

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

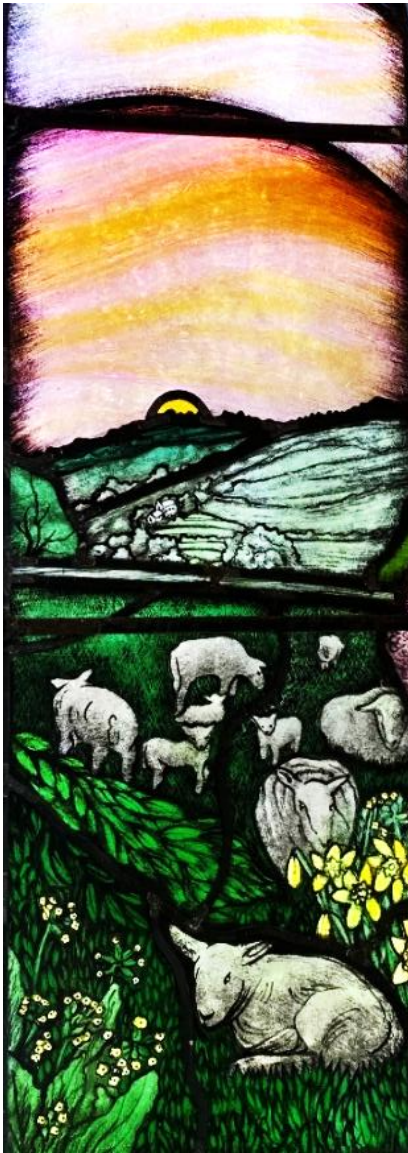
What's on this week

Saturday 9 th May 12 - 4.30pm	The Church Rooms  Cream Teas / Garden Shop
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Sunday 10 th May	6 th Sunday of Easter	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Worship
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	Harescombe with Edge	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Painswick	 Family Worship

Monday 11 th May 9.30am	Edge	Morning Prayer
Monday 11 th May 7.30pm	The Church Rooms	NEW Bible Society: The Bible Course
Tuesday 12 th May 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Tuesday 12 th May 7.30pm	The Church Rooms 	Christian Aid Supper
Wednesday 13 th May 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday 14 th May 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer Email Karen (as above) for link
Thursday 14 th May 6.30pm	Cranham	Ascension Day Holy Communion

Sunday 17 th May	7 th 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 6th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

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## 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, Irene Hodges, Valerie-Ann Hutton, Peter Jenkins, Elaine Leach, Sue Pouncey, 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 **Basil Butler, Sue Dunnett, Bill Lambell, Tom Mahendran, Denise Magauran, Alan Price, Audrey Reeves and Laurence Turner.** 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.

**Audrey Reeves' funeral will take place at Gloucester Crematorium at 2pm on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

**Alan Price's funeral will take place at 11am on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at St Mary's Painswick.**

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Weddings

Please pray for **Frances Hibbert** and **Martin Arnal**, who are to be wed at **11.30am** at St Mary's Painswick on **Saturday 9th May.**

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## Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (APCCM) Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the remaining Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (APCCM) for this year will take place as follows:

**Harescombe – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Parish Hall, Harescombe**

## GOOD NEWS!

### In Monty's Footsteps

This week marks the release of the first episode of the new *In Monty's Footsteps* podcast series. In Episode 1, *The Path to D-Day*, Henry Montgomery begins with a fascinating first guest: historian and author Tim Bouverie.

Together, they explore the immense scale, planning, and risk behind the D-Day landings—one of the most significant military operations in modern history. Their conversation also asks a compelling question: what might the consequences have been if D-Day had failed? Listen now to Episode 1, *The Path to D-Day*, from *In Monty's Footsteps*, and follow Henry's journey as he retraces the events, people, and places connected to 1944.

Follow Henry's journey @**BritishMemorial**, and listen to *In Monty's Footsteps* podcast - [www.britishnormandymemorial.org/monty](http://www.britishnormandymemorial.org/monty)



Henry Montgomery in South Shields

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What's On...

NEW! The Bible Course – Monday 11th May. Arrive for a 7.30pm start!

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!



The Bible Course: grasp God's big story in 8 weeks!



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

Want to join us?

Contact beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Suggested £20 donation, which includes your Bible Course guidebook.

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2026



Belinda Kasudi lives with her husband David and their five children in a wooden one-bedroom home in Dagoretti, Nairobi. David works for a building company, but his shifts are irregular. Some days there is no work – and no pay. Belinda picks up whatever jobs she can find, such as taking in laundry for neighbours. A stable income is vital for Belinda's family. As she tells us: **'Everything here has to be paid for. We even buy water... Providing enough food for the children is very difficult, because it's so tough to find a job.'**

Belinda loves learning and is excited to be part of the Imarisha Kilimo project. She has been able to create her own water-saving cone garden, growing spinach, beetroot and local specialities such as *managu*. Belinda delights in being able to feed her children fresh ingredients, and in selling any extra vegetables to help with costs like school supplies. As she joyfully explains: **'I am a woman who is happy, because I know that my family eats the food that I love to grow.'** Join us this Christian Aid week to help fund lasting change for people like Belinda.

