



St Peter and St Paul
Great Missenden

St Mary's Ballinger
Little Hampden

Weekly Newsheet

Please find us at: www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtualchurch
www.missendenchurch.org.uk/covid19help

22nd March 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothers' Day

How can we respond to this outbreak in a Christ-like way? We should bear in mind that taking sensible precautions is not principally an act of self-protection, but primarily an action designed to protect others who are at risk in our congregation and our community. And we should continue to be open-hearted and attentive to the lonely, the vulnerable and the anxious, both within the church and beyond. Above all, we will face the future (which is always uncertain) with courage and faith in God.

Clean hands, open hearts!

Calendar for 22nd to 29th March

Sunday 22nd March

The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothers' Day

10.00am Livestream Service via [Facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch](https://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch)

Readings: Exodus 2:1-10

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

John 9

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

7.00pm Candle lighting at home

Evensong readings to follow at home: Psalm 31:1-16; Micah 7; John 3:14-21

Thursday 19th March

9.00am Prayer at home for our community

Notices

Facebook Service

On Sunday, 22 March, we are hoping to livestream Communion on Facebook from St Peter and St Paul at 10am. To join in visit www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch – you should be able to see it even if you don't have a Facebook account, it will be available after the service finishes and we hope to put it on the website later.

Virtual Church

Please do look at our 'Virtual Church' pages at www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtualchurch. From there you can find prayer resources and links to broadcast and livestream worship, ideas for keeping in touch and video messages from us, an online discussion forum, and our popular new practical help and support page which is full of businesses wanting to help (www.missendenchurch.org.uk/covid19help).

Candle Lighting

Our Archbishops suggest we all light a candle at 7pm this Sunday and put it in our window as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.

Private Prayer

St Peter and St Paul and St Mary's Ballinger remain open for private prayer as long as this is safe.

The Friends' Next Event - Cancelled

In light of the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak, the Friends talk on Saturday 18th April has been cancelled.

Friends' Jam, Marmalade and Chutney

There is a good supply of jams, marmalade and chutneys available at the Taxi Office at the Railway Station. Vivienne is also happy for people to ring her to arrange to collect any supplies (01494 891 312).

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

Please ring Rosie, Tricia or Elizabeth to fix a time for a chat in the week

Vicar: the Reverend Canon Rosie Harper 07743 679651 rosieswiss@yahoo.com

Licensed Lay Minister: Patricia Neal 863 348 tricianeale8@gmail.com

*Curate: Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Lowson 890 171 07955 275 338
curate.elizabeth@gmail.com*

Website: www.missendenchurch.org.uk