



Online

...linking the Beacon Parishes

Sunday 13th August – Sunday 20th August

Services this week – all are welcome!

10.00am Sunday 13th August	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00am Sunday 13th August	Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer Baptism
11.00am Sunday 13th August	Cranham	Holy Communion
11.00am Sunday 13th August	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
9.00am Wednesday 16 th August	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer - for Zoom link please contact Lindsay Gardiner lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen Riding kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
11.00am Wednesday 16 th August	Resthaven	Holy Communion
9.30am Thursday 17 th August	Via Zoom	Morning Prayer from Sheepscombe For link contact Karen Riding kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
10.00am Sunday 20 th August	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00am Sunday 20 th August	Harescombe & Edge	Holy Communion
6.30pm Sunday 20 th August	Cranham	Evensong (BCP)

Readings and Collect – 10th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19.9-18

Romans 10.5-15

Matthew 14.22-33

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Beacon Benefice Prayer Ministry, by Mike Campbell

Recently I was watching a programme about the Tower of London, and in particular, the ravens that live there. That reminded of a passage in Luke's gospel where Jesus talks about Ravens:

“ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ”

[Luke 12;24]

Knowing how valuable we are to God means that we can pray to Him at anytime and about anything, and that nothing is too trivial to worry Him with. The trouble is, when we are concerned about something we don't always feel in the right place to pray.

So, as part of 'Prayer, Care, and Welfare' that Revd Sarah mentioned in Beacon Light a couple of weeks ago, we are introducing a new Benefice Prayer initiative. If there is something on your mind, something you are concerned or worried about, there will be a small group of dedicated Intercessors ready to offer prayer on your behalf.

Please don't think it is too petty to ask for us to pray. It may be an appointment you have, a family member, a decision you have to make, or whatever. Remember, Jesus tells us how valuable we all are to God.

From a practical point of view it is quite simple. Send an email to:

beaconbeneficeministry@gmail.com or if you don't use email, simply ring 07812 000646. Usually the phone will be answered, but if not, please leave a message and you will get a call-back fairly quickly. Once the prayer request has been received you can be confident that within a few moments there will be people praying for you.



The prayer initiative is **strictly confidential** and anything you ask us to pray about will **not** be shared with anyone other than the prayer group. It will not be put in Beacon Light, or on any of our church prayer-boards, unless you specifically ask us to do so. We would love to support you in prayer, so please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help.

If you have any questions or concerns please do let me know.

Beacon People and Prayers

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Rebecca Applebee-Crabb, Maurice Maggs and Andy Sutton**. Pray for all those people, whether they are relatives or friends, who care for the sick and disabled in their own homes and for those undergoing cancer treatment at this time. We also remember before God all who have died recently, especially **Robert Workman, Eileen Minchin and Ben Hancock**; and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. May they and all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

We continue to pray for all the charities which this benefice supports, including Christian Aid, GARAS, Marah, The Door, Stroud Citizens Advice, Stroud Foodbank, The Childrens Society and The Vine Project and all from our churches and villages who work in the NHS and in care homes, particularly Paradise House, Richmond and Resthaven.

We pray for all our neighbours, co-workers, friends and family who don't yet know the Good News of Jesus. We continue to pray: Thy Kingdom Come here in this Beacon Benefice.

Good news

Leading Intercessions. We will be holding a Benefice 'workshop' to learn from, encourage and support each other in the leading of intercessions in our services. This is such an important part of our worship, and we are grateful to the very many people in our parishes who share this ministry. We hope that this will be an opportunity to share good practice - what makes 'good' intercessions, and perhaps - even if you are well experienced - to pick up some new thoughts and ideas. Also, this will be a wonderful opportunity to invite anyone from your church who may be interested in starting to lead intercessions, so that they can meet others and become confident.

We will run the SAME workshop on the following days / times - hoping that everyone will be able to find one that suits.

Wed 16th Aug 3pm- 4.30pm; and Mon 4th Sept 7pm-8.30pm. Venue: Church Rooms, Painswick

Please could you email Mike Campbell mike@mc-cc.co.uk to let him know if, and when, you are able to come.

Helen Sammon and Mike Campbell.

