

BEACON LIGHT

...Linking the Beacon Parishes

What's on this week

Sunday 18 th October	20 th Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	<u>Edge</u> with Harescombe	Morning Worship
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship & Baptism 
11.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

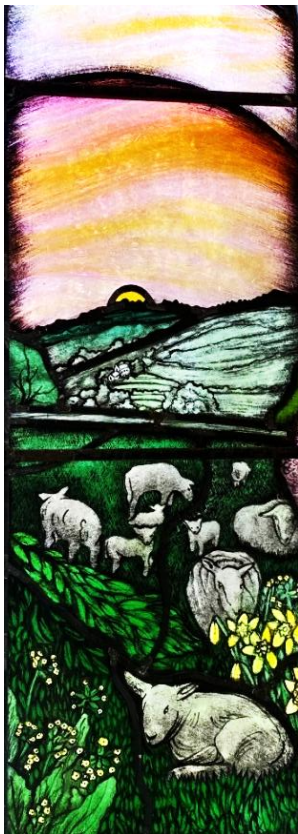
Monday 19 th Oct 9.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Tuesday 20 th Oct 9.00am	Painswick	Morning Prayer <i>with coffee</i>
Wednesday 21 st Oct 9.00am	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer <i>Email: lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen: kriding07@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Wednesday 21 st Oct 11.00am	Resthaven	Holy Communion
Thursday 22 nd Oct 9.30am	Via Zoom	Northumbrian Morning Prayer <i>Email Karen (as above) for link</i>

Sunday 25 th October	Last Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Harvest Worship & Lunch 
11.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness 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, 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 **Lillian Hauting, Quentin Mathias and Bill Parker**. 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.

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## Baptisms

**George Samuel Richardson** will be baptised on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** at St John the Apostle, Sheepscombe. Please pray for George, his godparents and his parents Victoria and James.

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GOOD NEWS!



Benefice – Homelessness Sunday

Last Sunday 65 people from across the Benefice joined us at Pitchcombe Church for a service to mark Homelessness Sunday. We were treated to an extremely moving address by Louise from Gloucester City Mission - an organisation that carries out extraordinary work supporting the homeless with food, clothes and recovery programmes. You can visit their website to learn more at www.gloscitymission.org.uk

We also took the opportunity to recognise the ground-breaking work of one of our own, Dr Pippa Medcalf MBE, who has pioneered nationwide, hospital based interventions to prevent discharging homeless individuals without support. The congregation were keen to show their appreciation to both Pippa and Louise. *Sally Goodman*

Louise Mackenzie from Gloucester City Mission receiving the donations from the Benefice

Painswick Playgroup explores St Mary's



There was lots to discover at St Mary's Church last week as Painswick Playgroup came to explore! With Sherlock the sheep leading the way, the children enjoyed a treasure hunt around the church, discovering its different places and features. It was lovely to see children from Mums + Toddlers Plus and Sherlock Suppers confidently sharing what they knew with their teachers and friends. They also chatted with the flower arrangers preparing for Harvest before heading off to explore the churchyard with a Sherlock sticker. We look forward to welcoming them again!

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### Youth Spotlight Concert

St Mary's Church, Painswick  
Saturday 17th October 3pm



Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year 2026  
Showcasing finalists

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

### Painswick Music Society Youth Spotlight Concert

Gloucestershire Young Musician  
of the Year 2026

Click on the poster to order tickets.



Herbie Urquhart-Dixon  
(Violin)

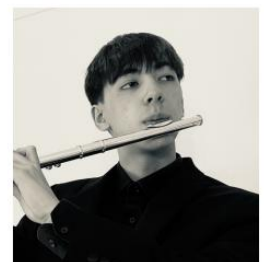


Isla Fujioka (Piano)

Tickets £12.50 - under 18s free

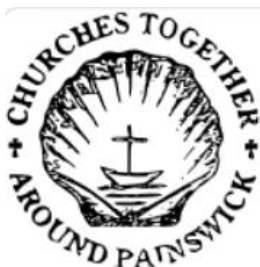


Scan the QR code  
Or buy tickets at the door or at  
[www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk](http://www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk)  
Email enquiries:  
[tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk](mailto:tickets@painswickmusicsoc.co.uk)  
Phone: 07496 858788



Robin Nishimura (Flute)

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Prayers for Peace

We are holding our annual Prayers for Peace in Our Lady and St Therese Church from **Monday 19th October** to **Friday 23rd October**. Please join us at **10am** each morning to pray for an increasingly dangerous world and the problems experienced by so many people.

A Christian Response to Palestine: Seeking Truth, Justice and Peace.

Led by the Revd Sue Parfitt with a screening of award-winning film:



Led by Revd Sue Parfitt with film *Where Olive Trees Weep*, followed by discussion, Q&A and reflection.

