

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 13 th September	15 th Sunday after Trinity		 Global Week of 24-7 Prayer 6 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.30am	Harescombe with Edge & Pitchcombe	Morning Worship Change to the published services	
11.00am	Painswick	Family Worship & Celebration 	
11.00am	Cranham	Holy Communion	
6.00pm	Edge Church	Evening Prayer	

Monday 14 th Sep 9.30am	Edge	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 15 th Sep 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 15 th Sep 7.00pm	Painswick	The Well
Wednesday 16 th Sep 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday 16 th Sep 11.00am	Resthaven	Holy Communion
Thursday 17 th Sep 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer Email Karen (as above) for link
Saturday 19 th Sep 3.00pm	Harescombe	Baptism 

Sunday 20 th September	16 th Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	Edge with Harescombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship 
3.00pm	Painswick	Clypping Service
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 **John Gazzard, Irene Hodges, Valerie-Ann Hutton, Peter Jenkins, Ann Johnstone, Elaine Leach, Quentin Mathias, Joan Nash, 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 **Nancy Broackes-Carter, Quentin Mathias, Judy Reed and Sue Stanley.** 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 **Nancy Broackes-Carter** will take place at **2pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September** in **St Mary's, Painswick.**

**Judith (Judy) Mary Reed's** funeral will take place at **2pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** in **St Mary's, Painswick.**

## Baptisms



**Ellie Ractliffe** will be baptised on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September** at **St John the Baptist, Harescombe.** Please pray for Ellie, her godparents and her parents David and Claire.

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Weddings

We congratulate all the couples married in our Benefice over the summer, and we invite our church family to pray for them as they begin married life together — may they know God's love, His peace, and His blessing in every step ahead.



Congratulations to **Sharon and Graham**, who were married at **St John the Apostle, Sheepscombe**, on **22nd August**, as well as **Laura and Daniel**, married at **St John the Baptist, Harescombe** (*right*), and **Joe and Sophie** (*left*), married at **St Mary's, Painswick**, who were both wed on **Saturday 29th August.**



GOOD NEWS!

Global Week of 24-7 Prayer

We have made a great start to the global week of 24-7 prayer, with 14 people from 4 of our parishes represented at Evening Prayer on Sunday 6th September in Painswick.



On Monday morning at Sheepscombe eight of us listened to the reflection from Lectio 365, based on Philippians 2.10, "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow", and we prayed for the name of Jesus to be known and respected across our benefice and in the wider world, to provide healing and reconciliation. There is still time for you to join us in prayer this week, in person and online, as we join together in prayer with people from all over the world. *Revd Kate*

To find out more, contact Revd Kate curate@beaconbenefice.org.uk. The services we will offer this week are:

 Global Week of 24-7 Prayer 6 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026		
Friday 11 th Sep 9.30am	Via Zoom	Morning Prayer Link to Zoom
Saturday 12 th Sep 8.00pm	Via Zoom	Compline - Link to Zoom
Sunday 13 th Sep 6.00pm	Edge Church	Evening Prayer

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### NEW! AUTUMN HOUSEGROUPS

**MON  
7PM**

**PAUL & NIKI:**  
Fortnightly at The Church Rooms, Painswick  
[paulangie.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:paulangie.ryan@gmail.com)  
[nicoletta.babbs88@gmail.com](mailto:nicoletta.babbs88@gmail.com)

**MON  
7PM**

**ANTHEA & PAULINE:**  
Fortnightly at No.8 Gyde House, Painswick  
[anthea.glibbery@gmail.com](mailto:anthea.glibbery@gmail.com)  
[paulinebaylissjonesebtinternet.com](mailto:paulinebaylissjonesebtinternet.com)

**TUES  
3PM**

**HELEN & ALASTAIR:**  
Fortnightly at Windycot, Cranham  
[helen.sammon@gmail.com](mailto:helen.sammon@gmail.com)

**WED  
10.30  
AM**

**PAUL & ANGIE:**  
Weekly at Timbercombe Cottage, Jacks Green, Sheepscombe  
[paulangie.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:paulangie.ryan@gmail.com)