Coming soon - St Mary's Mums



I'm really looking forward to next Monday. Weather permitting, I will be out and about in Painswick with Dionne and Elijah Popplestone, filming video clips for a fun trailer to promote St Mary's Mums. I hope the finished video will be up on the Painswick Church Facebook page by the end of next week (I'll make sure there's a link in the next Beacon Light).

St Mary's Mums will launch on September the 6th as a mum and baby group, meeting in our Church Rooms on Wednesdays from 9.15 to 10.45. Of

course other carers and babies will be very welcome to join us for coffee, refreshments and chat, while the little ones mess about in the ball pit and other attractions. Mother and baby groups can be one of the really significant building blocks of a healthy church, an opportunity to offer generous welcome, make friends and meet people where they are. Please keep this project in your prayers as we finalise plans and invite our community in.

Elijah (a young man of our congregation with truly film star looks) will be 'playing' a gumshoe detective on the mean streets of the village, cracking his toughest case yet – where do all the cool kids hang out? Obviously we expect him to go viral, but do share the word about ST Mary's Mums around your families and friends.

If you would like to support this outreach project by baking for a session occasionally please get in touch with lizeden@live.co.uk. Bless you!

Liz Eden

Sportily Update

Please pray for the 80 young people away on TRAC this year with four of the leaders coming from our Benefice. Please pray that they encounter Jesus in a personal way through all the games, talks, worship, sports, activities, friendships, fun and frolics that make TRAC such a special week. Please pray for Lewis Edgington, Lydia Ravenhill, Lydia Soutar and James Washburn who are leading on the camp, they have all grown up and travelled through the PSALMS / Sportily groups in our Benefice- pray that they all have wisdom, patience and compassion as they connect with the young people on the camp.



SPORTILY HANGOUT

**Painswick Youth and Community
Pavilion, Lower Washwell Lane,
Painswick GL6 6XW**

Every Monday in term time
5–6pm for school years 5–6
6–7pm for school years 7–13

Play games, hangout, chat, explore the
Christian faith and eat food!

**Cost: £1 per session (First week
free, use code FREESESSION)**

➤ Click here to sign up
or scan the QR code



sportily.org.uk/beacon



Hangout is going weekly once we get to September and please pray for Mark as he plans the terms sessions and the team who will be involved.

As ever, we would love to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with Sportily by helping at an event, receiving our newsletter, contributing financially or by joining our monthly prayer meetings. If that's you - please get in touch with Victoria Soutar 07900451248 or mark.trubey@sportily.org.uk

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More Good News

‘Join our Prayers’ in Edge

Prayer time in Edge Church begins again on September 4th.

Prayer time will resume in Edge Church on the first Monday of the month. We meet at 9.30am and pray for half an hour. If you would like to come, you would be very welcome or if you would like us to pray for you or your family please send an email to Ann Kennett at a.kennett279@gmail.com



Harescombe Retreat



On our August retreat day in Harescombe we will “*Consider the birds...*” (Matthew 6:26). A field guide to the birds of bible: from the raven to the dove and the ostrich to the sparrow. The biblical account of the natural world can be a rich source of imagery in our understanding of ourselves and our God, revealing mysteries and heartbreak, pratfalls and glory. Somewhere along the way, I hope we will find ourselves where we stand (or soar!) today on our faith journeys. There will be plenty of time for quiet and contemplation or even just to be with God unencumbered by busyness. I look forward to sharing a special time with you. *Liz Eden*

Notices

'Raise the Roof'



**Sunday
13th August
2.30-5.00pm
The Church Rooms**

**In aid of St Mary's Church
re-roofing project**

Thank you for supporting the Cream Teas on the 16th July, it was a sociable occasion where nearly £400 was raised for the Raise the Roof Appeal.

