

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 21 st June	Father's Day	
9.30am	<u>Edge</u> 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)

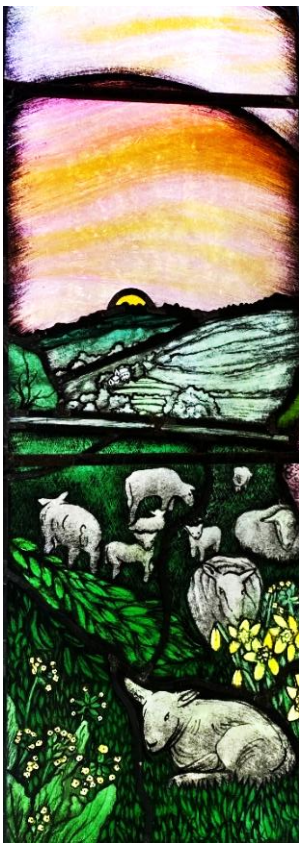
Monday 22 nd June 9.30am	Harescombe	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Monday 22 nd June 7.30pm	The Church Rooms	The Bible Course
Tuesday 23 rd June 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 24 th June 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday 25 th June 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer Email Karen (as above) for link

Sunday 28 th June	4 th Sunday after Trinity	
10.15am	Gloucester Cathedral	Ordination of Deacons
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion

Please note that there will be no Evensong at Cranham on **Sunday 5th July**. Instead, everyone is warmly invited to attend the **Benefice Service at Painswick at 11.00am**. We look forward to worshipping together.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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

Please continue to pray for **Cressida Lait**, who was baptised at St John's, Sheepscombe on Saturday 13th June. Please continue to keep Cressida, her parents Megan and Jamie, and her godparents in your prayers as they begin this next stage of her faith journey together.



Jenson Brickwood will be baptised Sunday 12th July at St Mary's, Painswick. Please pray for Jenson, his godparents and his parents Peter and Jessica.

Rowan Carpenter will be baptised Sunday 12th July at St James the Great, Cranham. Please pray for Rowan, his godparents and his parents William and Lauren.



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!

This is an exciting and important time in the life of our Benefice as we prepare to welcome our Curate, Kate, following her ordination at **Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday 29th June at 10.15am**. Please do come to the Cathedral to support and celebrate with Kate as she begins this new chapter in ministry. If you are unable to attend in person, the service will be available to watch via livestream on the [Gloucester Cathedral website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel, and the order of service is also available [online](#).

Please note that on **Sunday 5th July** there will be just one service, a **Benefice Holy Communion, held at St Mary's Painswick at 11.00am**, when we will come together to welcome Kate to our flock and give thanks for a very

special contribution our friends at Paradise House have recently made.

It is the first time we have had a curate for many years, and it would be wonderful for the whole Benefice to gather in welcome and support as we begin this new chapter in our shared ministry. Please note, there will be no additional service in the evening at Cranham.



In Monty's Footsteps

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.](#)



Cranham's sponsored student, William

Cranham Church community sponsor a student at the college and I would like to share our positive news with the Beacon light community.

DWT Bible College (now known as LTC), sent this update; *All the students took their end of year exams earlier in June, and have now broken up for their long vacation. They will go back to their families and villages for the 2 month break, which is currently their harvest time. They will be busy on their family farms and continue to serve their local church during the college break.*

Our (Cranham's) sponsored student, **William** has now completed Year 1 He will return to the college in August to continue his studies.

Rev Alberto, the Principal, has asked us to pray for a special course running from late June for a month, for the women who will then enter their theological training for ministry. Sue Williams.



End of term worship.

Thank you - Small Change Collection for Marah

A donation of **£56.50** has been sent to Marah, the latest offering of the Small Change Collection which we have been running since 2009! Marah has expressed their heartfelt thanks for our continued faithfulness in supporting their work and says the amount, however small, will always be welcomed and used to help the homeless and vulnerable in Stroud.

So please keep saving your 1ps, 2ps and 5ps and pass them on to Frances Watson, who can be contacted on 812071 or Alison Robinson on 812286. We know we all use less cash these days but most of us still have some in our pockets from time to time.

Alison Robinson and Frances Watson

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## Damage to St John's Edge Churchyard Gate

During the afternoon of 5th June, Viv and Martin, the Churchwardens at St John's Edge, were informed of an accident at the church. Unfortunately, significant damage was caused to the gate and entrance to the churchyard.

The stone pillars have been badly displaced and currently appear structurally unsafe. The gate itself, together with the overhead arch and light, has also been damaged.

What we do know is that, following a traffic accident at the Whiteshill/Gloucester to Stroud Road junction, the road was closed and many vehicles turned around in the road to find alternative routes. It is thought that the damage may have occurred at this time.

Sadly, no one witnessed the incident directly, and we are now dealing with the resulting insurance claim. For safety reasons, the Church and the footpath through the churchyard have been temporarily closed while arrangements are made to secure the site and provide safe access.

As a result, the Holy Communion service on Sunday 21st June at 9.30am will be held in the Village Hall.

*Viv and Martin*



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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 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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## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEKEND...

### Flower Festival at Pitchcombe Church 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



# FATHER'S DAY



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

## SERVICES

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| Edge        | 9.30am  |
| Sheepscombe | 11.00am |
| Painswick   | 11.00am |
| Pitchcombe  | 11.00am |

## Father's Day

Join us this Father's Day as we gather to worship and give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, godfathers, and all those who have played a caring and supportive role in our lives.

Everyone is warmly welcome at any of our services across the Benefice. Whether you're celebrating, remembering, or simply looking for fellowship and worship, we'd love to see you.

### Sunday 21st June

- Edge 9.30am **at the Village Hall**
- Sheepscombe 11.00am
- Painswick 11.00am
- Pitchcombe 11.00am (Flower Festival)

## 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.

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Singing from the Heart

Singing from the Heart

with Andrew Clark

10am – 4pm Saturday 4 July 2026

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



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: 07729 118876. 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

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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-mjjayyv>

Box Office: 0333 666 3366

Supporting the Hollie Gazzard Trust.



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

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.



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.

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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.

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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.**

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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 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.**