

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 7 th June	1 st Sunday after Trinity	
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Benefice Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

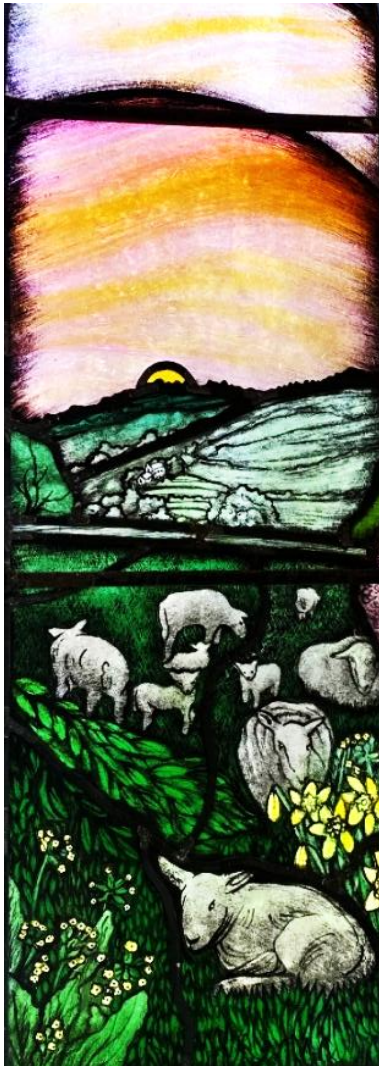
Monday 8 th June 9.30am	Edge	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Monday 8 th June 7.30pm	The Church Rooms	The Bible Course
Tuesday 9 th June 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 10 th June 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday 11 th June 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer Email Karen (as above) for link

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

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

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, Sue Pouncey, 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, 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.

Basil Butler's funeral will take place at **2pm** on **Monday 8th June** at **St Mary's Painswick.**

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 Samantha and Michael Goddard with their daughter **Aeva Mia Goddard** and also for **Darren Wheatley**, who were baptised into our church family on 24th May at St Mary's Painswick by Revd Sarah.



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

Please pray for **Rosie Kumar** and **Finbar Kiefer** who are to be married this Saturday 6th June at St Mary's Painswick.



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.



Sherlock Supper News



Families from across the Benefice came and joined Sherlock exploring 'The Greatest Gift'.

Children hunted for clues around the church, planted sunflowers that will grow and grow, made candle holders for bright flames to nestle in, made kites for the wind to blow, used play dough to mould people who have helped them in their lives, raced balloons around the church using wind from a newspaper...all of these activities came together with the Lego Pentecost film, that showed that of course the Greatest Gift Jesus gave us all was, and is the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit that came in the form of wind and fire, remains with us all as our helper to live the lives that God has created for us. We opened a gift full of party blowers to prove that although we can't see the wind, we can certainly hear what it can do!

We then hooted our way over to the Church Rooms for a delicious supper of Chicken Curry and fruit salad. Big thanks to Emma and Josh in the kitchen for pulling together the meal from all the wonderful dishes delivered by the fantastic cooks. Many thanks to all of them and the Sherlock Team who worked so hard to make another memorable Sherlock Supper - you know who you are and you are amazing. Please pray with us that the seeds of God's love for these families that are sown at these events, will be watered and nurtured throughout their lives. Vics Soutar



In Monty's Footsteps: update



As Henry continues retracing his grandfather's wartime journey, moments of family connection and first-hand testimony continue to bring history vividly to life ahead of his final walk to Normandy on 6 June 2026.

The next stage of Henry's journey took him to the Conwy Morfa site in North Wales, which played a remarkable role in the construction of the Mulberry Harbours used during D-Day and the Normandy landings. Different sections of the harbour were built at locations across the UK, with many workers unaware they were contributing to a portable harbour until the various components were assembled in Normandy. Military planners recognised that capturing an existing harbour would be impossible, so they designed and built one to take with them.

Henry explores this extraordinary feat of engineering in the latest podcast episode, where he speaks with Adrian Hughes from the Home Front Museum in North Wales.

Henry also met with students from Seaford College, who asked thoughtful and insightful questions about his grandfather, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery. Henry explained how Montgomery inspired and motivated troops, sought to minimise loss of life, and secured important victories during the war. He also highlighted Montgomery's understanding of the vital role morale played, both among soldiers on the front line and the wider population at home.

The students reflected on the freedoms they value today, including safety, education, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, equal rights, and the opportunity to think independently and pursue their ambitions. Henry spoke passionately about how many of these freedoms were protected through the sacrifices made during the Second World War and why it remains so important to remember the events of D-Day more than 80 years later.



It was then a busy day in Dover, where Henry visited several locations central to the planning and execution of D-Day. The plotting rooms and secret tunnels beneath Dover Castle played a vital role in military operations. Henry also met pupils from Aster Secondary School at Wanstone Battery and Fan Bay. One student shared the poignant story of a great-uncle who took part in D-Day and lost his life during the campaign. Later, local residents gathered at The Bay Bistro to share their own memories and family stories from the wartime years.

Henry also met historian and broadcaster James Holland at the network of secret tunnels in Southwick that housed the Combined Operations Headquarters in the lead-up to D-Day. In the podcast, they discuss how the Solent would have been "black with ships" as one of the largest military operations in history prepared to set sail.



Further bringing the story to life were Mary and Patricia, lifelong friends who lived in Southwick during the war. They shared vivid memories of the arrival of American troops in the area. Mary recalled being collected from the school bus by her mother, who exclaimed, "It's absolute chaos – the Americans have arrived!" Both remembered the excitement the troops brought with them, including candy from American rations and comic books that had not yet reached Britain.

