

**Calendar for 13th to 20th  
December**

**Sunday 13th December– Christmas Jumper Day - #gmxmasjumpers**

**Advent 3**

**8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at **St Peter and St Paul**

**10.00am** Parish Communion at **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4; and John 1.6-8, 19-28

**11.30am** Holy Communion at **Little Hampden**

**3.30pm** MAP meets on Zoom to record our nativity. Please contact Chloe Lewis for details.

**6.00pm** Carols outside at **St Mary's Ballinger**

**6.00pm** Compline - **live on-line**  
Evensong Readings to follow at home: Psalm 68.1-19; Malachi 3.1-4, 4; Philippians 4.4-7

**Wednesday 16th December**

**10.30am** Coffee 'n' Share via Zoom, when it will be wear your "Christmas Hat or Jumper", if you wish. Coffee 'n' Share returns on 7th January 2021. Please contact Catherine James for details (timandcatherinejames@gmail.com).

**8.00pm** ROOTS meeting on-line. Please contact Katie Shuster for details.

**Thursday 17th December**

**10.30am** Church Walk (see details below)  
**6.30pm** Choir Practice. Please contact Wendy Harris for details.

**Friday 18th December**

**6.00pm** Carols outside at **Little Hampden**

**Sunday 20th December**

**8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**

**10.00am** Parish Communion at **St Peter and St Paul**

**6.00pm** Carols outside at **St Peter and St Paul**

**STAFF AVAILABILITY:**

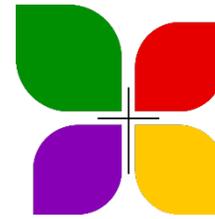
*Please ring Rosie, Tricia or Elizabeth to fix a time for a chat in the week*

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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**

**13th December 2020**

**Advent 3**

This week please pray for:

- safe and efficient delivery of the vaccine;
- our relationship with our EU neighbours;
- those spending their first Christmas without a loved one.

'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.'

1 Thessalonians 5.16-17

**Website: [www.missendenchurch.org.uk](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk)**

### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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**Worship during Covid:** services will be livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch](http://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch) at 8am, 10am and 6pm every Sunday (videos of these services will be uploaded to Facebook afterwards). You can also attend the services below either in church or outside at church:

13th December, 8.00am	Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at St Peter and St Paul
13th December, 10.00am	Parish Communion at St Peter and St Paul
13th December, 11.30am	Holy Communion at Little Hampden
13th December, 6.00pm	Carol Service outside at St Mary's Ballinger
17th December, 6.00pm	Carol Service outside at Little Hampden
20th December, 10.00am	Parish Communion at St Peter and St Paul
20th December, 6.00pm	Carol Service outside at St Peter and St Paul*
24th December, 10pm	Midnight Communion at St Peter and St Paul*
25th December, 9.30am & 11am	Christmas Day Communion*

\* Please register with the Parish Office to attend these services.

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, leaving and before and after receiving Communion;
- use the QR code to sign in or give the sidesperson your details;
- sit only in pews with green ticks and 2m distance from other households;
- take particular care to distance from others when arriving and leaving, filling from the front and leaving from the back;
- collection plate and contactless reader will remain near the door – contactless is safest;

- Communion is wafer only and the priest will come to you;
- toilets are open – please keep your mask on and wipe down all surfaces you touch.

### Other Dates/Services for your Diary:

**Every Day during Advent:** Tales of Christmas Past – 6pm weekdays, 5pm weekends, a child interviews an adult about their Christmas memories.

**13th December:** Christmas Jumper Day – whether in church or at home, just for fun, wear a Christmas jumper and take a selfie! #gmxmasjumpers (No donations this year)

**20th December, 8.00am:** Communion (BCP) – live on-line.

**24th December, 4.30pm:** Crib Service – on-line video.

**25th December, 8.00am:** Communion (BCP) – live on-line.

**Carols outside at St Peter and St Paul:** Sunday 20th December at 6pm. We're allowed to sing carols together outside! This short and simple distanced carol service will be outside St Peter and St Paul, with the sound of the choir and organ transmitted to us from inside. Please let Harriet know you are coming, and if you're able to walk up the lane please park and walk – we will have parking for those who need it. The top gate won't be open for safety reasons. We won't be able to livestream this service. Three things to remember: a face covering (unless exempt), a torch and please wrap up warm!

**Autumn leaves thanks:** thank you so much to everyone who spent time and effort clearing leaves from around the church.

**Last week for 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:** buy your Christmas cards from Samways, Prestwood Post Office, St Andrew's bookshop, the Parish Office or by contacting Elizabeth: [curate.elizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:curate.elizabeth@gmail.com) or 07955 275 338. All money raised goes to Wycombe Homeless Connection.

**First Church Walk over the Festive Period:** Thursday, 17th December, 10.30am, starting from Penn Street Church/Woodland Trust car park Map Ref: SU 923963, postcode HP7 0PX. A circular, 3.5 mile walk across open fields and woodland with some gentle uphill sections. There will be a second walk on Thursday, 31st January at 10.30am – details to follow.