Prinknash Meeting Room (GL4 8EX) - Saturday 24 October 2026 | 10am–4pm

The film explores life under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza, sharing stories of trauma, resilience, dignity and nonviolent resistance. Revd Sue Parfitt is an Anglican priest and Christian activist who has campaigned for peace and justice in Palestine for many years.

Bring a packed lunch or pre-order at the café. All faiths and none warmly welcome. Donations welcome to cover costs and support humanitarian efforts in Palestine. Booking advised – limited space: moira.govan@gmail.com 07498 797252

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### Harvest Lunch at Cranham

Click on the poster or [here](#) to book your place!



**SAT. 24TH OCTOBER 2026**  
**9AM ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOMS**

For more details and to book your place contact:  
Mike Campbell (07812 000646) or  
Ian Marsh (07990 578671)

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**DR DAVID POUNCEY**



## The Filling Station



Have you heard of The Filling Station? It's a welcoming, monthly gathering bringing together people from churches across the Stroud area for worship, prayer, spiritual renewal and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Held at Stroud Baptist Church, these evenings are a wonderful opportunity to meet others, grow in faith and be refreshed together. Revd Sarah would love to encourage people from across the Beacon Benefice to give it a try.

The next gathering is on **Thursday 29th October at 7.30pm at Stroud Baptist Church.**

Why not go along and see what it's all about? You'll be very welcome!



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).

## 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).

Alternatively, ask your churchwarden if there is a sign-up sheet in your church, so that your loved one's name can be added to the listed there.



Please come and join us  
to remember those we love

## All Souls Service

*St James the Great, Cranham  
7.30pm, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November*

*Everyone is invited to light a candle in memory  
of their loved ones during the service.*

If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out during  
the service or have any questions, please email [philstick@gmail.com](mailto:philstick@gmail.com)  
or call Churchwarden Phil Stick 813407 or 07762567855

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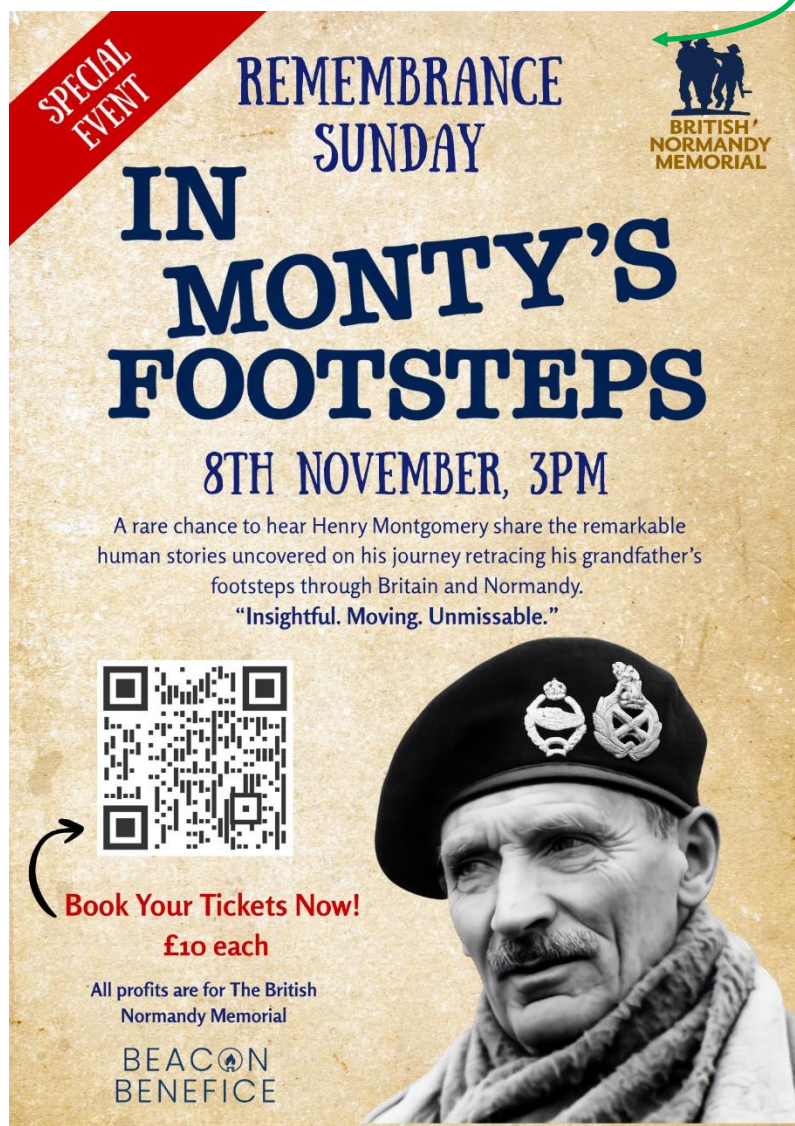
## In Monty's Footsteps – a Special Remembrance Sunday Event at St Mary's

