

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

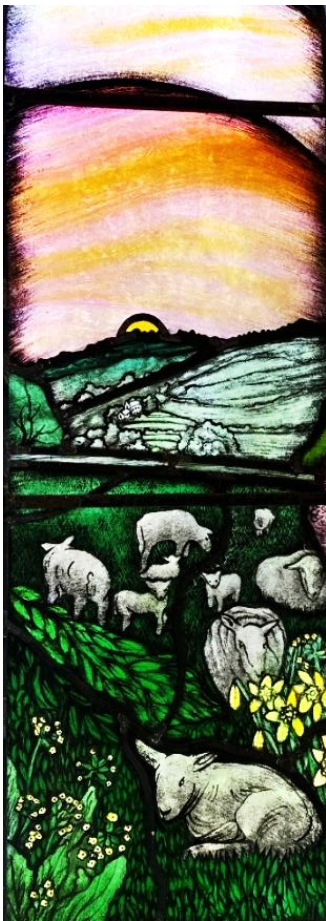
Sunday 14 th June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	Harescombe with Edge	Morning Worship
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Family Worship  

Monday 15 th June 9.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Monday 15 th June 7.30pm	The Church Rooms	The Bible Course
Tuesday 16 th June 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 17 th June 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday 17 th June 11.00am	Resthaven	Holy Communion
Thursday 18 th June 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer Email Karen (as above) for link

Sunday 21 st June	Father's Day	
9.30am	Edge with Harescombe	Edge Village Hall - Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00am	Pitchcombe	Flower Festival 
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 **Hannah Darrock, John Gazzard, Irene Hodges, Valerie-Ann Hutton, Peter Jenkins, Elaine Leach, Lyndsay Thomas 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, Gillian Gowers, Denise Magauran, Alan Price 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.

The funeral of **Gillian Gowers** will take place at **1.30pm on Thursday 25th June at St Mary's Painswick.**



Baptisms



Cressida Lait (pictured left with her parents) will be baptised at 12 noon on Saturday 13th June at St John's, Sheepscombe. Please pray for Cressida, her godparents and her parents Megan and Jamie.



Weddings

We are delighted to celebrate with the following couples as they prepare for their wedding days. Please hold them in your prayers, asking God's blessing on their relationships, their wedding preparations, and their future married life.



Sean Darby & Francesca Pickin
Saturday 20th June
at St Mary's, Painswick.



Oliver Bruce & Kerrie Haines
Saturday 27th June
at St John the Baptist, Sheepscombe.



GOOD NEWS!

We are delighted to introduce Kate Davies, who will be joining the Beacon Benefice as our **new curate**, following her ordination as deacon at 10.15am on 28th June in Gloucester Cathedral. We encourage you to keep her in your prayers and we look forward to welcoming Kate to our churches and communities and getting to know her in the months ahead.



Christian Aid Week - THANK YOU!



This Christian Aid week we raised a total of £8,287, including Gift Aid. On behalf of Christian Aid, the Painswick Valley Christian Aid Committee thank all those who donated, delivered envelopes, and helped at or attended the events in St. Mary's church rooms. Your kindness and generosity will enable Christian Aid to help farmers in poorer countries become more resilient, in the fight against hunger and the climate crisis.



In Monty's Footsteps: update



This week marked the culmination of Henry's *In Monty's Footsteps* journey as he travelled from Portsmouth to Normandy alongside Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Eighty-two years after D-Day, the grandchildren of two of the Allied campaign's most influential leaders came together with veterans and their families to remember, reflect and honour those who served.

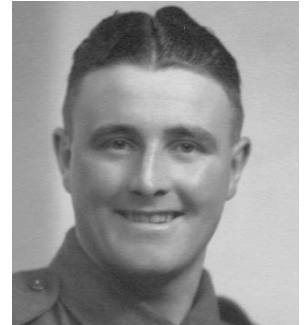
Henry's journey concluded on the 82nd anniversary of D-Day, when he completed the final 22-kilometre walk across Sword, Juno and Gold beaches, paying tribute to the 22,540 servicemen and women commemorated on the British Normandy Memorial.





Arriving in Ver-sur-Mer, overlooking Gold Beach and home to the British Normandy Memorial, Henry met Normandy veteran Ken Hay. In the latest podcast episode, Ken reflects on the loss of his friend, Private Dennis Circus, one of the 22,540 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Battle of Normandy. His recollections provide a powerful reminder of the personal stories behind the names inscribed on the memorial.

Paul Harris told Henry how he discovered the moving story of Private George Hanks through a box of wartime love letters. He explained how his mother passed on letters written by his grandfather, George, from the front line. Paul travelled to Estry in Normandy, where his grandfather was killed. There he met Albert, who, as a 12-year-old boy during the war, had tended George's grave on his family's farm. The podcast shares extracts from these letters, helping to keep the memory of those who served alive.



