

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 27th September	17th Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Worship
11.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise
6.00pm	Painswick	Choral Evensong (<i>BCP</i>)

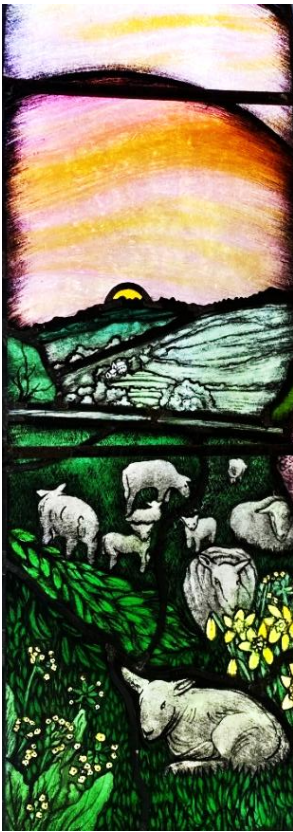
Monday 28 th Sep 9.30am	Harescombe	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Tuesday 29 th Sep 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 30 th Sep 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Thursday 1 st Oct 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>
Friday 2 nd Oct 7.00pm	Harescombe	Harvest Service & Supper

Sunday 4th October	18th Sunday after Trinity	
11.00am	Pitchcombe	Benefice Service – Homelessness Sunday
5.30pm	Painswick	Harvest Service & Supper 
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of 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 **John Gazzard, Irene Hodges, Valerie-Ann Hutton, Peter Jenkins, Ann Johnstone, Elaine Leach, Joan Nash, Bill Parker, 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.

Baptisms



We were delighted to celebrate the baptism of **Ellie Ractliffe** at St John the Baptist, Harescombe, on Saturday 19th September. Please continue to pray for Ellie, her godparents and her parents, David and Claire.



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 and **Joe and Sophie (left)**, married at St Mary's, Painswick, on **Saturday 29th August**. Congratulations also to **Claire and Nicholas**, who were married at St Mary's Painswick on **Friday 11th September**.



GOOD NEWS!

My First Clypping



I'd seen photos, and heard lots of anecdotes from people, but the real thing was an explosion of colour, sounds, textures and smells: a true feast for all the senses. We were really blessed with the weather and with visitors from a variety of places who contributed to the festival atmosphere. I noticed children with beautifully painted faces watching their teddies travelling down a zip wire, live music, stalls selling everything from jam to rugs, the thrill of apples being pressed in the traditional way, and happy smiles as people enjoyed this traditional Cotswolds spectacle.

Revd Sarah, Andrew and I were dressed in the most beautiful copes, traditional church vestments, and Revd Andrew's expertise in many years of attending the Clypping really helped me out as I followed in the procession. We sang and processed around, neatly avoiding the yew trees, and then stood in the sunshine as Revd Sarah gave her uplifting and inspiring talk from the steps. Then visitors and locals alike, young and old, all joined hands around the church, as we sang the special Clypping hymn, thanking God for our beautiful church. Alison led us in some very meaningful prayers, and we sang the National Anthem, accompanied by the band and conducted by Chris. The children enjoyed their buns and their 50p coins, and we chatted in the warm sunshine with people who told us they come back to the ceremony every year.

It was a lovely afternoon of community engagement and fun, and I was reminded of Jacob's words in the book of Genesis: "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." We are truly blessed to live, work and worship in this benefice, learning to live in the light of God's love together. I'm already looking forward to Clypping 2027.... Revd Kate



Sponsored Walk Saturday 12 September

A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported Team St. Mary's in this year's Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust **Ride & Stride**. Margaret, Delyth, Niki, Elizabeth and Dylan walked from Harescombe to Cranham, taking in all six churches across the Benefice along the way. And the good news keeps coming... **we've now raised £1,080 – smashing our £1,000 target!** Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored the team. Your generosity will help support our churches and the important work of keeping these special buildings open and cared for. If you'd still like to add to the total, donations can be made [here](#). Cash or cheque donations can also be given to any member of the team.



