

Calendar for 8th to 15th December

Sunday 8th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings 8am and 10am:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

8am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

11.30am Christmas Tree Festival

11.30am Holy Communion – Little Hampden

6.00pm Evensong

Readings: 1 Kings 18:17-39

John 1:19-28

Monday 9th December

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

12.30pm Advent Lunch - Oldham Hall

6.45 - 8pm Bell-ringing practice

Wednesday 11th December

12 noon Christmas Lunch - Abbeyfield

Thursday 12th December

7.30-9pm Choir Practice

Saturday 14th December

7.30pm Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Sunday 15th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion: wear your Christmas jumper for charity!

6.00pm Taize

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Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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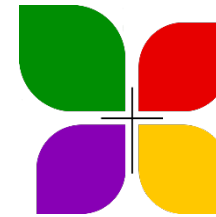
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Items for next sheet by 6pm on Wednesday to Emma lfe: emma.lfe@hotmail.com

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

8th December 2019

The Second Sunday of Advent

Please pray this week for:

all the General Election candidates and everyone preparing to vote – for wisdom and good judgement

the work of Florence Nightingale Hospice; and people dying in places without palliative care access

change and anticipation as we prepare for Christmas

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.

Christmas Festival



The Festival is open till 5pm today. The raffle will be drawn this afternoon so do buy your tickets - the prizes include the wonderful Christmas Hamper and lots of others, all donated by members of the congregation.

Advent Lunches

Our Advent Lunches continue... 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 9th December, Eliud Kipchoge and, on 16th December, Helen Keller. Please let Elizabeth know of any special dietary needs (curate.elizabeth@gmail.com).

Wear your Christmas Jumpers to Church, 15 December

If you wish to, please do wear a Christmas themed jumper/tie/socks etc to the 10am service on 15 December. There will also be a special cake stall after the service to help with fundraising for MAP's Toilet Twinning initiative, helping us to twin our toilets to give toilet access and clean water to more people.

IGNITE'S Recipe Book

IGNITE's recipe books are available to buy all through the Christmas Festival this weekend, as well as from the Parish Office during the week. £10 each – the ideal Christmas present!

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.

Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Great Missenden Choral Society perform this wonderful music on Saturday 14th December, 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Wye Country at 36B Great Missenden High Street or online at gmconline.co.uk.

Christmas Carol Concert for Lighthouse Great Missenden

Traditional carols and songs for Christmas presented by The Gathering Singers, The Heatherton Singers and the Lamphouse Singers. Monday 16th December at 7.30pm. Tickets from Samways in Great Missenden or on the door.

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.

Frith Hill Overnight Closures

Please be aware that overnight closures of Frith Hill to carry out HS2 roadworks will commence from 9 December.

Other Christmas Dates for your Diary

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

20 December, 6pm	Carol Service, Little Hampden
22 December, 6pm	Christmas Carol Service
24 December, 3pm	Ballinger Christingle, St Mary's Ballinger
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)

The charities we will be collecting for this Christmas are: Chiltern Music Therapy; Wycombe Homeless Connection (Chesham project) and Hope School, Bethlehem.

Junior Church

MAP We will be making and decorating Christmas costumes for the Crib Service, plus a few more decorations for MAP's Christmas tree.

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.