



St Peter and St Paul
Great Missenden

St Mary's Ballinger
Little Hampden

Weekly Newsheet

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3rd May 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Calendar 3rd to 10th May

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

Sunday 3rd May

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Parish Communion

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

10.45am MAP will be having a Zoom session about Jesus appearing to his disciples when they were fishing, making a clay fish mobile and doing a Bible verse race. Please contact Chloe Lewis for details.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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6.00pm A Short Time of Prayer

Evensong readings to follow at home: Ezra 3:1-13; Ephesians 2:11-22

All services will take place live via Facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch/live_videos

Wednesday 6th May

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

Notices

10am Service Live by Telephone

We are trying out a system for listening to our 10am Communion Facebook service live via the telephone. To hear the service, phone 020 3481 5237 at any time from 9.45am. You will hear a message welcoming you to Zoom and asking you for the Meeting ID which is 830 6434 9334 followed by #. It will ask you for participant ID – just press #. And the password is 396381 followed by #. You should be able to hear Rosie and Tim leading the service when it starts at 10am, and hopefully you will be able to chat with Elizabeth and anyone else listening in by phone before we start. If you get stuck, you can phone Elizabeth on 01494 890171. Please let us know what you think...

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>.

Online Giving

As with all charities, our Parish is taking a hit financially. Thank you if you are giving regularly, you are crucial and greatly valued. You can now give money to church securely online using a debit or credit card at www.missendenchurch.org.uk/giving and can gift aid online if you are a tax payer. If you usually give cash to church and are in a position to give online, your gift would be much appreciated. If you would like to set up a standing order, please contact Harriet (office@missendenchurch.org.uk or leave a message at 01494 862 352).

External Wall Refurbishment

The faculty for the external wall refurbishment has arrived, and work is planned to begin in late June. Stonemason Jon Suttle will be working with our architect Stephen Crawley to identify those areas which would most benefit from repair and refurbishment. Work will be ongoing for approximately four weeks.

24 Hour Freephone Hymns, Reflections and Prayers

You can phone the new Church of England free phone line, Daily Hope, for hymns, reflections and prayers at any time on 0800 804 8044.

Support the Church with your shopping

Do your online shopping through Easyfundraising: register on their website easyfundraising.org.uk and search for "St Peter and St Paul's Church, Great Missenden" or go direct to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/missendenchurch/ then any order you place through them will result in a small donation to the Church. They have thousands of retailers including Amazon. You can transfer to another good cause at any time.

Positive Things we have been Doing

- Jeanette Green has been cleaning and clearing so the charity shops and Workaid are going to benefit hugely! Also, via the WI, Jeanette and several members have made bags for the NHS workers to take their scrubs home in for washing. They still want some more bags, headbands and masks.

- Jill York has been sewing NHS scrubs. The lady in Holmer Green who co-ordinates this took delivery of 700 metres of fabric last Monday. She cut it into 4 metre lengths, it went to ladies who wash it at 60 degrees, it then goes to people who cut out the trousers and tops, it then goes to people who sew them, it then goes for another wash, then it is packaged up and goes to the hospitals.

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

‘Something Lovely’, a Poem by Kathleen O’Meara

Here is a poem written by an Irish Poet, Kathleen O’Meara in 1869, after a plague devastated Ireland in the late 1860’s. How appropriate for today.

And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and were still
and listened more deeply
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their own shadow
and people started thinking differently----

And people healed...
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways
dangerous, mindless, and heartless....

The earth began to heal---

And when the danger ended
and people found themselves...
They grieved for the dead
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways to live
and heal the earth fully
just as they had been healed.

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