

**Calendar for 20th December
2020 to 3rd January 2021**

Sunday 20th December

Advent 4

8.00am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
10.00am Parish Communion at **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Romans 16.25-end; and Luke 1.26-38
6.00pm Carols outside at **St Peter and St Paul**
Evensong Readings to follow at home: Psalm 113; Zechariah 2.10-end;
Luke 1.39-55

Thursday 24th December

4.30pm Crib Service – **on-line video**
10.00pm Midnight Communion at **St Peter and St Paul***

Friday 25th December

8.00am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
9.30am and 11.00am Christmas Communion at **St Peter and St Paul***
Readings: Luke 2.1-14 (with Titus 2.11-14 at 8am service only)

Sunday 27th December

8.00am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
10.00am 'Said' Service at **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 61.10-62.3; and Luke 2.15-21
Evensong Readings to follow at home: Psalm 132; Isaiah 35; Colossians
1.9-20

Sunday 3rd January

8.00am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
10.00am Parish Communion at **St Peter and St Paul***
Readings: Jeremiah 31.7-14; and John 1.10-18
6.00pm Compline at St Mary's Ballinger
Evensong Readings to follow at home: Psalm 135; Isaiah 46.3-end; Romans
12.1-8

Please sign up with the office to attend those services marked * by no later than 23rd December.

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

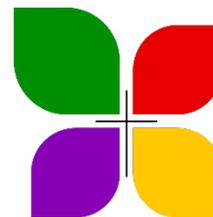
Please ring Rosie, Tricia or Elizabeth to fix a time for a chat in the week

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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**

20th December 2020

Advent 4

This week please pray for:

- those whose Christmas will be dominated by being alone, ill, scared, cold, hungry or grieving;
- progress on the vaccine and other measures to reduce the influence of COVID;
- peace in all hearts and across the world.

Mary said 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

Luke 1.38

Website: www.missendenchurch.org.uk

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Worship during Covid: services will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch at 8am, 10am and 6pm every Sunday. You can also attend the services below either in church or outside at church:

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 note there will be no service at 6pm on Sunday, 27th December, either in church or on-line. The next 8am service at St Peter and St Paul will be on Sunday, 10th January, but will continue live on-line in the meantime.

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.

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. Due to the need to manage numbers, you must have let Harriet know you are coming to this service in advance. 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!

Elizabeth's last Sunday with us will be 3rd January. We will be celebrating this at the 10.00am service in church. Please will you let the office know if you intend to come so that we can manage the numbers. If there are more than the church can safely hold then we might do the speeches and presents outside after the service so that everyone can be part of it.

Christmas Collections: this year all the money collected at the Carol Service and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will go to Wycombe Women's Aid. We know that domestic violence has increased considerably this year and it's good that we can support this local charity. You can give cash, cheque to 'Great Missenden PCC' or use the contactless card reader at any of these services or at www.wycombewomensaid.org.uk

The Parish Office: will be closed between Christmas and New Year and will reopen on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Christmas Cards in aid of Wycombe Homeless Connection: thank you for buying our beautiful Christmas cards and for your additional donations to Wycombe Homeless Connection. We have already raised at least £300. There may be one or two packs left – contact the office or Elizabeth for details.

Second Church Walk over the Festive Period: Thursday, 31st December, 10.30am, our walk will be around the Bradenham Estate (Map Ref: SU 827970, postcode HP14 4HF). A 3-4 mile walk on woodland and field paths with some uphill sections, but nothing too strenuous and no road-walking or stiles.

In Advent: you are invited to peg a greetings card to all friends on the line outside the kitchen. Please donate to church funds with a tap! xx

The Christmas Tree Festival is still open: the Festival on the website has some new pictures and we hope to get more before Christmas. If you have something Christmassy you'd like to add contact David at david.m.harris@btinternet.com or 868237.