**WED  
7.30  
PM**

**VICS & KATE:**  
Fortnightly at Merienda, Cranham  
[curate@beaconbenefice.org.uk](mailto:curate@beaconbenefice.org.uk)  
[familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk](mailto:familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk)

**THUR  
2PM**

**MIKE & LINDSAY:**  
Fortnightly at The Church Rooms, Painswick  
[mike@mc-cc.co.uk](mailto:mike@mc-cc.co.uk)  
[lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com](mailto:lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com)

Following the success of Alpha and then The Bible Course, we are delighted to be able to offer new opportunities to meet in small groups to discuss the Bible and share in fellowship and prayer together.

We have tried to offer times during the day and in the evenings, on different weekdays and in different venues, so that many of us can get together to share and learn about God's word. We will all be using Tom Wright's "Mark for Everyone" book to help us study the Gospel of Mark. Our more established housegroups will also continue to meet, pray and study as usual.

If you have not already expressed an interest, it's not too late! Please email the Benefice Office with your preferred day and time, and we will be delighted to have you join in.

If none of these dates work for you, please do also let us know, so that we can try to provide an alternative in future.

We are looking forward to meeting together as we continue to learn to live in the light of God's love.

## Fun at Cranham Feast



The ancient tradition of Cranham Feast was held this past weekend. A time when the villagers come together to celebrate. A time when those who have left the village return to join in the celebrations.

The festivities that started on Friday evening were said to be well attended, in fact apparently, the best event for many years. The weekend was jam packed with so many events bringing the community together.

The flower festival was absolutely stunning. Floral displays from the church flower team representing many areas of village life, past and present.

The Cranham feast open air service which heralds the end of the 3 day festivities was such a joyous celebration of community life, with around 77 adults and children attending the service including scouts and their families, others from the earlier parade and members of Cranham Orchestra, who played beautifully. It was a wonderful occasion. Lots of fun – particularly Vics throwing chocolates to those who answered Sarah's quiz questions correctly. We are so blessed to live in such an amazing close knit village, to have Rev Sarah, Vics and Kate who put so much time and consideration into our services and worship every week. *Sue Williams*

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WHAT'S ON...



Sponsored Walk Saturday 12 September

Click on this
image for the
link.



A team from St. Mary's Painswick is planning to walk between Cranham & Harescombe visiting every church in the Beacon Benefice en route. GHCT gave St. Mary's generous grants towards the 2023 re-roofing and the recent electrical heating installation. This is an opportunity for us to give something back and at the same time support St. Mary's – the funds raised will be split 50/50. To sponsor the team please Control+ Click on: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/stmaryspainswick>

Celebration Time!

Come and celebrate with us at our **Beacon Family Celebration Sunday** on **Sunday 13th September!**

The morning begins with an **11am Family Service** at **St Mary's Painswick**, followed by a fun-filled family party from **12 noon to 2pm** in the **Church Rooms**. There will be **toys, games and a bouncy castle** to keep everyone entertained, along with plenty of time to enjoy good food and company.

We'll be having a **bring-and-share party**, with drinks provided, so bring along something tasty to share if you can. Whether you are a regular part of our family activities or simply fancy coming along and meeting some friendly faces, everyone is very welcome. Come along, bring the family and help us celebrate together!



Coldplay Candlelight Experience in Painswick

A magical candlelit evening is coming to Painswick this September, as Lumos Experiences returns, hosting a live instrumental tribute to Coldplay. Set in St Mary's, made even more beautifully atmospheric with hundreds of candles, the concert features musicians performing Coldplay's most loved songs in an intimate, immersive setting.

The event takes place on **Saturday 12th September**, offering a relaxed, reflective night out for music lovers and anyone who enjoys something a little different. As last time, there will be two sittings at 7pm and again at 9pm. (The concert lasts approximately an hour).

