

**Calendar for 22nd to 29th
November**

Sunday 22nd November

Sunday next before Advent / Christ the King

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
- 10.00am** Parish Communion – **live online**
Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16; and Matthew 25.31-end
- 12.00 noon** Audio only relay of the 10am service by telephone (see details below)
- 6.00pm** Compline – **live on-line**
Evensong Readings to follow at home: Psalm 93; 2 Samuel 23.1-7; and Matthew 28.16-end

Tuesday 24th November

- 9.30am** Thought for the Day – **live on-line**
- 7.15pm for 7.30pm** “2020 – A Musician’s Response” talk on Zoom (see further below)

Wednesday 25th November

- 10.30am** Coffee ‘n’ Share via Zoom. Please contact Catherine James for details (timandcatherinejames@gmail.com).
- 8.00pm** ROOTS meeting on-line. Please contact Katie Shuster for details.

Thursday 26th November

- 6pm** Compline – **on-line video**

Sunday 29th November

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
- 10.00am** Parish Communion – **live on-line**
- 4.00pm** Christingle Service on Zoom (see further below)
- 6.00pm** Compline – **live on-line**

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

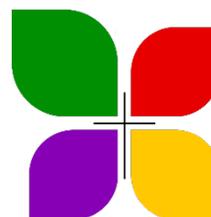
Please ring Rosie, Tricia or Elizabeth to fix a time for a chat in the week

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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**

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This week please pray for:

- the ongoing development of various vaccines;
- people who are not safe in their own homes;
- anyone whose treatment has been postponed.

'I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.'

Ephesians 1.15-17

Website: www.missendenchurch.org.uk

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Worship during Covid: whilst the national lockdown continues, services will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch at 8am, 10am and 6pm every Sunday (videos of these services will be uploaded to Facebook afterwards). There will be no services in church, although both St Peter and St Paul and St Mary's Ballinger remain open for private prayer.

If you come to church for private prayer, please observe the following to help protect one another:

- only come to church if you are free of any symptoms and not expected to self-isolate;
- face coverings must be worn unless exempt. Please keep these on whenever you are in the church grounds;
- sanitise your hands when arriving and leaving;
- if you have a smart phone, use the QR code to sign in;
- people from one household only may enter the church building at any one time. If there is someone already in church when you arrive, please wait a safe distance from the door until that person leaves.

10am and 6pm Services by Telephone: we will be relaying a recording of today's 10am service on the phone at 12 noon. We will also be relaying the 6pm service live on the phone. To hear the services, phone 020 3481 5237. You will hear a message welcoming you to Zoom and asking you for the Meeting ID so key in 830 6434 9334 followed by #. You will next be asked for a participant ID – just press # then the password 396381 followed by #. You can chat to any other callers before and after the service but we will mute your phone during the service itself.

Our Christingle Service: Sunday 29th November at 4pm. Great news, we are still doing Christingle this year – on Zoom. We'll deliver all the goodies to your door. Contact Harriet by email to register with your name, address, email address for the Zoom link, details of any allergies and the number of kits required.

Christmas Services: a list of these can be found on the church website. We hope to be able to hold these services with a congregation in church so please book a place with the Parish Office if you would like to attend. Please note that both the 9.30am and 11am services on Christmas morning will be identical modern language services with music.

Leaf-Clearing: if you have some spare time and would like some gentle exercise, please consider spending half an hour or so clearing leaves from around the church and in Church Lane. Unfortunately, we can't have our annual working party, but any individual help would be hugely appreciated.

On-line Advent Calendar: every day of Advent, a child from our community will interview an adult about their childhood memories of Advent and Christmas – to sign up as either a child or an adult please contact Elizabeth: curate.elizabeth@gmail.com or 07955 275 338.

Christmas Presents for the Old Tea Warehouse (OTW): this year it seems more important than ever to provide some Christmas cheer for the homeless residents at the OTW. For many this may be the only Christmas present they receive. We need 60 presents for men (guide price £5-8 approx.) such as woollen hat, gloves, scarf, inexpensive t-shirt, toiletries, card games, biscuits etc. (no alcohol or after-shave; and label biscuits and sweets, please, to avoid diabetes problems). If you prefer to buy for one of just four women there please label appropriately, and check first with Jane Ray (862 697). The deadline is 17th December and there will be a large box in the lobby of the Parish Office to receive suitably wrapped presents. An especial thanks in anticipation of your help in this difficult year.

Christmas Blessings cards: our very own homemade Christmas cards have arrived! Two wonderful designs created by Jane Coulson – one is our Christmas banner with our pictures of our homes, sparkles and angels; and the other is a beautifully bright baby Jesus and Mary framed by the West Door. All the money raised goes to Wycombe Homeless Connection: in biodegradable cellophane packs of five these high-quality cards are £3.50 per pack for angels/houses and £3 per pack for Mary and Jesus. Please contact Elizabeth to buy your cards: curate.elizabeth@gmail.com or 07955 275 338.

Autumn Festival of Interests – Next Talk: the next talk will be on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm: Val Withams "2020 – A Musician's Response". As the UK locked down on 24th March, live music in concerts, rehearsals, stage shows and church services dropped out of both amateur and professional performers' diaries. So where is music now, and what is the future? The Zoom call will start at 7.15pm for us to chat before the talk. If you'd like to join the call, contact David on 868 237 or David.m.harris@btinternet.com. Art Week is also still live on the website, so please take a look on the festival page.

Quiet Day: losOlivos retreats are running an online retreat on Saturday 28th November, comprising a collection of live and recorded videos throughout the day. For more details visit <https://www.losolivosretreats.co.uk/onlineretreats>