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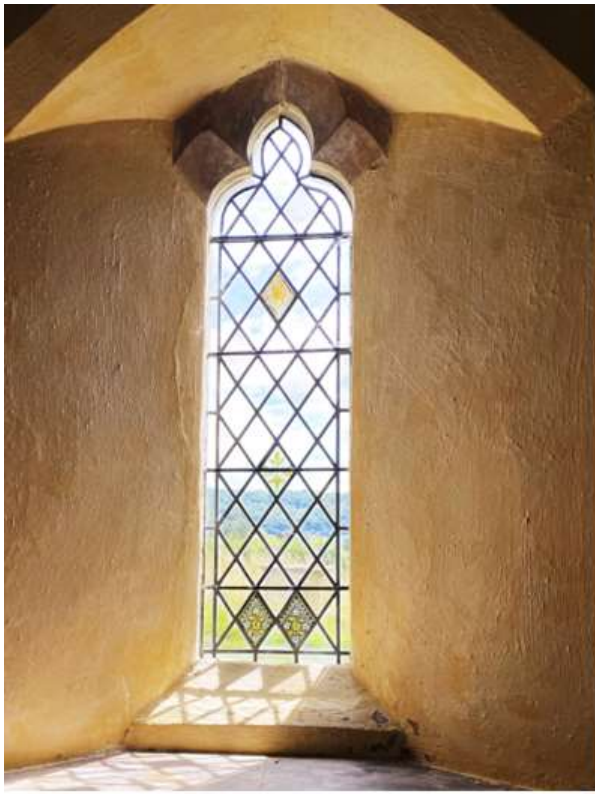
**Cranham Tennis Club Night** will run every Thursday from **6.00 to 8.00** until Thursday, August 31st. Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability; the first three sessions will be open to any Non-Members who just want to have a try. So please just come along, hit some balls and have some fun. Contact David Bonney (812120) for any more details.

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FOODBANK Please note, there will be **NO** collection in Painswick in August. Our next collection will be in September. You can still give at supermarkets or if you wish to make a bank donation, you can do so using the following details:

Stroud District Foodbank CIO Sort code: 09-01-29 Account: 21994911

We wish you all a good summer and thank you for continuing to support the Stroud Foodbank



Brought to you by
Harescombe Summer Retreats:

"Consider the birds..."

Thursday 17th August

Liz Eden

10.30am-3pm (Arrive from 10am)
Priced £15. Includes lunch and all refreshments. For more info, bookings and directions contact Bea Hyde:
beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com
or 07833 727701.

Harescombe Summer Retreats

Nestled in the heart of the Cotswold countryside, the farming community of Harescombe welcomes you to discover the simple beauty and tranquility of its beloved church and surroundings.

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure...' (Matt 13:44) Spend time soaking up the prayerful atmosphere of the ancient church and churchyard, prayer walking or simply relaxing in quiet company.

Further upcoming retreat dates:

Wednesday 27th September

Rev'd Sarah Haslam



Coffee Hotspots

Edge Coffee Morning Last Friday of the month, the next one will be on the 26th August 10.30am Edge Village Hall.

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**Sheepscombe Coffee Morning** First & Third Thursday of the month, the next one will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 – 11.30am Sheepscombe Village Hall.

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Pitchcombe Coffee Morning Second Tuesday of the month, the next one will be on the 12th September at 10.30am in the Church.

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**Cranham Pop-up Café.** Will be taking a break for August.

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Community Hub Friday Coffee Morning every Friday 10.00am - 11.30 in Painswick Town Hall. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes. All are welcome.

Church Opening Times

Painswick – 9.30am - 6pm in summer months, and 9.30am - 4pm in winter.

Pitchcombe - 9am - 5pm

Cranham - 10am - 5pm during the summer. During winter it will close as darkness falls.

Harescombe - always open

Sheepscombe – 9am – 5pm

Edge - 9am – 5pm

All church opening & closing is done by volunteers, these timings can be flexible to a degree.

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Website: www.beaconbenefice.org.uk

Cranham Community Response Team: The initial contact for Cranham residents is: Tel: 07973 340227 nigelrobincooper@gmail.com.

The Painswick Community Support initiative provides community support for Painswick.

If you need support, please contact 07956 203087 painswickcommunity@gmail.com

Thank you

Thank you to all who contribute to Beacon Light, from proof reading to providing us with prayer requests, it all helps. Please send information, pictures and articles for the next Beacon Light Online to beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com by **Tuesday 5pm at the latest**.

Bless you

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen.