



St Peter and St Paul  
Great Missenden

St Mary's Ballinger  
Little Hampden

Weekly Newsheet

Please find us at: [www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtualchurch](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtualchurch)  
[www.missendenchurch.org.uk/covid19help](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/covid19help)

19th April 2020

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Calendar for 19th to 26th April**

**Sunday 19th April**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

**10.00am** Parish Communion

Readings: Acts 2:14a,22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

#### **Collect**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Post Communion**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**6.00pm** A Short Time of Prayer

Evensong readings to follow at home: Daniel 6:1-23; Mark 15:46-16:8

All services will take place live via [Facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch/live\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch/live_videos)

**Wednesday 22nd April**

**10.30am** Coffee 'n' Share via Zoom. Please contact Catherine James for details ([timandcatherinejames@gmail.com](mailto:timandcatherinejames@gmail.com)).

**Saturday 25th April**

**4.30pm** Online post-walk tea and chat via Zoom – <http://www.meetup.com/Great-Missenden-Parish-Church/> or [helenlizzieclark@gmail.com](mailto:helenlizzieclark@gmail.com) for details.

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God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## Notices

### Facebook Service

On Sunday, 19th April, we plan to livestream 8am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) and 10am Communion services on Facebook. To join in visit [www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch](http://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch) and choose 'Live' from the left-hand menu if you can't find us. After the service finishes, it will be available on the Facebook page and at [www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video).

### Virtual Church

Please do look at our 'Virtual Church' pages at [www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtualchurch](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/virtualchurch) where you can find lots of resources for prayer at home and our regularly updated practical help page at [www.missendenchurch.org.uk/covid19help](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/covid19help).

### Your News on our Facebook Group

As well as the public Facebook page, we have a private Facebook group where everyone is welcome to share pictures and news: 'St P&P Great Missenden Congregation and Community' at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/439205330193827>.

### How are we Communicating?

We'd love to understand the best ways of communicating at this strange time, and how we can better meet everyone's needs. Please could you complete our short questionnaire? Paper copies are available from Elizabeth or Harriet in the Parish Office or you can complete it online: <http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VGSYK3F>

### Happy to be part of a Phone Tree?

It is looking as if our shutdown will continue for a few more weeks, which will be very hard indeed, especially for people living alone and those without computers and internet. We are therefore trying to construct a phone tree. If you so wished, you would be given the names and numbers of two people who you'd commit to phoning on a regular basis. Of course, someone would also be phoning you to keep in touch.

If you would be happy to be involved in this phone tree, please would you let Harriet know.

### Positive Things we have been Doing

- Both Abbey Walk and Old Town Farm had a wonderful time on Easter Day, first waving from their doorsteps and then chatting in a socially distanced way.
- Harriet's running club had a competition; do anything for Easter. Some people made Strava Art, some ran with decorated eggs, some did craft, one dressed

their dog up, another wrote a poem. Harriet went for a run in fancy dress: a pink tutu and pink fluffy flashing bunny ears!! Felt like a numpty leaving the house, however, after a few toots and lots and lots of smiles, she relaxed and enjoyed the sun.

- Chloe Lewis's potatoes, which she planted in bags, are starting to sprout! She's never tried this before so hopes it works!
- Elizabeth Webster had "virtual dinner" with her son and daughter in law, which was lovely. On Sunday evening, we joined in a WhatsApp video with our daughter and family to see them open the parcel of Easter treats we sent by post. It has all made the lockdown more bearable.

We would love to hear what you have been doing to keep yourselves positive. Please email [emma.ife@hotmail.com](mailto:emma.ife@hotmail.com) or call Emma on 01494 864 132 so that we can include these in the next newsheet.

### **A Poem by Malcolm Guite.**

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?  
Not lost in our locked churches, anymore  
Than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.  
The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,  
And he is up and risen, long before,  
Alive, at large, and making his strong way  
Into the world he gave his life to save,  
No need to seek him in his empty grave.

He might have been a wafer in the hands  
Of priests this day, or music from the lips  
Of red-robed choristers, instead he slips  
Away from church, shakes off our linen bands  
To don his apron with a nurse: he grips  
And lifts a stretcher, soothes with gentle hands  
The frail flesh of the dying, gives them hope,  
Breathes with the breathless, lends them strength to cope.

On Thursday we applauded, for he came  
And served us in a thousand names and faces  
Mopping our sickroom floors and catching traces  
Of that virus which was death to him:  
Good Friday happened in a thousand places  
Where Jesus held the helpless, died with them  
That they might share his Easter in their need,  
Now they are risen with him, risen indeed.

#### **STAFF AVAILABILITY:**

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

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