BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 6th September	14th Sunday after Trinity	Global Week of 24-7 Prayer 6 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2026
11.00am	Harescombe	Benefice Communion
3.00pm	Cranham	Cranham Feast Service
6.00pm	Painswick	Evening Prayer

Global Week of 24-7 Prayer 6 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2026		
Monday 7th Sep 8.30am	Sheepscombe Church	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 8th Sep 9.00am	Painswick Church	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 8th Sep 6.00pm	Painswick Church	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 9th Sep 9.00am	Via Zoom	Morning Prayer Link to Zoom
Wednesday 9th Sep 6.00pm	Cranham Church	Evening Prayer
Thursday 10th Sep 9.30am	Via Zoom	Morning Prayer Link to Zoom
Thursday 10th Sep 8.00pm	Harescombe Church	Compline
Friday 11th Sep 9.30am	Via Zoom	Morning Prayer Link to Zoom
Saturday 12th Sep 8.00pm	Via Zoom	Compline - Link to Zoom

Sunday 13th September	15th 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

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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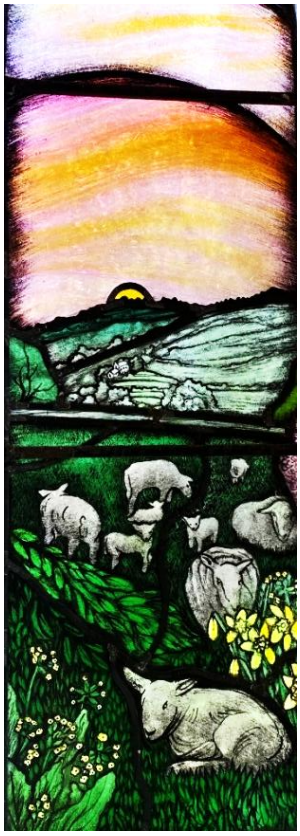
Beacon People and Prayers

Is there someone in particular you would like us to pray for?



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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, Elaine Leach, 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, 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.

On **Saturday 5th September** at **2.30 pm** in the **Chapel at Painswick Cemetery** on the Beacon there will be a short service for the burial of **Sue Stanley's** ashes along with those of her husband, David, who died in 2015. (For any enquires please contact heidihurdle@yahoo.co.uk.)

The funeral of **Nancy Broackes-Carter** will take place at **2pm** on **Monday 14th September** in **St Mary's, Painswick.**

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

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Baptisms

Ellie Ractliffe will be baptised on **Sunday 19th 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** *(left)*, 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)*, **St Mary's, Painswick**, who were both married on **Saturday 29th August**.
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GOOD NEWS!

Global Week of 24-7 Prayer

A reminder that next week is the Global Week of 24-7 prayer. Many of you will be familiar with the team behind Lectio 365, and the prayer resources that they offer three times every day. We invite you to join in with them as we pray together with more than 155 nations worldwide from 6th to 13th September, responding to God's gracious invitation to lift up the name of Jesus.

As you will have seen in last week's Beacon Light, we are offering some new prayer opportunities next week, and they will sit alongside our usual offering of Morning Prayer, which for one week only will have a new focus with the Lectio 365 reflection for that day.

How to get involved this year:

1) Come along to one of our special times of gathered prayer,
2) Visit a 24-7 online prayer room https://www.24-7prayer.com/weekofprayer/
3) Download the free Lectio 365 app onto your tablet or phone,
4) Pick up a prayer resource from your local church and use there or at home.

To find out more, contact Revd Kate curate@beaconbenefice.org.uk

The services we will offer next week are:

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NEW! AUTUMN HOUSEGROUPS

MON 7PM — **PAUL & NIKI:** *Starting 7th Sept*
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:** *Starting 9th Sept*
Weekly at Timbercombe Cottage, Jacks Green, Sheepscome
paulangie.ryan@gmail.com

WED 7.30 PM — **VICS & KATE:** *Starting 9th Sept*
Fortnightly at Merienda, Cranham
curate@beaconbenefice.org.uk
familyhub@beaconbenefice.org.uk

THUR 2PM — **MIKE & LINDSAY:** *Starting 3rd Sept*
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.