WHAT'S ON...



A Date for your Diary - Evensong

Join us at St Mary's Painswick on **Sunday 27th September** at **6pm** for a special Choral Evensong. Enjoy beautiful music by Bruckner, Howells and Hylton Stewart in the peaceful setting of St Mary's.



HARVEST SUPPER AT PAINSWICK

Please join us for our Harvest service and a shared supper afterwards – and please let us know you are coming!
See the poster below for details!

Painswick Harvest Service Preparations

I appreciate that many of you prefer to bring contributions to church, at the Harvest Festival service itself, but some flowers, fresh produce, packets and tins of food are needed in advance to help decorate the church on Friday 2nd October prior to the Harvest service itself on Sunday 4th October.

Please bring any contributions to church on **Thursday 1st**. They can be left at the back of the church by the font. All donations are given to our designated charities, supporting families in need. We would also be pleased to welcome helpers at 9.30am on **Friday 2nd** especially from persons capable of clambering on the pews, to decorate the windows, as many of the Flower Guild are finding it difficult these days! *Freda*





Beacon Benefice Service - Homelessness Sunday

Join us at **Pitchcombe Church** for a special Beacon Benefice Service as we mark Homelessness Sunday. We're pleased to welcome Louise Mackenzie from Gloucester City Mission as our guest speaker.

Donations are welcome, particularly **men's boxers, good-condition trainers, coffee, sugar, cup soups, wrapped sweets and long-life food.**

Everyone across the Benefice is warmly welcome.



Gloucestershire
Historic Churches Trust

GHCT Private Preview Evening: 15th October

A private preview will be held on Thursday 15th October, from 5.00pm–7.00pm, giving supporters the opportunity to see the items ahead of the sale.

Places are limited, so please reserve your free space via the link below:

[Reserve your place at the Private Viewing](#)

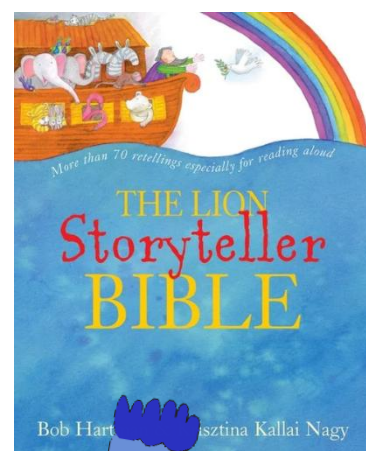


Could you be a Storyteller?



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



Collecting cash
and food for
Stroud District
Foodbank
during the service

ST JOHN'S SHEEPSCOMBE
INVITE YOU TO A

Harvest Celebration

AT 5.30PM ON SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

*followed by a 'pay as you can'
harvest supper in the village hall*

Joining us for supper?
Please email Karen by the 4th of
October to book your place.
kridding07@yahoo.co.uk



Harvest Worship

Pitchcombe

Sunday 11th October
9.30am

Cranham

Sunday 25th October
11.00am

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## Benefice All Souls Service

Everyone is welcome to come to this  
special service as we pause to remember  
our loved ones who have died.

If you would like the name of a loved one to  
be read out during the service or have any  
questions, please email Anna in the

Benefice office

[beaconbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:beaconbenefice@gmail.com).

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR

## All Souls Service



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
at 3pm

ST MARY'S CHURCH, PAINSWICK

A service of remembrance and hope,  
for all who have lost someone.

If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out during  
the service or have any questions, please email  
[beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com).

