

Calendar for 15th to 22nd December

Sunday 15th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

Readings 8am and 10am:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-11

8am Holy Communion

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

6.00pm Taize

Monday 16th December

12.30pm Advent Lunch - **Oldham Hall**

7.30pm Christmas Carol Service for
Lighthouse Great Missenden
(tickets from Samways or on
the door)

Tuesday 17th December

2.00pm Carols at Woodlands

Thursday 19th December

7.30-9pm Choir Practice

Friday 20th December

6.00pm Little Hampden Carol Service

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Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

We give thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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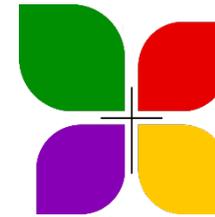
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Items for next sheet by 6pm on Wednesday
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News or events for website to office (above)



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

15th December 2019

The Third Sunday of Advent

Please pray this week for:

our country as we recover from the
Election and move forward

those who are homeless

people killed or injured by the volcano
in New Zealand

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.

Church Temporary Closure

We need a major repair to our heating system which will mean that the church has to be closed for at least two weeks in the New Year. Please note that all services in the first three weeks of January will be in the Oldham Hall. We are very sorry about this, but the whole heating system needs to be drained and a large trench excavated right across the door. It will be both cold and dangerous.

MAP's Cake Sale – Today

MAP will be holding a special cake sale after the 10am service today to help with their fundraising for the Toilet Twinning initiative, helping to twin our toilets to give toilet access and clean water to more people. Lots of delicious cakes available; please do come along and enjoy one or two!

Advent Lunches

The last in our series of Advent Lunches takes place on Monday 16th December at 12.30pm in the Oldham Hall. Come and enjoy homemade soup with bread, a seasonal treat, chat and a reflection about Helen Keller, someone who followed her star. Please let Elizabeth know of any special dietary needs.

Carols at Woodlands, Tuesday 17th December

Please come along to support our carol singing at Woodlands on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm. All are welcome.

The Christmas Festival – Thank you

The Christmas Festival was an utter delight. We had a very good number of visitors, there was a lovely warm atmosphere and we made money for the church. THANK YOU! Thank you everyone who worked so hard in all sorts of ways to make it all happen. A huge amount of effort went on behind the scenes and then, on the two days of the Festival, people worked their socks off. A great example of everyone pulling together!

The Festival has donated over £2,500 to Church Funds. The Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church raised £678.

Eco Refill Market – Thank you

Thank you to everyone who joined in this. Much refilled jam, cleaning products and toiletries were sold, and we also raised nearly £50 towards twinning one of the Oldham Hall toilets with donations for hot drinks, fruit and treats. The Refill Project is opening a shop in Chesham in February and will continue weekly at Amersham market. The Pantry at 51 High Street, Prestwood, is opening soon with a wide range of refill items plus café.

Rosie's Santa Dash

Just to say that Rosie successfully completed the Santa Dash last Sunday and raised money for the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

IGNITE'S Recipe Book

IGNITE's recipe books remain available to buy from the Parish Office. £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.

Catching the Light – 2020 Chiltern Desk Calendar

Karen will be selling the last few desk calendars after the 8.00am and 10.00am services today if anyone is looking for a last minute Christmas gift. 14 original photographs alongside a handy calendar, it's the perfect stocking filler. Priced at £7 each, all profit goes to church.

Other Christmas Dates for your Diary

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

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)

If you are joining any of the services at Ballinger, please bring along a torch as it can be rather dark!

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 Cake decorating and baking for today's cake sale.

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.