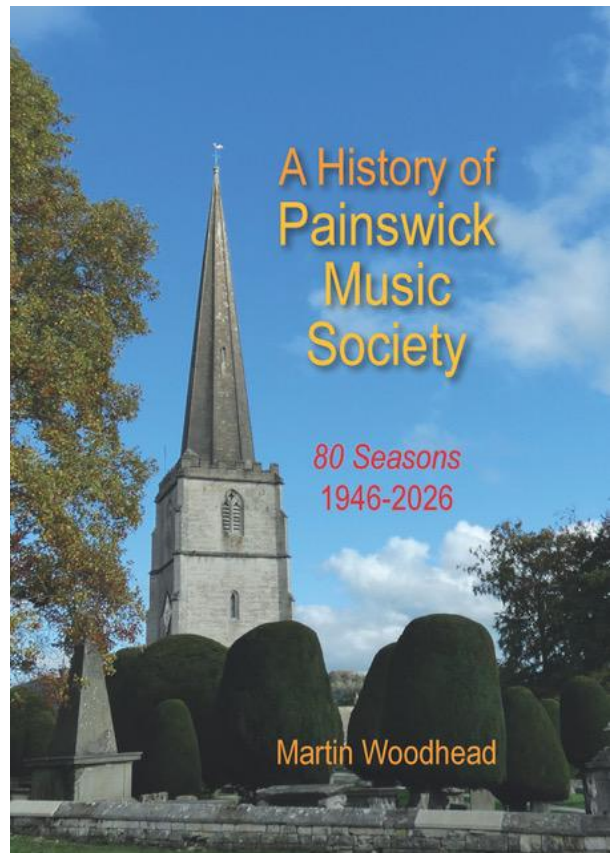
During Christian Aid week, 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a 'bring and buy' Garden Shop on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May at St. Mary's Church Rooms. If any keen gardener would like to grow plants for the shop it would be greatly appreciated.



### Painswick Music Society

Our latest concert has officially **sold out**, marking a wonderful moment in our 80th Anniversary celebrations.

"A History of Painswick Music Society" is a celebration of the Society's 80th Anniversary Season, written by Chair, Prof. Martin Woodhead. The book explores how the charity got started in 1946, the people involved, the challenges they faced, as well as their achievements, notably attracting hundreds of famous musicians and singers. Copies are available at all this year's concerts, no charge, but please make a donation to support the charity - in cash, by card or via the 'Support' page at [www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk](http://www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk).



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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

## NEW! FROM THE ROCOCO GARDENS:

May will bring something a little different at Rococo Garden, where a range of seasonal activities are planned.

On **16<sup>th</sup> May**, the garden will host an “**En Plein Air**” **painting competition**, turning the grounds into an open-air studio for the day. Visitors can wander through the garden and watch artists at work as they capture its character and spring colour. The competition is open to 2D artists of all ages, abilities and styles - from experienced painters to those simply keen to have a go - making it an accessible and creative event for participants and observers alike.

Later in the month, from **23rd – 31st May**, '**Buzzly's Bee Busy Trail**' offers a family-friendly half-term activity. Children are invited to follow Buzzly the honey bee through winding paths and hidden corners, using their senses to explore nature. Additionally, there is a special '**Bee Day**' on **30 May**, featuring a live observation hive, beeswax candle rolling, short talks and honey tasting. These activities aim to give a closer understanding of bees and how they support our environment. The garden itself provides plenty to enjoy at a relaxed pace. As the last surviving Rococo garden in England designed purely for pleasure, it features rolling lawns, ornamental follies and quiet corners to explore. Late May is a particularly colourful time, with aquilegia (columbine), iris and sweet william in bloom, alongside fresh growth in the Kitchen Garden.

The garden is open **Wednesday to Sunday (and daily during the half-term week)**, from **10am to 5pm**.



## 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.**



## 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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## 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  
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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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## 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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