Tickets are available through [Lumos Experiences](https://www.lumos-experiences.co.uk), with seating arranged to give everyone a close, warm view of the performance. A lovely cultural addition to village life — and a chance to enjoy Coldplay's music in a whole new way.



Painswick Music Society

Our 80th Anniversary season continues with more events this autumn. You will receive a warm welcome at our AGM on **Saturday September 12th at 11am** in the Church Rooms. There will be a short business meeting followed by a recital given by a talented young musician. We will then enjoy a social with a buffet lunch provided. All are welcome.



The Music Society presents 4 concerts each spring from various musical genres. We aim to be accessible with tickets very reasonably priced and a friendly team to greet you. We also promote live music performances and workshops in local schools given by professional musicians. Come and find out about us. This autumn we are presenting two concerts at St Mary's Church featuring elite young Gloucestershire musicians.

Saturday October 17th at 3pm Youth Spotlight showcasing Competition Finalists of Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year 2026 Tickets: www.painswickmusicosoc.co.uk

Sunday November 15th at 3pm Gloucester Youth String Orchestra - Donations welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



Beacon Benefice Service - Homelessness Sunday

Join us for a special Beacon Benefice Service on **Sunday 4 October at 11am** at **Pitchcombe Church**, as we mark Homelessness Sunday together. We are delighted to welcome Louise Mackenzie from Gloucester City Mission as our guest speaker. We will also be collecting donations to support those experiencing homelessness, with a particular need for men's boxers, good-condition trainers, coffee, sugar, cup soups, wrapped sweets and long-life food. Everyone across the benefice is warmly invited to join us.

A poster for Homelessness Sunday. The top half features the text 'HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY' in large, bold, blue letters. Below this is a red heart symbol, followed by 'SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER' and '11AM' in red, and 'PITCHCOMBE CHURCH' in blue. A dark blue banner below contains the text 'Guest Speaker Louise Mackenzie from Gloucester City Mission'. The background of the poster shows a stone church (Pitchcombe Church) and a homeless man sitting on a bench. The man is wearing a dark jacket and a beanie, and has a sign on the ground that says 'YOUR KINDNESS CAN BRING HOPE' with a heart symbol. On the right side of the poster, there is a list of donations needed, each with a corresponding icon: men's boxers, trainers, coffee, sugar, cup soups, wrapped sweets, baked beans, tuna, and long life milk.

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY

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SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

11AM

PITCHCOMBE CHURCH

Guest Speaker
Louise Mackenzie
from Gloucester City Mission

YOUR KINDNESS CAN BRING HOPE ❤

❤ **DONATIONS OF:** ❤

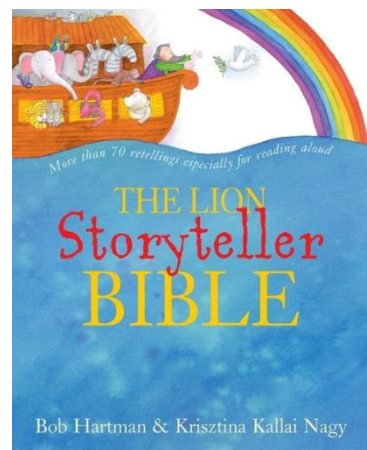
- New medium size, men's boxers
- Trainers in good condition
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Cup soups
- Wrapped sweets
- Baked beans
- Tuna
- Long life milk

Could you be a Storyteller?



We're hoping to begin offering 'Open the Book'—style assemblies in our local schools in the near future, and we'd love to build a small team to help make this possible. If you've enjoyed taking part in Experience Easter, if you're a budding actor, or if you simply have a heart for sharing Bible stories with children in a creative and engaging way, we'd be very glad to hear from you.

To find out more or to express interest, please contact Vics Soutar at familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk



Electric piano and stool



A villager has offered to donate a second hand electric piano and stool if any of the benefice churches or church halls would like it. Please contact Anna at the Benefice Office for further details.