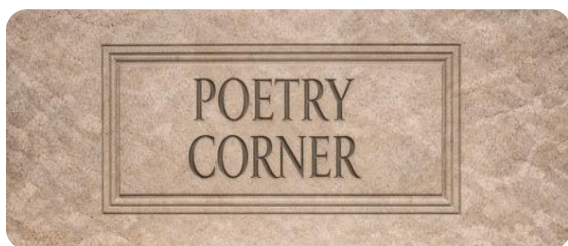
Episode six of the podcast also highlights several other poignant stories that reveal the human experiences behind the Battle of Normandy. These include a 16-year-old boy who ran away from home to join the Parachute Regiment, Corporal Sydney Bates—the only Victoria Cross recipient commemorated on the British Normandy Memorial—and Captain George Muller, a member of the French Resistance who fought alongside Allied forces during the liberation of France.



Henry's challenge may have come to an end, but the mission to preserve these stories continues. The fundraising target is £225,400—equivalent to £10 for each name on the memorial—with all funds supporting Operation Remembrance, the British Normandy Memorial's education programme, ensuring future generations continue to learn from the sacrifices made during the Second World War.

[Donate here.](#)

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**Do you have a submission  
for our poetry corner?**

Please email: [beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com)



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WHAT'S ON...

St Swithun's Church, Brookthorpe

Step inside one of Gloucestershire's hidden historic treasures at St Swithun's Church, Brookthorpe, on **Sunday 14th June** from **2–4pm**. As part of the Churches Conservation Trust's Celebrate Your Churches Festival, this special open afternoon offers a rare chance to explore this beautiful Grade II* listed church, discover its fascinating history, and help support its future. Refreshments will be available by donation, with all proceeds helping to care for this remarkable building.



Guided Visit to the Church of St James the Great, Cranham

June, Wednesday 17th at 10.00 am



Refreshments on arrival, followed by an illustrated presentation on the history of the church, and afterwards, time to look more closely round the church with our guides.

The presentation by Jan Whitton and Helen Daltry will cover the history of Cranham Church. Highlights include the C16th Flemish Triptych (pictured), restored organ, Memorial Lychgate, external stone carvings and the church's connection to Holst's hymn, 'In the Bleak Midwinter'.

All are welcome to join this group visit.

Cost £12 including refreshments and a donation to the church (£10 for CNFC Members).

To reserve a place, please contact Jane Rowe by email: janeerowe2015@gmail.com or tel. 07932 736 232. Organised by Jane Rowe on behalf of Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club.

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## LAST CALL FOR 2026 TRIP TO WINTERSHALL

**Wintershall: Life of Christ**

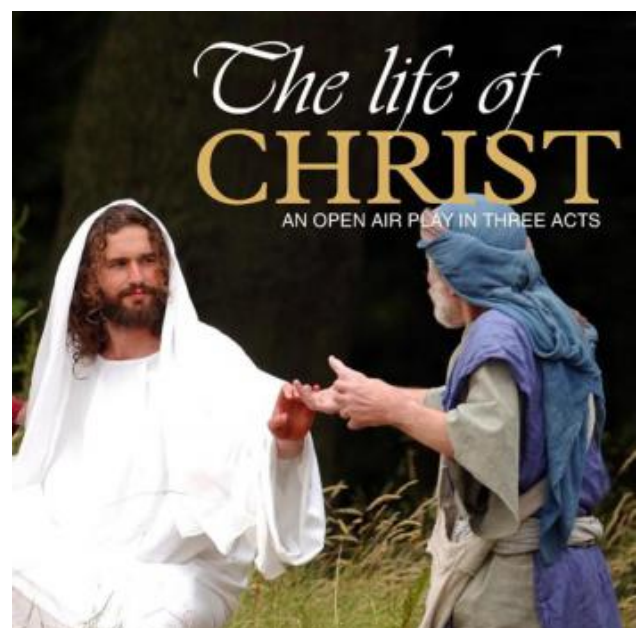
[www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)

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

**A FEW TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!  
DON'T DELAY BOOKING YOUR SEAT**

Tickets are £35 each 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 and suggest a folding chair, too.

If you do want to come or want to know more, please contact Ela Pathak-Sen, by email [ela@commotionuk.org](mailto:ela@commotionuk.org) or Clare Irving [clareirvingx@gmail.com](mailto:clareirvingx@gmail.com) 01452 814242, or Sue Leighton-Boyce [suelboyce@gmail.com](mailto:suelboyce@gmail.com).



**Only 1 week before we go, so you will need to pay in full!**

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Flower Festival at Pitchcombe Church 20th – 21st June

Everyone is warmly invited to the annual Flower Festival at Pitchcombe Church on **Saturday 20 June and Sunday 21 June.**

The church will be beautifully decorated with floral displays and open to visitors throughout the weekend. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall on Saturday from 10.00am–4.00pm and on Sunday from 2.00pm–5.00pm.

On Sunday, a special Flower Festival **Service will be held at 11.00am**, followed by Pimm's in the churchyard at 12 noon.

Whether you are interested in flowers or simply enjoying a summer afternoon in the village, we would be delighted to welcome you.

Free entry – all welcome.



