

Calendar for 21st to 30th December

Friday 21st December

6pm Carols by Candlelight
Little Hampden

Sunday 23rd December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings 8am and 10am:
Hebrews 10:5–10 (NT p213)
Luke 1:39–45 (NT p54)

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
6pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 24th December

Christmas Eve

3pm Christingle **Ballinger**
4:30pm Crib Service
9:30pm Midnight Communion **Ballinger**
11pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day

Readings 8am and 10am:
Isaiah 9:2–7 (OT p585)
Luke 2:1–14 (NT p55)

8am Holy Communion
10am Christmas Communion

Sunday 30th December

First Sunday of Christmas

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion

Note: no Evensong, back to normal next week

Collect for 4th Sunday of Advent

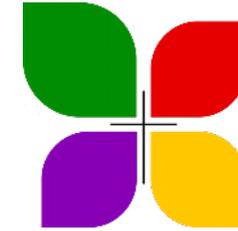
God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Christmas Eve

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever



St Peter and St Paul
Great Missenden

St Mary's Ballinger

Little Hampden

Helping one another to Know, to
Serve and to Share God's love.

21st to 25th December 2018

Christmas

Prayers for Christmas

PEACE – throughout the world

LOVE – the love of Christ in our hearts,
shared with all

HOPE – where there is despair

JOY – that the gospel be GOOD news for all

The word became flesh and lived
among us, and we have seen his
glory, the glory as of a father's only
son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Christmas Services

St Peter & St Paul

Nine Lessons and Carols

23rd December 6 pm

Crib Service

24th December 4:30 pm

Midnight Communion Service

24th December 11 pm

Christmas Day Services

25th December 8 am and 10 am



St Mary's Ballinger

Christingle

24th December 3 pm

Midnight Communion Service

24th December 9:30 pm

Little Hampden

Carols by Candlelight

21st December 6 pm

Note: no service at Little Hampden
on Sunday 23rd December

Midnight Communion at St Mary's Ballinger

Don't forget to bring a torch to the service, which is at 9:30pm. There will be some extra lights out but it's very dark walking from the car park.

Christmas Collections

This year we are supporting three charities:

The Hope School in Bethlehem where our gift can make a huge difference to the Palestinian youngsters who have very little hope in their lives.

Embrace the local charity that is making an impact across the Middle East. Their partners focus broadly on three issues: education, health and community development.

Road Farm was formed in May 2014 to enable the benefits of being on a real, working farm to be shared more effectively with others. Visits are welcomed from groups like Rotary, the Chiltern Society, Young Farmers, Scouts, Guides and Schools.

Your gifts over Christmas will be distributed in the New Year.

Christmas Presents for the Old Tea Warehouse

These were safely delivered this week, and there were again sufficient parcels to provide a Christmas present for every resident. We were asked to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed this year, to help bring some Christmas cheer to these homeless men and women in High Wycombe

Parish Office over Christmas

The office is closed next week and 1st and 2nd January, reopening on Thursday 3rd January

Christmas Greetings

Rosie, Tricia, Elizabeth and all the staff wish you a very happy Christmas and a blessed new year



Lighthouse Christmas Quiz

The theme this year is Mini Beasts. Entry £1 towards Lighthouse funds - the quiz made nearly £1000 last year. Copies are available in Church and from the office. The closing date for the competition is 13th January.

Lunch, Walk and Mince Pies

Join us on Thursday 27th December: meet at the Cross Keys at 12 for lunch, followed by a 5-6 mile walk, finishing with mince pies. Further details on the Church Web What's On or from Elizabeth.

Sunday 30th and next year

Do join us on Sunday 30th December when there'll be our usual 8am and 10m Holy Communion services but no evensong and no services at St Mary's Ballinger or Little Hampden.

The following Sunday, 6th January, we'll be back to normal with 8am and 10am Communion services and Evensong at 6pm. Ballinger will have Holy Communion at 9:30am. The first service of the new year at Little Hampden will be Holy Communion on 13th January at 11:30am with coffee from 11am

During today's worship

During Communion, prayer is available in the Lady Chapel

Please ask at the door if your children would like books and quiet toys

Inductive Loop – Hearing Aids to 'T' setting

Please drive carefully through the churchyard as pedestrians are coming from the top and bottom gates as well as from parked cars. Look out for children playing after the service

Parents, please make sure children are playing safely

Please don't leave anything precious in your car – it might be stolen