

Beacon



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...linking the Beacon Parishes

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches on
Sunday 22nd May – 6th Sunday of Easter**

Sunday Services this week

9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am	Painswick	Beacon Praise
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Holy Communion

Weekday Worship

Wednesday weekly 9.00am via Zoom Benefice Prayer Time

Zoom invitation sent out with Beacon Light weekly. Lindsay Gardiner (lindsay.gardiner@icloud.com)
Karen Riding (kriding07@yahoo.co.uk)

26th May Ascension Day

6.30pm Cranham

Benefice Eucharist for Ascension Day

Thursday weekly 9.30am via Zoom Morning Prayer from Sheepscombe

Zoom invitation or a copy of the service sheet from Karen Riding kriding07@yahoo.co.uk.

1st Wednesday monthly 10.30am Richmond Village Holy Communion

3rd Tuesday monthly 11.00am Resthaven Holy Communion

Services next Sunday 29th May - 7th Sunday of Easter

10.00am	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Harescombe	3 Parish Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	2 Parish Communion
12 noon	Painswick	Holy Baptism

Please be aware that on **Sunday 5th June** service times will be changed, due to the celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Full details next week.

Clergy Letter June 2022

In June this year we have an abundance of celebrations. June 5th is Whitsunday or Pentecost as it is more commonly known by these days. This coincides with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The following Sunday 12th June is Trinity Sunday the day we celebrate God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee is due to be celebrated over 4 days, 3rd–6th June. What a remarkable achievement: Queen of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth for 70 years, the longest reigning monarch in the whole of our national history. At the beginning of her reign she pledged that whether her life was to be long or short it would be spent in service to her country and beyond. How faithfully she has kept to that promise. Throughout her long reign she has scarcely put a foot wrong maintaining the highest standards of duty, integrity, honesty and faithfulness. She has stood head and shoulders above the majority of rulers and politicians in the world in her time. A driving force throughout her reign has been her faith in God to which she has often referred in her Christmas Day broadcasts. We thank and praise God for her loyal service and devotion during a remarkable reign

To mark this special achievement and celebration there will be Jubilee services at each of our benefice churches on Sunday 5th June with the exception of Edge where church repairs are continuing. At Edge there will be a village celebration on the Green on Friday 3rd June.

A continuing blot on the world landscape at the moment is the war in Ukraine. It strains belief that a country the size of Russia should invade a smaller neighbour like Ukraine just to try and increase the size of its territory to satisfy one man's ego, President Putin. It is also shameful that the Russian Orthodox Church is supporting this war. The whole situation calls for our prayers for peace and sanity.

At the end of the month on 26th June three of our churches in the benefice will be celebrating their patronal festivals. The festival is of John the Baptist who is the patron saint of our churches in Edge, Pitchcombe and Harescombe.

Revd. David Newell

Readings

Acts 16.9-15, Revelation 21.10,22 – 22.5, John 14.23-29

Collect

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Comment on the Gospel

Jesus's words to Judas (not Iscariot) are part of a larger conversation at the Last Supper. Jesus is preparing his disciples to live faithfully after he has gone from them physically. They are understandably disturbed by this talk, but Jesus repeats his words of peace and assurance. Jesus has brought them into an abiding love relationship with God that has implications for their lives whether they are in Jesus's physical presence or not.

The Advocate, the paraclete, is the Holy Spirit, sent to abide with the disciples (14:17) and to remind them of Jesus's words and teaching. He is not leaving the disciples orphaned (14:18), and yet we can imagine how upsetting this conversation would be.

Jesus's promise of the Holy Spirit and his gift of peace are intertwined. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's abiding presence in your life?

Where do you sense a need for Christ's peace today? Take a few moments to pray for peace now.

Beacon People

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Rebecca Applebee-Crabb, Richard Garrett, Frauke Hankamer, Andrea Linsell, Jenipher Pritchard and John Turkington**. 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 pray also for all the charities which this benefice supports, including Christian Aid, GARAS, Marah, Sportily, Stroud Citizens Advice, Stroud Foodbank and The Vine Project and all from our churches and villages who work in the NHS and in care homes.

We also remember before God all who have died recently, especially **Jennifer Chapman**, as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. May they and all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

Notices

Next Thursday, **May 26th is Ascension Day**, an important point in the Church's year. We mark the occasion with a **Benefice Eucharist in the evening at 6.30pm**. This is being held in **St James the Great, Cranham**. All are welcome.

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Thank you all for your generous support this month for **Stroud Foodbank**. This was on the Food Bank notice board!! They have been very very busy with the extra deliveries and are having to open up another two collection points. The next Foodbank Collection will be on **Wednesday 8th June 2022, 10.0 am - 12.0 noon, Stamages Lane car park and at the Stocks by the Church**. Please save the date and be generous, demand is overwhelming. Food bank would be grateful for the following but as usual all food items would be gratefully received, however they have plenty of pasta, tea and cereal. **Tinned Ham, tinned corn beef, fry bents pies, tinned hot dogs, tinned tuna, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, fruit juice, UHT milk**. If you wish to donate on line Foodbank banking details are: **CIO sort code 09-01-29 Acc 21994911**. Once again many thanks for your support.  
*Stroud Foodbank*

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Are you able to give some of your time and skills to **help Marah support people in poverty and hunger**? Our purpose is to offer friendship, good food, advice, respect and hope to the people who come to us for help. Our Drop-in operates four times a week and we are currently in need of volunteers for Fridays and Saturdays who can be there from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Volunteers are required to attend twice a month minimum. Please contact the Marah Office for further details: please call 01453 367006 (Mon to Wed) or contact office@marah.org.uk (Please include a contact phone number in your email).

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Is there anyone willing to be part of a team to provide **transport on the first Sunday** of each month to the benefice services, which are now moving from parish to parish? If you can help please contact Delyth Allen, email: [delyth\\_allen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:delyth_allen@hotmail.co.uk).

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

The Painswick Community Support initiative provides community support for Painswick. If you need support, please contact 07956 203087

painswickcommunity@gmail.com

Community Hub Friday Coffee Morning every Friday 10am -11.30 in the Town Hall.

Tea, coffee and home-made cakes. All are welcome. Vicky Allen of Sportily will be dropping into the Community Hub this Friday (20th). Decorate a flag for the Jubilee Bunting for Painswick! There will be a table at the Hub with fabric pens and flags which people can decorate as an individual, or to represent a club, society or group which will form part of the Jubilee Bunting in Painswick (see article on front page of the May Painswick Beacon).

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**Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle** is a simple but effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency on a standard form and in a common location - the fridge. Message in a Bottle helps emergency services personnel to save valuable time in identifying an individual very quickly and knowing if they have any allergies or take special medication. Anyone who would like one can collect one from the Friday Community Hub cafe at the Town Hall 10am -11.30 or if you would like one delivered, please contact us [painswickcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:painswickcommunity@gmail.com) or call Painswick Community Support at 07956 203087. .

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Information for the next Beacon Light Online to ajpleach@gmail.com by **Tuesday 5pm at the latest**, please.

And Finally...

Seen in a pewsheet: "Any church member over 18 is welcome on our new lay ministry programme. It requires minimal training and time: just six weekly classes of about 200 hours each Tuesday night. . "