A Moment to Spare

Atop a hill,
lies the Severn to the sea
This morning it's all mine.
I stopped to stare at barbed wire
It's caught a wisp of sheep's fleece —
A colour hard to define
Lanolin white, grey,
Translucent, fair,
Disintegrating,
Piece by piece,
Into the Cotswold air.
Rare afforded
A moment to spare,
The dogs, of course,
Demand attention.
I've listened to the dying.
What satisfied them most
Is beauty
In miniature
Magnified
Tenfold,
Like witnessing a story
Never to be retold.

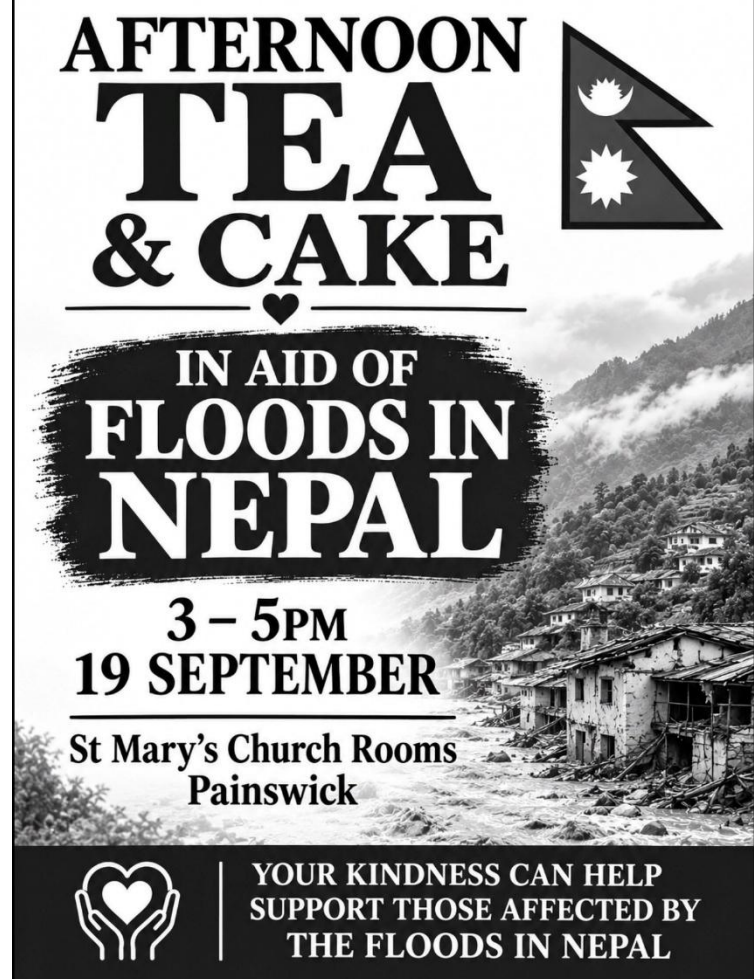
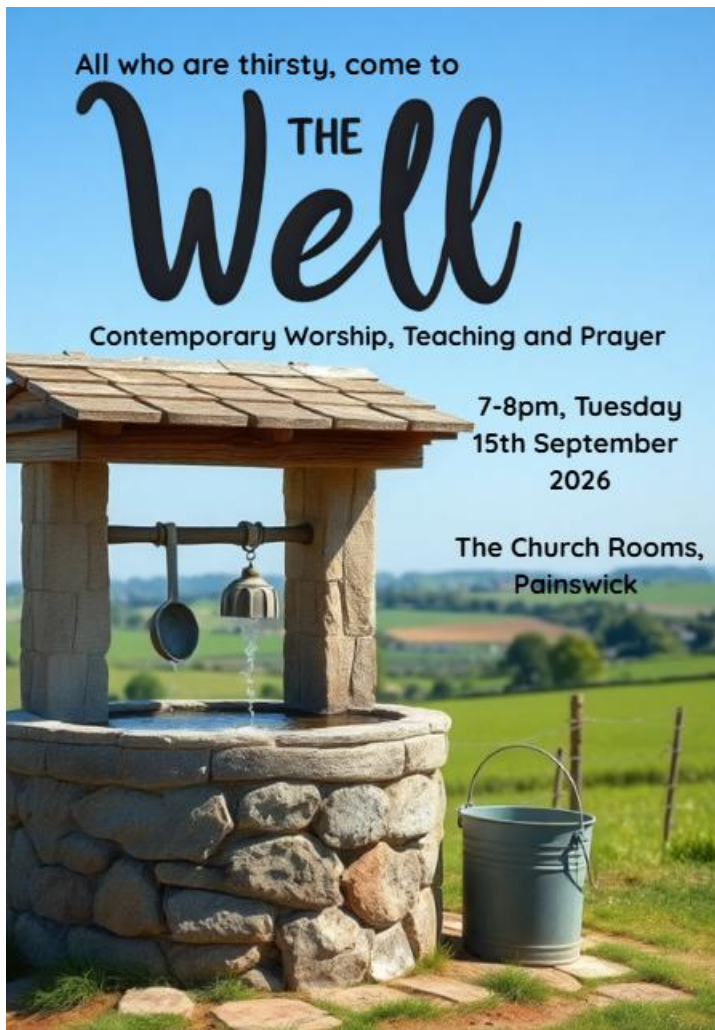