On **Saturday 9th May**, the Painswick Valley Christian Aid committee will serve **Cream Teas from 12 - 4.30pm**, and a **bring and buy garden shop from 11am - 4.30pm** at St. Mary's Church Rooms Painswick. Do drop in for a warm welcome.

A **3-course salmon supper** will be held at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 12th May**, also in the Church Rooms, tickets in advance from Jane Burt, 01452 810935 or Dylan Davies, 01452 812966.

And look out for the drop-off envelope coming through your door - if you wish to contribute it can be returned to your village drop-off point, in the case of Painswick this is the Lychgate office. Alternatively, you can donate online by scanning the relevant QR code below.



Cranham



Painswick, Pitchcombe,
Edge & Harescombe



Sheepscombe

Thank you. *The Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee.*



Cranham to Host Benefice Ascension Day Service



On **Thursday 14th May at 6.30pm**, all are welcome to celebrate with us as we mark Jesus' bodily ascension to heaven at this special service and begin to pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to move in our communities.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the global prayer movement called *Thy Kingdom Come*. Across the world, the nine days after Ascension Day (until the eve of Pentecost) will be observed as days of prayer and preparation for the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the 'birth' of Christ's church. During this time, here in our Benefice we will be joining in with this wave of prayer – so come along to our Ascension Day Service to find out more.

Meanwhile, please also save the date of **Tuesday, 19th May**, when we will gather at St Mary's, Painswick, at **7pm** for a time of dedicated praise and prayer for '*Thy Kingdom Come*'.



Cranham School: Wildlife Trail & Country Fair

Come and Support Cranham School's

🌿 Wildlife Trail & Country Fair 🌿

📍 **Cranham Cricket Club**

📅 **Saturday 16th May**

🕒 **11am – 5pm**

🎫 **Wildlife Trail Tickets: £5**

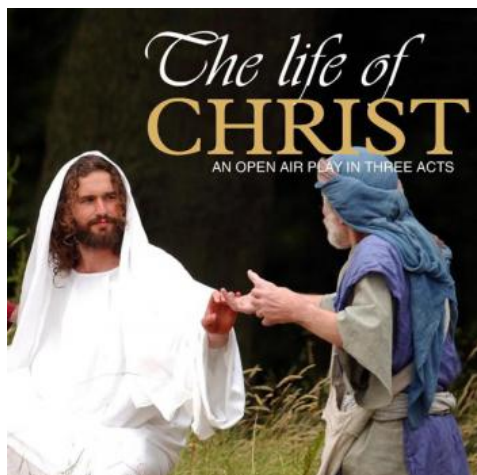
Join us for a fantastic day of **outdoor fun for the whole family!**

Enjoy the wildlife trail, country fair activities, and community fun while supporting Cranham School.



Wintershall: Life of Christ

Back by popular demand - Churches Together Around Painswick is once again organising a trip to the Wintershall Estate in Surrey.



 **Date:** Thursday 18th June
 **Travel:** A comfortable coach



Tickets are £35 and travel £35 each. We will leave at 7am and return by 6.30pm and travel comfortably by coach. Mobility transport is available at the site but we will need to take our own picnic, folding chair and refreshments.

If you do want to come or want to know more, please contact Ela Pathak-Sen, Chair of Churches Together by email ela@commotionuk.org or Clare Irving clareirvingx@gmail.com or Sue Leighton-Boyce suelboyce@gmail.com **ASAP**.

You will need to pay a deposit of £35 so that we can secure the tickets. We don't want anyone to miss out so if you do have difficulties paying please do get in touch and we will find a way to make this happen for you.

If you want to know more about this beautiful re-enactment, go to www.wintershall.org.uk

Last year's group said:

"Wintershall brought the Gospels alive, to think we have our own Oberammergau in this country, and we didn't know about it!"

"I loved the camaraderie as a group of Christians travelling together, sharing our experiences and worship."

"I have seen the Passion Play performed in Trafalgar Square – this is on a different scale, Christ walking in our English countryside – there is even a sea of Galilee."

"I was so taken with the school children, who immersed themselves in retelling the story of Jesus, what a wonderful way to bring the Gospel alive to the next generation!"



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.

Wycliffe Choral Society & Orchestra

Verdi Requiem



Jessica Robinson *soprano*
Beth Moxon *mezzo soprano*
Andrew Henley *tenor*
William Stevens *bass*

Leader - George Ewart
Conductor - Christopher Swain

Sunday 10th May, 7pm
Wycliffe College Chapel, Stonehouse

Tickets: £18 (under 18's £2.00). Available from:

- Ticketsource
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wycliffe-choral-society
Phone: 0333 666 4466
- Canal Trust Bookshop: Queen's Rd, Stonehouse
(Wed, Fri and Sat 10 - 4pm)
- Stroud Sub Rooms: 01453-796880, thesubrooms.co.uk
- Pay on the door



Wycliffe Choral Society & Orchestra

Wycliffe Choral Society & Orchestra present Verdi's Requiem on **Sunday 10 May at 7pm** in **Wycliffe College Chapel**, Stonehouse. We're delighted to welcome stellar soloists in demand across the UK and internationally, including Jessica Robinson, a recent finalist in Cardiff Singer of the World.

This concert is also a special occasion, marking my final performance after 43 years as Musical Director. We hope you can join us for this memorable evening.

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 **16th 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.**



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.

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.**

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

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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 road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.