Henry's journey will conclude on **6th June 2026**, the 82nd anniversary of D-Day, when he walks the final 22km across Sword, Juno and Gold beaches, honoring the **22,540 names** on the British Normandy Memorial.

The fundraising target is **£225,400 (£10 for each name)**, with all funds supporting **Operation Remembrance**, the British Normandy Memorial's education programme, helping preserve these stories for future generations. [Donate here.](#)



Resthaven – Dementia Awareness

Pictured left: Angela - activities co-ordinator from Resthaven - sharing her passion for dementia awareness with Mary Sparks and Revd Sarah at a recent visit to Resthaven.

Are you keen to learn more about dementia? If so, please get in touch with the Benefice Office to help us gauge interest, as we are thinking about organising a coffee morning in one of our parishes with a speaker to help us understand the illness a little more. *Revd Sarah.*



Week 3 of The Bible Course

On Monday around 30 of us gathered for session 3 of The Bible Course. Cups of tea were served along with Delyth's delicious lemon cake as we tucked into a video about 'the great escape!' – the rescue of God's people from slavery as described in the book of Exodus, and also a bit of Joshua as they entered the promise land.

We reflected at the end of our session on Joshua 1:9: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

We spent some time in silence thinking about our own challenges and then finished the session in prayer.

Thanks to all the leaders and helpers – we couldn't do it without you - and we are looking forward to week 4!



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 - 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.

WHAT'S ON...

SPECIAL OPEN AFTERNOON



St Swithin's Church, Brookthorpe Sunday 14th June 2 - 4pm

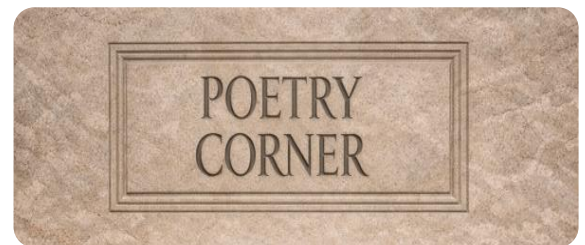
As part of our Celebrate Your Churches Conservation Trust Church Festival we are giving you the rare opportunity to access this wonderful Grade II* listed building.

The main 13th-century church boasts a memorial to architect Detmar Blow, an intriguing chronogram inscription in the porch recording the execution of Charles I in 1649 and a unique war memorial.

Join us to raise vital funds to support this special church, usually closed due to the affects of climate change.



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
BY DONATION



What if it's true?

What if my last breath
Is my first glimpse
Of everlasting life
What if a man born of
Human genes and divine spark
Is actually the linchpin
Of *all* life?
What if the greatest liar
Is the least of us all
His fall from grace
Eternal downfall
He who spoke untruths into men's souls
Is to be pitied...
What if every atom
Has a purpose
Every second a millennium
Of possibilities
What if kind words, deeds and thoughts
Imprint indelibly on all our souls
What if love itself is not mere chemistry
Chance or transient, and
What if I matter
And am not just matter?
Ali 2026

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Wintershall: Life of Christ

www.wintershall.org.uk



Date: Thursday 18th June



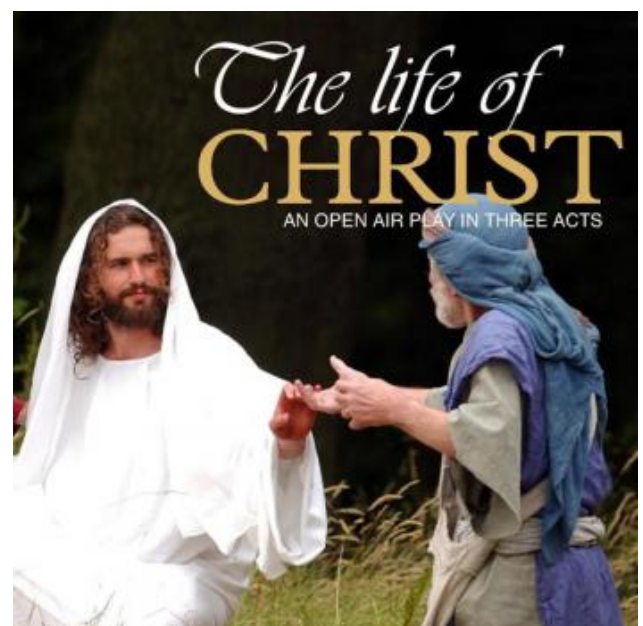
Travel: A comfortable coach



DON'T DELAY BOOKING YOUR SEAT

Churches Together Around Painswick has a trip booked to the Wintershall Estate in Surrey. 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, folding chair. If you do want to come or want to know more, please contact Ela Pathak-Sen, by email ela@commotionuk.org or Clare Irving clareirvingx@gmail.com 01452 814242 or Sue Leighton-Boyce suelboyce@gmail.com.

Only 2 weeks before we go, so you will need to pay in full!





Flower Festival

PITCHCOMBE CHURCH
20th June - 21st June

Saturday 20th June

9.00am - 5pm

Flower Festival

10am - 4pm

Refreshment in the village hall

Sunday 21st June

11.00am

Flower Festival Service

12 noon

Pimm's in the churchyard

2pm - 5pm

refreshment in the village hall

ALL WELCOME

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 **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



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. This can be meaningful for many people, whether their spirituality is linked to a particular faith tradition or to none. 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).

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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](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.

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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

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 *Austenicious* 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.



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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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Sheepscombe – Tessa Lentel Email: tessalentel@aol.com

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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** 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.



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.