

Online

...linking the Beacon Parishes

Sunday 3rd September – Sunday 10th September

Services this week – all are welcome!

Sunday 3 rd September	13 th Sunday after Trinity	
11.00am	Painswick	Benefice Holy Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evening Prayer

9.00am Wednesday 6 th September	Via Zoom	Beacon Prayer - for Zoom link please contact Lindsay Gardiner lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com or Karen Riding kriding07@yahoo.co.uk
11.30am Wednesday 6 th September	Richmond	Holy Communion
9.30am Thursday 7 th September	Via Zoom	Morning Prayer from Sheepscombe For link contact Karen Riding kriding07@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 10 th September	14 th Sunday after Trinity	
9.30am	Edge	Holy Communion
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
3.00pm	Cranham	Feast

Readings and Collect – 13th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 15.15-21

Romans 12.9-end

Matthew 16.21-end

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News from the Beacon Benefice

September is one of those months where there is always a lot happening: the end of summer and family holidays, a new school and college year and a general mood of 'back to work'. Despite the implications, many of us welcome that opportunity for a fresh start with all the potential it brings.

In the Beacon Benefice, September will bring some important celebrations and new beginnings. Sarah, will formally take up her role as Rector across the six parishes of Painswick, Sheepscombe, Cranham, Edge, Pitchcombe and Harescombe from early this month. The landmark moment though, will be on Sunday 17th at 4pm, when you are warmly invited to join us for her licensing service in St Mary's, Painswick.

September 6th sees the launch of 'St Mary's Mum's': a weekly café with toys and activities for little ones and coffee and cake for parents, carers and those with bumps across the benefice (no charge and nothing formal happening, just a space to chat and make friends). Do spread the word. You can watch our promotional video trailer starring Elijah at <https://fb.watch/mM2bpTrPYa/>



More family fun this month at Cranham Feast (the weekend of 9th and 10th) and the Feast Service at St James the Great on the Sunday at 3pm with a grand parade of cubs, scouts, school children and residents (all welcome to join in) from Overtown Farm to the church, the hearty singing of the unique Cranham Feast Hymn and of course, tea afterwards!

Then on Sunday 24th it will be Painswick's turn to feast in the long held traditions of puppy dog pie, flower crowns and 'clypping buns' for the children. As usual there will be all sorts of entertainments and stalls in the churchyard with the Clypping Service (nothing to do with yew trees and also with its own unique hymn) at 3pm. Look out for St Mary's own stall with free activities for families and also Sportily, with games and challenges for all ages.

Our prayers across our churches this month will include all those starting the new academic year at our village schools, those off to secondary schools further afield and all those beginning college courses, perhaps living away from home for the first time. Please pray for our young people this week and of course, their teachers and support staff. Every blessing! *Liz Eden*

An Important Invitation!

THE BEACON BENEFICE PARISHES OF CRANHAM, EDGE, HARESCOMBE WITH BROOKTHORPE, PAINSWICK, PITCHCOMBE AND SHEEPSCOMBE

You are invited to the Institution
by the Bishop of Gloucester and the Induction
by the Archdeacon of Gloucester
of
**The Rev'd. Sarah Haslam
as Rector of this Benefice**

on 17th September at 4pm
in the Church of St Mary's, Painswick

Refreshments in the Church after the service

Clergy are asked to robe (choir dress)
Robing for visiting clergy is in the Church Rooms

All welcome, please RSVP (for rough catering numbers) Bea Hyde, Benefice Administrator,
Lychgate Office, Stroud Road, Painswick Glos GL6 7QR beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Beacon People and Prayers

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Rebecca Applebee-Crabb** 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 **William Butler** and **Maurice
Maggs**; and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. May they and all the departed rest in
peace and rise in glory.

The funeral for William Butler will take place St Mary's Church, Painswick on Thursday
14th September at 12.15pm, followed by cremation at Gloucester Crematorium at 1.30pm.

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. On Thursday 19th October at 7.00 pm in the Church Rooms, Painswick.
We will be holding another 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.

Please could you email Mike Campbell mike@mc-cc.co.uk to let him know if you would like
to join us. *Helen Sammon and Mike Campbell.*

Sportily Update



**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

For more information contact
mark.trubey@sportily.org.uk
07949 111 817
sportily.org.uk



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

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



Cranham Feast Friday 8th- Sunday 10th September



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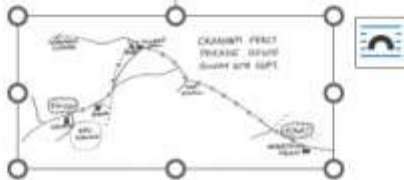
Saturday 9th September & Sunday 10th September

Flower Festival – "Celebrating Cranham"

Sunday 10th September

1.30pm Cranham Feast Parade

Re-creation of the traditional Parade, walking 1.5 miles from Overtown Farm to Cranham Church, with music, fancy dress, banners and flags



3.00pm Feast Service in the Churchyard

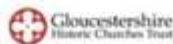
Please bring your own chairs/rug (to be held inside if wet)

Followed by Tea and Cakes in the Church

Funds raised on Sunday, through sponsorship of the Cranham Parade walkers, from the collection during the Feast Service and from donations for the teas, will be shared between the Cranham Church Organ Fund (to help fund its restoration) and Ride+Stride, which raises money to support Gloucestershire Churches (from which Cranham Church has received significant funding in the past).

www.justgiving.com/page/cranham-church-organ-appeal

RIDE+STRIDE



Cranham Feast And Deer Roast

Friday 8th September

Tug of war, at 6pm with pizzas cooked to order.