Do you have a submission for our poetry corner?

Please email:
beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

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.



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.

PAINSWICK
FEAST
 11am – 5pm
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026
 ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

free event

BRINGING
PAINSWICK TOGETHER

Clypping ceremony
Teddy Bear Zipwire
Apple pressing
Live music • Bar • Food
Dog Show • Stalls
Games

11.30am

Get your pooch pampered for the Dog Show!

1.30pm

Bring your teddy to ride the new Teddy Bear Zipwire!

LUNCH

Delicious Food Stalls!

3pm

Take part in the ancient Clypping ceremony!

ALL DAY

Bring your apples for juicing & enjoy local musicians and a little shopping too!

VISIT

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SALES & LETTINGS

FEAST

Painswick Feast and Clypping Service

Come and support Painswick church and join in the fun at Painswick Feast!

Sunday 20th September

11am – 5pm. Experience

the wonderful **Clypping**

Ceremony 3pm – an ancient tradition of ‘embracing’ the church, still celebrated in only a handful of places across the UK.

And if that wasn’t exciting enough... brave Sherlock and his teddy friends will take to the skies! Watch them whizz down the Teddy Zip Wire from the church tower – a spectacular sight not to be missed!



Helpers needed to make traybakes and/ or serve refreshments in half

hour shifts between 11am and 2.30pm in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, September 20th as part of our outreach work before the Clypping Service.

If you can help, please email Pam Swain, Chair of the Mission and Outreach committee at pamswain31@gmail.com Thank you



FROM THE ROCOCO GARDENS:

September brings a crescendo of colour to Painswick Rococo Garden, as perennials and annuals create a rich display across the Garden. African marigolds, *Mirabilis jalapa* and *Salvia horminum* ‘Oxford Blue’ are among the highlights, while the first trees are beginning to turn magnificent shades of red and gold, heralding the arrival of autumn.



In the Kitchen Garden, an extensive crop of heritage fruits is swelling and ripening as the harvest approaches. Apples and pears grown in the Garden are used by the café, with surplus fruit turned into fresh-pressed, pasteurised juices which are available to buy in the shop.

The Garden is also becoming a little quieter as the summer crowds subside, making September an ideal time for a peaceful visit and a chance to enjoy the changing seasons.

Did you know that the café, shop and Exedra Nursery can all be visited without paying admission to the Garden? Free parking is available, making them convenient places to meet friends and family. The café serves freshly prepared meals using local produce and ingredients grown in the Garden, while the shop offers a range of seasonal produce and beautifully curated gifts. Dogs are also welcome.

The Garden is open **Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm**, with last admission at 4pm.



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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## 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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Sheepscombe – Tessa Lentel Email: tessalentel@aol.com

Painswick Pastoral Team: Delyth Allen Tel: 07854 262517
Email: delythallen58@gmail.com
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.