

Calendar for 1st to 8th December

Sunday 1st December

The First Sunday of Advent

Readings 8am and 10am:

Romans 13:11-end

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Monday 2nd December

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

6.45 - 8pm Bell-ringing practice

Wednesday 4th December

10.30am Coffee 'n' Share – Oldham Hall

Thursday 5th December

7.30-9pm Choir Practice

Saturday 7th December

10am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 8th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

11.30am Christmas Tree Festival

11.30am Holy Communion – Little
Hampden

6.00pm Evensong

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Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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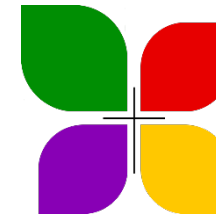
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Items for next sheet by 6pm on Wednesday
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News or events for website to office (above)



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

1st December 2019

The First Sunday of Advent

Please pray this week for:

Otilie who is being baptised this
morning

those who live in fear or with anxiety

people living with HIV or AIDS

Leader: Turn around, make a change. There
is no better time.

People: The time is now.

Leader: Turn around. Do things differently.
It's never too late to make things
right.

People: The time is now.

Leader: The earth spins, hearts beat,
seasons change – so do people.

People: So turn around, make a change.
There is no better time.

Leader: The time is now.

Christingle Service, Today at 4pm

Everyone is welcome at our family Christingle Service this afternoon at 4pm. We'll be making our own Christingles and we'll also be raising money for The Children's Society.

Advent Carol Service, Today 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.

Eco Refill Market, 2nd December

Please come along to the Oldham Hall tomorrow, 2.30pm-4.30pm, to refill your containers with eco toiletries, 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 Tree Festival



The Christmas Tree Festival takes place next week in church, Saturday 7th December, 10am-5pm, and Sunday 8th December, 11.30am-5pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Free Will Offering Envelopes

Free Will Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available at the back of the church. If you want more information, or would like to join the scheme, please speak to Sally Clark (01494 714 177). Please note that for administrative purposes only, some numbers may have changed.

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.

IGNITE'S Recipe Book

Copies of the IGNITE recipe book are still available to buy from either church or the Parish Office (£10 each) and all profits will go to Abraham's Children in Crisis.

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.

Other Christmas Dates for your Diary

(These take place at St Peter and St Paul unless otherwise stated)

15 December, 10am

Wear your Christmas Jumper/Socks to church day in aid of MAP's Toilet Twinning fundraising, with a cake sale after the service.

20 December, 6pm

Carol Service, Little Hampden

22 December, 6pm

Christmas Carol Service

24 December, 4.30pm

Nativity Crib Service

24 December, 9.30pm

Ballinger Midnight Communion, St Mary's Ballinger

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.