Saturday 9th September

1pm gates open

Kids games 1-3pm- free

Kids race 2pm

Boundary race 2.30 pm,

100 ball cricket match 3pm.

BBQ, teas/ cakes, stalls, bouncy castle, icecream van

church flower festival all weekend

Deer roast carving at 5pm

Live music from 6pm

Ploughmans supper

Sunday 10th September

Parade starting at 1.30pm at Overtown to the church via the village hall and the Black Horse.

Everyone is welcome to join all or part of the parade.

Church service at 3pm with teas after, raising money for the church organ and in association with

Ride and Stride

Notices

Singers invited to join the choir for Rev'd. Sarah's Licensing

St Mary's Choir would welcome any singers who would like to join us for Rev'd. Sarah's Licensing on Sunday 17th September at 4pm. We will be rehearsing the music on Fridays 8th and 15th September in St Mary's at 5.30 for no more than 30 minutes. Please let Chris Swain know if you would like to join us: cqswain@btinternet.com.

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**Foodbank** We have received a 'thank you' from the Stroud Foodbank for the 86.4kg of food donated by the Beacon Benefice in July. Your support has made all the difference! After a break in August, our next collection will be on **Wednesday 13 September** from 10 am - 12 noon. Please note that we will only be collecting in the car park on Stamages Lane. If you have difficulty getting to this donation point, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Please may we ask for some of the following: Gluten or dairy free products, laundry liquid, nappies size 4-6, mayo and ketchup, shampoo and razors, jam, Marmite, washing up liquid and sugar.

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

Thank you. The Foodbank Team Mobile: 07950 651228

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Fairtrade refreshments for Clypping Sunday 24th September.

As you may know refreshments with at least one fairly traded ingredient are traditionally provided in the church for this event. Our very small committee would be extremely grateful if anyone would help by making some of the cakes or biscuits or by serving the tea and coffee for a short time.

If you are able to assist please contact Frances Watson on 812071 or Alison Robinson on 812286. Thank you

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Dear Parishioners and Friends. **Thank you** so much for the wonderful presentation I received on my retirement as Churchwarden. I was really touched by your kindness and your very generous gift. The flowers were so beautiful and the cake was delicious, I am sure you enjoyed it too! It was a pleasure to serve you all these years as your Churchwarden. Best wishes, Sue Welbourn

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Singing from the Heart – 7th October 2023
Come and enjoy the beauty of singing together

During the day we will learn simple sacred songs, chants and harmonies, mainly drawn from the Christian tradition. Singing from the heart helps us to connect, individually and collectively, with the flow of Universal Love. Through doing this, we can experience and reflect on singing as a spiritual practice. This can be meaningful for many people, whether their spirituality is linked to a particular faith tradition or to none. We will learn the chants by ear so you do not need to be able to read music or be an experienced singer to enjoy this!

Programme:

10.00 - 10.30 Arrive/Refreshments
10.30 - 12.30 Introduction to singing from the heart. Singing as a spiritual practice. Learning sacred chants and songs with harmonies together.
12.30 - 13.30 Lunch - please bring your own lunch. Coffee, teas and cake will be provided.
13.30 – 15.00 Learning and sharing sacred chants and songs.
15.00 - 16.00 We shall end with a Singing offering in St Mary's Church, Painswick.

Venue: The Church Rooms, St Mary's Church, Painswick GL6 6UT.

The Stamages Lane public car park is next to the venue. Street Parking is also possible on Churchill Way, Hyett Close and The Croft. Nearest rail station is Stroud from where a bus service leaving from Merrywalks Shopping Centre stop at 9.30am, (66 gold/ 166) takes you to Painswick.

Advanced booking is essential. If you would like to come, or want some further information, please contact Andrew Clark, preferably by email: andrewjbclark@outlook.com or by mobile: 07729118876.

Cost: Donations welcome (suggested amount £20).

Andrew Clark worked for nearly 30 years as a psychiatrist and psychotherapist in the NHS, before retiring in 2017. His earliest experience of singing was in a church choir and over many years of singing in choirs as well as on retreats and pilgrimages, he deeply appreciates the therapeutic and spiritual impact of singing. He now feels increasingly called to use heart-centred singing and sounding as a way to develop our heart consciousness.

You can help!?

September is indeed going to be a busy month full of opportunities for us to be welcoming churches and a blessing to our communities. A small amount of your time could make all the difference to the events planned in your parish. In particular, do get in touch with beaconbeneficeoffice@gmail.com about any of the below:

- * does anyone have a gazebo/small party tent St Mary's could borrow on the day of the feast to shelter our stall with activities for families and children?
- * can you spare half an hour on the day of the Painswick Feast (between 11am and 3pm) to help welcome visitors to the stall and help with crafts and activities?
- * would you be willing to bake something for the St Mary's Mums coffee and cake time (we have freezer space!)?



Coffee Hotspots

Edge Coffee Morning Last Friday of the month, the next one will be on the 29th September 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 7<sup>th</sup> September 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.** Every Tuesday (10.00am - 3.30pm) and Friday (9.00am - 12.30pm)

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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.