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WHAT'S ON...

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!

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Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

RIDE+STRIDE

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
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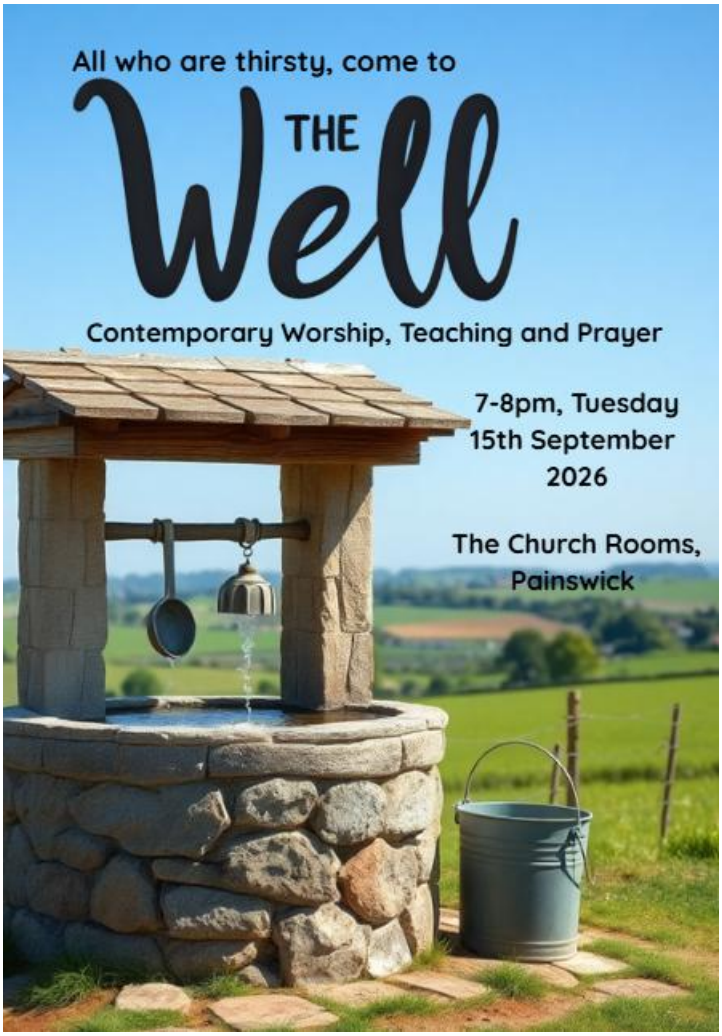

The Well

We are committed to providing a whole variety of ways to come together to worship God in our Benefice – The Well is just one example of this, which many have found to be a real mid-week blessing.
Last month The Well was led by Mike, and Rev Sarah preached from Psalm 63, about how we relate to God when faced with difficult challenges or seasons: 'my soul clings to you, your right hand upholds me'.
Everyone is welcome to come to the Church Rooms to join us in prayer and praise and to drink from the Scriptures – pop **15th September** in your diary now!
For more info on what to expect, contact Mike, Sarah or Vics.

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

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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

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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.

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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Do you have a submission for our poetry corner?
Please email:
beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Valley Wedding

Morning still, all is lazy.
Eleven o'clock, Friday.
In rounds, St Mary's stirs.
Over cut fields the swallows fly low,
two by two formation.

Eleven thirty.
St Mary's peals!
Twelve bells descending,
treble to tenor.
Swallows respond ascending,
wheeling as one.

See them soar!
Swooping, twisting on every ring.
Twelve bells
Swallows' display,
Valley thanksgiving.
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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.

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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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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.

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

Edge

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
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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
jennybarraclough.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.