This Remembrance **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

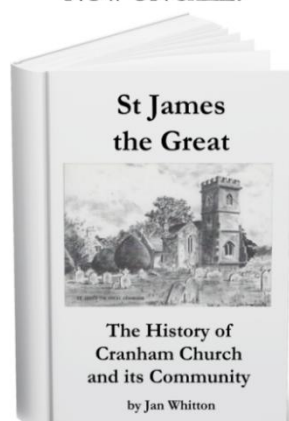
Inspired by the extraordinary weeks before D-Day, when his grandfather travelled across Britain to meet troops, visit training exercises and factories, and help raise morale, Henry undertook a remarkable journey of his own.

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 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<sup>th</sup> November | 3pm | St Mary's Church, Painswick Tickets £10 – book via the QR code on the poster, click on the poster or [click this link](#). "In Monty's Footsteps" is also available as a podcast on Spotify.



New book  
NOW ON SALE!



## Book on the History of Cranham Church

Copies of this book costing £12 are available from Beryl Berry: [berylberry@hotmail.com](mailto:berylberry@hotmail.com) on 01452 813200 at Four Chimneys, Cranham.

To purchase your copy, please make payment of £12 to Cranham PCC  
sort code: 30-98-97; account no.: 51966663; ref.: your surname  
(emailing [helenadalltry.net](mailto:helenadalltry.net) to confirm).

Copies can be collected from Beryl Berry at Four Chimneys, Cranham on  
01452 813200 - payment can also be made to Beryl by cash or credit card.



## The People's Emergency Briefing Comes to Painswick!

Have you heard about this film? It's come out of a meeting last year where more than 1,200 MPs, peers and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media gathered at Westminster Central Hall for a landmark national briefing delivered by leading UK experts. Broadcaster Chris Packham called for clear public understanding of the risks facing the UK as a result of climate change, including nature breakdown, food security, health, national security, infrastructure and the economy.

We are going to show the film in St Mary's Church on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 3pm**, with refreshments available from 2.45pm, and afterwards there will be a facilitated and friendly discussion on the implications and opportunities for us locally. Our local MP, councillors and community leaders are being invited to attend and join in the discussions.

Revd Sarah says: *"We feel excited in the Beacon Benefice to be part of this national effort to respond to the climate and nature*

*crisis with urgency and hope. All are welcome, whatever your starting point or previous view – let's get together as a community over tea and cake to discuss the issues."*



## Sign up now for the Posada Families in Cranham!



The Posada Families will once again be looking for places to stay overnight in Cranham, having been blessed at the Advent Carol Service **Sunday 29th November at 6.30pm in Cranham**.

After travelling from home to home each night they return to the church in time for the Crib Service on 24th December at 4pm.

If we host the Posada, what exactly will we be doing?

The Posada families are delightful wooden nativity scenes. They will arrive, ready for you to set up, in their own box, with the Posada prayer and an Advent candle for you to light for the night(s) you host the family.

If you would like to host the Posada for a night please contact Laura Chilcott - [cranhamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cranhamchurch@gmail.com) or WhatsApp/call: 07854 917753  
You do not need to have children at home to host!

## Community Lunches are Back This Autumn!

Friends, this is a fantastic opportunity to meet and share lunch with neighbours and friends, new and old. Please have a think about which neighbours you may know who would appreciate an invitation to an affordable (pay as you feel), simple lunch in a relaxed setting.

Thanks meanwhile go to the Monday Walkers Group who will be preparing and serving the first lunch, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Painswick Town Hall.



Painswick Community Support  
presents

# Community Lunches

Homemade Soups

## 2026 Autumn dates

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October  | Monday Walkers                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  | Painswick Local History Society |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Painswick Dog Training          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November | Library Book Club               |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> November | Painswick Community Support     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November | Painswick Parish Council        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | Painswick Valley Christian Aid  |

**When** Mondays 12 – 1.15pm  
**What** Homemade soups, cheese, bread & butter. Tea and Coffee available  
**Where** Painswick Town Hall

Served by community groups

Pay as you feel  
(Cash only please – all donations for charity)

In association with Painswick Parish Council



## Stroud Food Bank



Thank you so much for your donation of £141 from St Mary's Harvest Festival.