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**IN MONTY'S FOOTSTEPS**

**8TH NOVEMBER, 3PM**

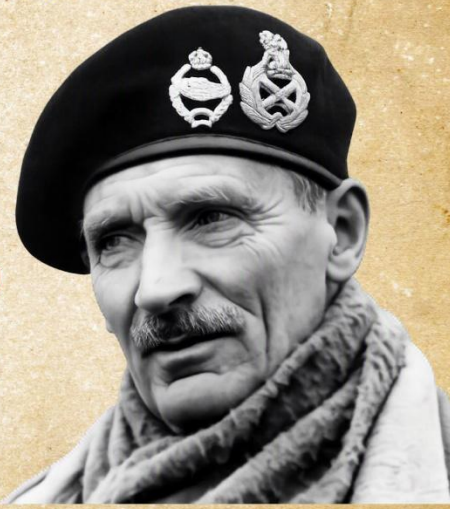
A rare chance to hear Henry Montgomery share the remarkable human stories uncovered on his journey retracing his grandfather's footsteps through Britain and Normandy.  
*"Insightful. Moving. Unmissable."*



**Book Your Tickets Now!**  
**£10 each**

In Monty's Footsteps podcast available on Spotify

**BEACON BENEFICE**



**BRITISH NORMANDY MEMORIAL**

## In Monty's Footsteps – a Special Remembrance Sunday Event

This Remembrance **Sunday, 8 November** at **3pm**, St Mary's Painswick welcomes Henry Montgomery, grandson of Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery and a Trustee of the British Normandy Memorial.

Inspired by the extraordinary weeks before D-Day, when his grandfather travelled across Britain to meet troops, visit training exercises and factories, and help raise morale, Henry undertook a remarkable journey of his own.

Over eight weeks, Henry retraced his grandfather's footsteps through Britain and Normandy, uncovering the personal and human stories behind D-Day and the Normandy Campaign. His journey was undertaken in honour of the 22,540 names on the British Normandy Memorial – one life for every step – and to support the Memorial's educational work.

Come and hear Henry share the stories, experiences and reflections from his journey, remembering the enormous collective effort, and individual sacrifices, that shaped one of the most significant moments in our history.

Sunday 8 November | 3pm | St Mary's Church, Painswick  
 Tickets £10 – book via the QR code on the poster or [click this link](#).

"In Monty's Footsteps" is also available as a podcast on Spotify.

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Do you have a submission for our poetry corner?

Please email:
beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

NEW! AUTUMN HOUSEGROUPS

MON 7PM	PAUL & NIKI: Fortnightly at The Church Rooms, Painswick paulangie.ryan@gmail.com nicoletta.babbs88@gmail.com
MON 7PM	ANTHEA & PAULINE: Fortnightly at No.8 Gyde House, Painswick anthea.glibbery@gmail.com paulinebaylissjones@btinternet.com
TUES 3PM	HELEN & ALASTAIR: Fortnightly at Windycot, Cranham helen.sammon@gmail.com
WED 10.30 AM	PAUL & ANGIE: Weekly at Timbercombe Cottage, Jacks Green, Sheepscome paulangie.ryan@gmail.com
WED 7.30 PM	VICS & KATE: Fortnightly at Merienda, Cranham curate@beaconbenefice.org.uk familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk
THUR 2PM	MIKE & LINDSAY: Fortnightly at The Church Rooms, Painswick mike@mc-cc.co.uk 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.

There is also, in addition to the Well, a Fellowship Group that meets in various locations around the Benefice on the first Tuesday of each month usually at 7.30 pm. For more info contact Helen Sammon on helen.sammon@gmail.com

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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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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.

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?



Brookthorpe



Cranham



Edae



Harescombe



Painswick **New**



Pitchcombe **New**



Sheepscombe

*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.***

Thank you for all the ways you give, seen and unseen. Your faithfulness makes a real difference.

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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### Church Contacts

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Sheepscombe – Tessa Lentel Email: [tessalentel@aol.com](mailto:tessalentel@aol.com)

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Email: [delythallen58@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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	Edge 8.00am – 5.00pm
Painswick 9.00am – 6.30pm	Harescombe always open
Pitchcombe 9.00am – 5.00pm	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.**