

## Calendar for 24th November to 1st December

### Sunday 24th November

#### Sunday next before Advent

Readings 8am and 10am:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

8am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

11.30am Mattins – **Little Hampden**

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Readings: 1 Samuel 8:4-20

John 18:33-37

### Monday 25th November

9.30am House Group at Jean Wallwork's, 3 Trafford Close

6.45 - 8pm Bell-ringing practice

### Wednesday 27th November

10.30am Coffee 'n' Share – Oldham Hall

### Thursday 28th November

7.30-9pm Choir Practice

### Sunday 1st December

#### The First Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Advent Morning Praise –  
**Ballinger**

10.00am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism

4.00pm Christingle Service

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

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### Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect words – © Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000)

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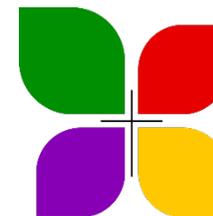
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News or events for website to office (above)



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

24th November 2019

Sunday next before Advent

Please pray this week for:

people who work to give others rest,  
refreshment and renewal

those who are dying or fearing death

leaders of our communities and  
organisations, our politicians and the  
Queen

'Jesus remember me when you come into  
your kingdom' Jesus replied, 'Truly, I tell you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise'.

Luke 23:42-43

## Advent Carol Service, Sunday 1st December at 6pm

Please join us for a beautiful service of carols, Bible readings and poetry, prayers and music sung by our choir, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

## Advent Service at St Mary's, Ballinger

Please note that this will take place at 9.30am on Sunday 1st December and not on 4th December as previously advertised.

## Eco Refill Market, 2nd December

Please start saving containers and jam jars so you can refill with eco toiletries and cleaning products and Friends' jam in this collaboration with school and the Refill Project.



## Advent Lunches

Come and enjoy homemade soup with bread, a seasonal treat, chat and a reflection about someone who has followed their star. Mondays, 12.30pm at the Oldham Hall. On 2nd December we focus on Greta Thunberg; 9th December, Eliud Kipchoge; 16th December, Helen Keller. Please let Elizabeth know of any special dietary needs (curate.elizabeth@gmail.com).

## Christmas Festival



This year's Christmas Festival will take place on 7 and 8 December in church. Raffle Tickets for the Festival will be on sale again today at the back of the church.

## Christmas at the Old Tea Warehouse

We are again looking for donations of Christmas presents for homeless residents at the Old Tea Warehouse. Our goal is to provide 60 presents suitable for men. This may be the only present many receive, and is a chance for us to show that someone cares and to provide some cheer on Christmas Day. As a guide, a value of £5-8 is suggested on items such as: woollen hat, gloves, scarf, T-shirt or sweatshirt, stationery, card games, mugs, etc. Biscuits and sweets are welcome but please label to avoid giving to a diabetic. No alcohol or after-shave please. Please wrap your present and deliver to the Parish Office by Wednesday 4th December so that we can display gifts at the Christmas Tree Festival.

## Socks, Gloves and Hats for Wycombe Homeless Connection

Jane Coulson is also collecting new socks and new or like new hats and gloves for people using Wycombe Homeless Connection's services. Please give to Jane or leave in the box at the back of the church by the end of November.

## IGNITE'S Recipe Book

Copies of the IGNITE recipe book are still available (£10 each) and all profits will go to Abraham's Children in Crisis.

## Help Church when you shop with no extra cost

If you buy from Amazon, at no extra cost to you, Amazon will make a donation to us of a proportion of your purchase price. Please visit smile.amazon.co.uk and you will find us if you search for 'Great Missenden'.

If you shop at the Co-op, please sign up as a Co-op Member and choose us as your local cause. The Co-op will then make a donation to us of 1% of the purchase price on selected Co-op branded products and services.

## Starlight Christmas Cards

These beautiful eco cards show how the Light shines in the darkness, are made by our children, and over £2 from every pack sold goes straight to Starlight Children's Foundation who help seriously ill children. £3 for five cards from church, the Parish Office, Samways or St Andrew's Bookshop.

## 'Sailing to the South Pacific' Talk on 16th November

This Friends event was a great success with the fascinating illustrated talk by Jo and Rob Withers of their adventurous voyage. Over 130 people attended, there was the usual delicious tea prepared by the Committee and such a happy, warm atmosphere. A huge "thank you" to everyone involved for all the help and support. Over £1,600 was raised to help with repair grants to the church.

## Other Christmas Dates for your Diary

**1 December, 4pm**

Christingle Service

**15 December, 10am**

Wear your Christmas Jumper/Socks to church day

**22 December, 6pm**

Carol Service

**24 December, 4.30pm**

Crib Service

**24 December, 11pm**

Midnight Communion

**25 December, 8am**

Holy Communion

**25 December, 10am**

Christmas Day Communion (no evening service)

## During today's worship

During Communion, prayer is available in the Lady Chapel.

Inductive Loop – Hearing Aids to 'T' setting.

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