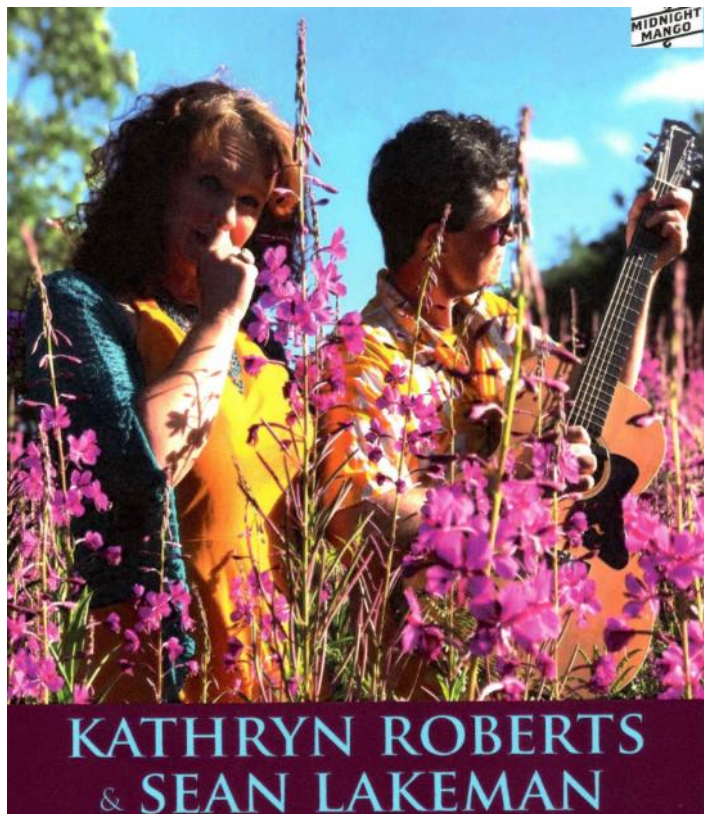
Your continued support of the Foodbank is very much appreciated. *Stroud Food Bank*



**Do you have a submission  
for our poetry corner?**

Please email:  
beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com





## Performance from Kathryn Roberts & Sean Laskeman

Kathryn Roberts & Sean Laskeman will be performing at Brookthorpe Village Hall on **Friday 6th November at 7.30pm.**

There are still some tickets left.

You may recall that Kathryn & Sean performed previously in 2018 and 2023.

This show has been arranged through Air in G Rural Touring Scheme.

Tickets are £17.50 and can be obtained by forwarding payment to: -  
NJ Bone Sort Code 20-25-44 A/C No 73783693.

For more details about the artists visit  
[www.kathrynrobertsandseanlakeman.com](http://www.kathrynrobertsandseanlakeman.com)

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An Evening of Jazz!



Looking for a lovely evening out? Come along and enjoy the sounds of the Utrillo Jazz Trio on Saturday 7th November. Gather some friends, enjoy some good food and a drink from the bar, and settle in for an evening of fantastic live music.

The bar and food will be available from 6.30pm, with live music starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 per person.

Click on the poster to book your tickets – we hope to see you there!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/utrillo-jazz-trio-2>

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.

FROM THE ROCOCO GARDENS:

As the evenings draw in, the scarce days of spectacular autumn sunlight become even more precious. The colourful flowers in the Exedra Garden continue to bloom until the first frosts, and the autumn leaves of native and exotic tree species look particularly spectacular this month, as they begin to turn to warm golds and reds, revealing more of the garden wildlife as they fall.



From **1st to 18th October**, visitors can celebrate Rococo Garden as a historic, working garden. Its Georgian kitchen garden is home to a cornucopia of heritage fruit and vegetable varieties, including some familiar favourites and others that may be more unusual. A seasonal display in the Bothy will showcase the autumn harvest, with a wide variety of produce also available to purchase from the shop.

During October half term, the garden will be open daily from **24th October to 1st November**, with the *Big Bat Trail*, a family-friendly trail offering the chance to explore the Garden, discover fascinating facts about bats and enjoy some autumn fun along the way.

The garden is open **Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm**, with last admission at 4pm. During half term, it will be open daily.

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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Thinking about Confirmation?

Confirmation is a special opportunity publicly to affirm your Christian faith and your desire to follow Jesus.

If you've ever wondered whether Confirmation might be something for you, or you're simply curious and would like to know more, **Revd Sarah would be delighted to hear from you**. She'd be very happy to have a chat, answer any questions and talk through what confirmation might look like — with no pressure or commitment.

It would be lovely to hear from anyone who is interested, whether you're a young person or an adult.

Please get in touch with the office beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com



Toddlers+Plus

Come and join us in St. Mary's Church
for a Bible story, craft, song and prayer.

Thursdays 11.00-11.30am

10th Sep, 24th Sep, 8th Oct, 22nd Oct, 5th Nov, 19th Nov, 10th Dec.



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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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Please contact Delyth for help to arrange lifts to church or home visits (including Communion).

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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

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| <b>Cranham</b> 10.00am – 5.00pm   | <b>Edge</b> 8.00am – 5.00pm        |
| <b>Painswick</b> 9.00am – 6.30pm  | <b>Harescombe</b> always open      |
| <b>Pitchcombe</b> 9.00am – 5.00pm | <b>Sheepscombe</b> 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.