

Calendar for 22nd to 29th December

Sunday 22nd December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings 8am and 10am:

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-end

8am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24th December

3.00pm Christingle Service – **Ballinger**

4.30pm Crib Service

9.30pm Midnight Communion –
Ballinger

11.00pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Communion on Christmas Day

Sunday 29th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

8am Holy Communion – **Oldham Hall**

10.00am Parish Communion – **Oldham Hall**

6.00pm **No Evensong**

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Collect

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.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News or events for website to office (above)

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Great Missenden

St Mary's Ballinger

Little Hampden

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

22nd December 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Please pray this week for:

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

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.



St Peter and St

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 three weeks from 29th December. Please note that all services on 29th December and during the following three weeks 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.

Bell-Ringing Practice

Please note that there will be no bell-ringing practice on 23rd December.

Christmas Services

(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.

Celebrate Epiphany with Breakfast

We'll be serving bacon sandwiches and hot drinks between the 8am and 10am services on 5th January in the Oldham Hall, so please come early or stay and enjoy. All our services will be in the Oldham Hall on Sundays 29th December, 5th, 12th and 19th January.

Christmas Presents for the Old Tea Warehouse (OTW)

The presents which were so kindly given were delivered to the OTW this week. Every homeless resident will, therefore, receive a surprise present on Christmas morning. This may be the only present they receive, but they will know that they are in our thoughts at this festive time.

Once again, many thanks to all who gave so generously.

Thank you from MAP

The children in MAP would like to say a big THANK YOU! to everyone who very generously supported their Toilet Twinning cake sale and Guess the Weight of the Cake Competition. Donations came to a fabulous total of £216.12, so we are well on our way to twinning four of the Parish church toilets with four new latrines in Africa or Asia, thereby providing clean water and sanitation to some of the world's poorest people, helping to save children's lives. Thank you.

The Toilet Twinning Charity have also sent their congratulations to our bakers via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for their weird and wonderful creativity.

Thank you from St Mary's

Thank you to everyone who helped erect and decorate the St Mary's tree at the recent Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter and St Paul. It looked wonderful!

What a Wonderful Greeting!

Dear Great Missenden Church, what a wonderful greeting I have received, thank you. I have really enjoyed my first two months working as your Parish Office Manager tucked away in Walnut Close. So many of you have popped in to say 'Hi!'. It has been so welcoming and made the whole experience of starting somewhere new so easy. I worship at St Mary's in Amersham, however, plan to come to St Peter and St Paul in early 2020 so I look forward to meeting more of you then. Roll on 2020. Best wishes to you all for this festive season, Harriet.

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 St Peter and St Paul.

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.