

Beacon



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Light Online

...linking the Beacon Parishes

Sunday 15th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Harescombe	Holy Communion

(Joint Service for Edge & Harescombe)

Not-the-Rector

In this week's Gospel, Jesus declares that He will give His own body for food for the life of the world. Jesus is the very Bread of Life that nourishes us in times of hardship.

This in no way excuses those of us who have ordinary bread from sharing with our neighbours who have none – far from it! If Jesus gives His own body for our food, we must be generous with what we have and give to others. But Jesus declares that the food that God will give will be greater than mere bread. Christ lives in those who receive Him, and they live in Him.

Through the Eucharist, we are promised eternal life. But that life is not meant for us alone. We are charged to invite everyone in, that all might share in Christ's living bread, not just in the Eucharist, but in the community of love and shared burdens that is Christ's Body, the church.

Rev. Andrew

Readings

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.

The Gospel according to John 6.51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

In Jesus' teaching to "eat his flesh" we can hear a call to be a nourishing, nurturing community. Jesus needs us to cooperate with his grace so that we, his body, can be life for those who feed on him.

How can we as a community be true food and drink for each other and the world?

Beacon People

Congratulations and best wishes to **Charlotte Mundell and Nicholas Hearn** on their marriage in St. Mary's, Painswick on Saturday 14th August.

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Richard Garrett, Andrea Linsell, and Jenipher Pritchard**. 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 remember also all the charities which this benefice supports, including Christian Aid, Marah, OneLife/PSALMS, 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, as well as all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Notices

Next Sunday, 22nd August, the **BCP Communion Service at Pitchcombe will be at 11am**. Please note the change of time on this occasion. Following the service, the ashes of Marjorie Bettley, Pitchcombe's much-loved late organist, will be laid to rest in the churchyard.

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**August 29<sup>th</sup>** will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and we shall be returning to our practice of holding a **Benefice Eucharist at 10am**. The service will take place in St. Mary's, which is large enough to allow for social distancing with a benefice congregation. Please do come along – all are welcome. This is our first benefice service since the start of the pandemic and it will be good to see everyone together once more.

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Living in Love and Faith Course - This is a major new Church of England initiative to help church communities examine afresh their life and learning together in the face of difference and diversity. It sets out to inspire people to think more deeply both about what it means to be human, and to live in love and faith with one another. The course will run on consecutive Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, starting on 23rd September and ending on 21st October, and will be held at Cainscross Church Hall. You can find out more about it on the Church's 'Living in love and Faith' website. If anyone is interested in taking part please contact Sally Withers, the Deanery Administrator on 07808294910. Anyone wishing to share transport, please contact me on 812071. *Frances Watson, Deanery Synod Representative, Painswick.*

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## Weekday Worship

**Thursday weekly** : 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom from Sheepscombe  
*If you would like to join in or would like a copy of the service sheet please email Karen Riding [kriding07@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kriding07@yahoo.co.uk).*

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month:** 11am. Holy Communion at Richmond Village  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month:** 10.30am Morning Prayer at Richmond Village  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month:** 11.00am Holy Communion at Resthaven

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Sources of help :

Cranham Covid-19 Community Response Team: The initial contact for Cranham residents is: nigelrobincooper@gmail.com Tel: 07973 340227

St. Mary's Pastoral Link system: Anyone who is self-isolating or unable to get out, we can help you by getting shopping, prescriptions etc. Please contact Delyth Allen (St. Mary's Pastoral Link Coordinator) on 813182 or 07854262517 or email delyth_allen@hotmail.co.uk

Painswick Community Support: The Painswick Covid-19 Community Support initiative set up in March will be providing ongoing community support for Painswick with the same telephone number but an updated e-mail address. If you need support, please contact 07956 203087 or painswickcommunity@gmail.com

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## Services next Sunday 22nd August - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 11.00am        | Painswick                                                       | Beacon Praise        |
| <b>11.00am</b> | Pitchcombe                                                      | Holy Communion (BCP) |
|                | <i>Followed by burial of ashes of the late Marjorie Bettley</i> |                      |
|                | <b>Please note later starting time</b>                          |                      |
| 11.00am        | Sheepscombe                                                     | Holy Communion       |
| 6.30pm         | Cranham                                                         | Evening Worship      |

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Information for the next Beacon Light Online to [ajpleach@gmail.com](mailto:ajpleach@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 5pm at the latest**, please.

## and Finally...

**Seen in a pewsheet:** "Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding. "