

**Calendar for 27th September to
4th October**

Sunday 27th September

Harvest Thanksgiving

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - **live online**
10.00am Harvest Parish Communion at **St Peter & St Paul**
Readings: 2 Corinthians 9.6-10; Luke 12.16-30
11.30am Harvest Celebration at **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Harvest Evensong at **St Peter & St Paul**
Readings: Ezekiel 37.21b-23; 1 John 2.26-end

Tuesday 29th September

- 6.00pm** Choir (Tenors & Basses). Please contact Wendy Harris.
8.00pm ROOTS meeting. Please contact Katie Shuster for details.
8.00pm ACPM at **St Peter & St Paul**

Wednesday 30th September

- 10.00am** Church Distanced Walk (see further below).
10.30am Coffee 'n' Share via Zoom. Please contact Catherine James for details (timandcatherinejames@gmail.com).

Thursday 1st October

- 7.30pm** Choir (Sops & Altos). Please contact Wendy Harris.

Sunday 4th October

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) - **live online**
9.30am Harvest Communion at **St Mary's Ballinger**
10.00am Parish Communion at **St Peter & St Paul**
6.00pm Compline- **live online**

Other Dates for your Diary: Wave of Light Service with livestream, *Sunday 11 October, 6pm*, at St Peter and St Paul.

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

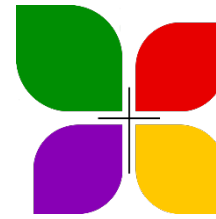
Please ring Rosie, Tricia or Elizabeth to fix a time for a chat in the week

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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**

27th September 2020

Harvest Thanksgiving

This week please pray for:

- wisdom and insight to do things differently and with hope and compassion;
- those facing the Coronavirus surge with terror;
- all involved in our food chains and those who go hungry.

'Consider the lillies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these'.

Luke 12.27

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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September and October Services

Services in Church: there will now be a 10am Parish Communion each Sunday at St Peter and St Paul, as well as one other service (usually 8am or 6pm) in church. Details can be found on the 'What's On' section of the website (www.missendenchurch.org.uk).

There will now also be Prayer for Healing (socially distanced, no laying on of hands) available in the Lady Chapel after each Communion Service (in the case of the 10.00am service, this will be after the organ voluntary).

Please could you let Anne Ellis know if you are planning to attend the Harvest Communion service at St Mary's Ballinger on 4th October so that layout and capacity can be planned in advance (anne.ellis1004@gmail.com or 01494 837 247).

Online Services: the other service (either 8am or 6pm) will be livestreamed on Facebook (at [Facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch/live_videos](https://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch/live_videos)) and we will also video or livestream those services which take place in church. Please note that the 4th October service at Ballinger will not be live-streamed.

Practical Arrangements for Attending Church Services: obvious, however we need to say it, please don't come to church if you have symptoms/feel unwell.

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. We have marked the pews with green ticks and red crosses, please only sit in pews with green ticks. 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 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.

Harvest Celebrations: we will be celebrating Harvest with two services in Church today, 10am Communion and 6.00pm Evensong. If you feel you'd like to bring a gift, please pop it into the box by the door either on the day or during the week. We will then close it for 72 hours and take it to the FoodBank - so non-perishable goods, please.

Distanced Walk: *Wednesday 30th September, 10am-1pm*, Coleshill/Winchmore Hill – 5.5-6 miles including some gentle climbs but no stiles. Meet at Harte & Magpie pub – HP7 0LU.

Wave of Light Service during Baby Loss Awareness Week: this is a short time together in church (with livestream) at 6pm on Sunday 11 October with music, readings, candle lighting and an opportunity to remember babies who have died at any stage of pregnancy or after being born, and to acknowledge our grief. Further details and support requests from curate.elizabeth@gmail.com.

Can you help the Church? We are looking for a new Church Warden and Bookkeeper/Finance Officer. If you feel able to take on one of these roles, we would love to hear from you. Please let either Rosie or Elizabeth know if you are interested. We are also in need of new sidespersons, particularly for the 8am and 6pm services. If anyone is able to volunteer to join the rota, please contact Rosemary Ladd (rosemarym.ladd@gmail.com or on 727 893).

Interested in Next Steps in Faith? We're gathering a small number of people who'd like to explore the idea of being confirmed. We don't yet have a Confirmation service date but are thinking sometime in the next few months. This opportunity to claim your faith and be commissioned is right for different people at different times and usually there are teenagers and adults of all ages being confirmed. Please get in touch with Rosie or Elizabeth if you are interested.

Anti-racism Book of the Month: 'I'm still here – black dignity in a world made for whiteness' by Austin Channing Brown. Why not read this book by a Christian who is a young black woman who grew up in a middle class mainly white area in the US? We've had some fascinating and enlightening conversation in our anti-racism Zoom discussions facilitated by Eleanor, who has now gone to university. Join us on Zoom on Monday 19 October at 6pm. Full details from Elizabeth.

Fundraising for The Felix Project: Peter Withams has signed up to run a half marathon for The Felix Project, a partner project for Middlesex County Cricket Club which collects fresh and nutritious food that can't be sold and delivers it to charities and schools who turn it into wholesome food for the most vulnerable, in and around London. If you would like to sponsor Peter, please go to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PeterWithams>