Painswick Summer Evening Art Walks

The much-loved Painswick Summer Evening Art Walks return on **Thursday 25 June and 30 July** from **5.30–7.30pm**. Explore the village while discovering work by talented local artists and makers, with studios, galleries, cafés and businesses opening their doors for the evening.

Visitors can enjoy live music, refreshments, street food and the chance to meet artists throughout the village.

Sarah Middleton will showcase her work in May and lead free guided Art Walks from the Painswick Centre at 6.30pm in June and July.

Join us for relaxed summer evenings celebrating art, community and creativity in Painswick.



Singing from the Heart

with Andrew Clark

10am – 4pm Saturday 4 July 2026

The Church Rooms, St Mary's Church, Painswick, Gloucestershire



Singing from the Heart

Come and enjoy the beauty of singing together. During the day we will learn simple sacred songs, chants and harmonies. These will be drawn from the Christian and other spiritual traditions. Singing from the heart helps us to connect, individually and collectively, with the flow of Universal Love. Through doing this, we can experience and reflect on singing as a spiritual practice. We will learn the chants by ear, so you do not need to be able to read music or be an experienced singer to enjoy this!

The programme will include:

- exploring the use of singing as spiritual practice
- learning a variety of sacred chants and rounds
- a sung prayerful offering at the end of the day using the chants that we have learnt together.

Booking is essential as numbers will be limited. If you would like to come, or for further information, please contact **Andrew Clark**, preferably by email: andrewjbclark@outlook.com or by mobile: 07729118876. Donations welcome (suggested amount £30).



Thames Head Singers present
Glorious Gloucestershire
Music, Wine and Cheese of our great county

Hosted by Mark Cummings
*broadcaster, travel writer and filmmaker
with words from his book 'Glorious Gloucestershire'*

Saturday 11th July 2026
St Mary's Church Painswick

Directed by Andrew Hopwood
Accompanied by Julian Elloway

6pm - Cheese and Wine
7pm - Music, featuring Parry, Holst and Vaughan Williams
and new works from talented local composers

Supporting the Hollie Gazzard Trust

Tickets £25 inc. cheese & wine
Concert only, £18 (18 and under free)
Available online from TicketSource
Box Office: 0333 666 3366
www.thamesheadsingers.org.uk



Thames Head Singers

Enjoy an evening of cheese, wine and song with local broadcaster and travel writer Mark Cummings. Thames Head Singers present choral music by Gloucestershire-linked composers including Parry, Holst, Vaughan Williams, Pearsall and Finzi, alongside premieres of new local works. The concert is directed by Andrew Hopwood and accompanied by Julian Elloway.

Mark will share stories from *Glorious Gloucestershire*, celebrating the county's rich musical heritage. Cheese, wine and local produce will be served before the concert and during the interval.

Cheese & wine: 6pm | **Concert:** 7pm

Tickets: £25 (including cheese and wine) | £18 (concert only) | Free for under-18s

Book online:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/thamesheadsingers/t-mijayyv>

Box Office: 0333 666 3366

Supporting the Hollie Gazzard Trust.



Home Communion, Home Visits and Lifts to Church

If you are in need of home communion, **please contact Delyth Allen (Pastoral Visitor) on 07854 262517 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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### 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.*



Brookthorpe



Cranham



Painswick



Harescombe



Edae



Sheepscombe

**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.

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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.



FROM THE ROCOCO GARDENS:

The gardens at Painswick Rococo Garden are coming into their own this June. Heritage roses are beginning to flower, filling the garden with colour and fragrance alongside a wide variety of early summer perennials. In the orchard, the blossom is quickly taking over, while the kitchen garden is already supplying the café with fresh salad crops, with much more seasonal produce to follow in the weeks ahead.



There are also several special events taking place during June.

On **13th June at 7pm**, *By a Lady – The Life and Wit of Jane Austen* will be performed in the Bowling Green. The production stars Juliet Stevenson, well known for roles in *Emma* and *Bend It Like Beckham*, the National Theatre and RSC, alongside Rachel Parris of *Austen* and *Live at the Apollo*. The performance weaves together Jane Austen's own writing with memorable moments from the much-loved characters she created.

Later in the month, the ever popular *The HandleBards* return to the garden with Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. Performances take place on **25th and 26th June at 6pm**, and on **27th June at 5pm**. Travelling by bicycle with all their costumes and props, the company is known for its lively and environmentally sustainable outdoor productions.

The garden is open **Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–5pm**, and there is no need to book for garden visits. Friends of the Garden, Historic Houses and RHS members visit for free. Gardener's World 2 for 1 cards are also accepted.

For event tickets and further information, visit www.rococogarden.org.uk.

Save the date! Painswick residents are invited to a picnic at the garden on 10 July. More details will follow soon.



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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Sheepscombe – Tessa Lentel Email: tessalentel@aol.com

Painswick Pastoral Team: Delyth Allen Tel:07854 262517
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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** 10.00am – 5.00pm

**Painswick** 9.00am – 6.30pm

**Pitchcombe** 9.00am – 5.00pm

**Edge** 8.00am – 5.00pm

**Harescombe** always open

**Sheepscombe** 9.00am – 5.00pm

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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.