

**Calendar for 23rd to 30th
August**

Sunday 23rd August

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live online**.
- 11.00am** Open Air Parish Communion – at **Church**. Please bring a garden chair if possible. A recording of the service will be uploaded online as soon as possible afterwards.
- Readings: Exodus 1.8-2.10; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20.
- 6.00pm** Evensong – **live online**.
- 6.00pm** Evening Prayer – **Little Hampden**
- Evensong readings to follow at home: 2 Kings 6.8-23; Acts 17.15-end; Psalm 95.

All **live online** services will take place at:
Facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch/live_videos

Tuesday 25th August

2.00pm Church Walk in Penn Street (see details below)

Thursday 27th August

7.30pm Choir meet-up. Please contact Wendy Harris for details.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st September, 6pm: Black Lives Matter Zoom call.

Sunday 13th September, 4pm: Pet Blessing Service outside.

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

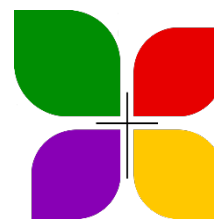
Please ring Rosie, Tricia or Elizabeth to fix a time for a chat in the week

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**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**

23rd August 2020

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This week please pray for:

- young people coping with all the uncertainty around their exam results and university places;
- the increasing number of people living with depression;
- those who are learning that their jobs have gone.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven
and earth.

Psalm 124.7

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Church Services in August

Services in Church with congregation welcome:

Sunday 23rd August, 11am: Open Air Communion

Sunday 30th August, 8am: Prayer Book Communion

We hope to video all of the services in Church and these will be uploaded online as soon as possible afterwards. The other services will broadcast from clergy homes, so there will be online services every Sunday at 8am, 10am and 6pm (or shortly afterwards in the case of videoed services).

Practical Arrangements for Attending Church Services

Unless exempt, face coverings must now be worn in Church, please. Please sanitise your hands when arriving, leaving and before and after receiving Communion. It's safest if we fill the front pews first and then pews further back at the end. The collection plate and contactless reader will remain near the door and we're encouraging contactless as the safest way to give. You can receive Communion (wafer only) or a blessing in your place – the priest will wear a mask and visor and won't touch you. Talking after the service is safest outside. We plan to video all services in Church and these may include distant views of the congregation. If you would rather not appear, please let a sidesperson or clergy know.

Parish Office Open – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Can you help the Church?

We are looking for a new Church Warden, PCC Secretary and Bookkeeper/Finance Officer. If you feel able to give a bit more time to the local community and church, we would love to hear from you. Please let either Rosie or Elizabeth know if you are interested in one of these roles and they will be happy to provide you with more details.

Keeping the Church Open – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out in Church. We are very grateful for all your help in keeping St Peter and St Paul open. Within a week or two, we plan to review and publish a service schedule for September and rota requests will likely flow from that.

Church Walks

Chris Nickless will be leading two socially-distanced walks over the next couple of weeks.

Tuesday, 25th August, 2.00pm: a leisurely walk of approximately 2.5 miles through woodland and open fields (no stiles). Park in Penn Street church/Woodland Trust car part (Map ref: SU 923 963; postcode HP7 0PX). After the walk, you are welcome to enjoy some homemade refreshments at "Ye Olde Nickless Tearooms"!

Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August, 9.30am: a 5.5 mile walk, duration approximately 2.5 hours. West Wycombe area with two steep hills and many stiles to negotiate, but rewarded with lovely views over the Chiltern Hills. There will be a short banana break so bring something to keep your strength up! Park in the old West Wycombe garden centre/Caves car park (Map ref: SU 826 947; postcode HP14 3AP).

Black Lives Matter

Despite the quietening media, we really want to keep the conversation going about the Black Lives Matter movement so we will be holding another Zoom call on Tuesday 1st September at 6pm. Our chosen book this time is 'Noughts and Crosses' by Marjorie Blackman. Everyone is very welcome to join the Zoom call whether you have the chance to read the book or not! For meeting details, please contact Eleanor at eleanorjames1809@gmail.com.

Last of the Summer Verses

The last of the occasional readings will be released next Thursday. These readings started before Easter and are still available via the Virtual Church pages. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these readings.

Gift Aid Secretary

After many years, Jim Osbond is relinquishing this position to be replaced by Laurence Clark with effect from 1st August. Any queries or information regarding regular pledged giving under Gift Aid should in future be addressed to Laurence (714 177).

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