

**Calendar for 31st January to
7th February 2021**

Sunday 31st January

Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Epiphany 4

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5; and Luke 2.22-40
- 10.00am** Parish Communion – **live on-line**
Readings: Luke 2.22-40
- 6.00pm** Compline – **live on-line**
Evensong Readings to follow at home: Psalm 132; Haggai 2.1-9; and John 2.18-22

Wednesday 3rd January

- 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.

Sunday 7th February

2nd Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
- 10.00am** Parish Communion – **live on-line**
- 6.00pm** Compline – **live on-line**

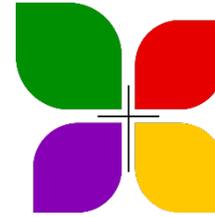
STAFF AVAILABILITY:

Please ring Rosie or Tricia 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**

31st January 2021

Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Epiphany 4

This week please pray for:

- our hospitals and their staff;
- families doing home schooling;
- all of us who are lonely or anxious.

'Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.'

Hebrews 2.14-end

Website: www.missendenchurch.org.uk

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Worship during Covid: whilst we remain in lockdown, 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). The 10am service will be live-streamed from church, but without congregation at the moment.

St Mary's Ballinger remains open for private prayer, but 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;
- please sign in on the register;
- 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 are relaying the services to people who want to phone in on Zoom – the 10am will be relayed at noon and the 6pm at 6pm. 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 #. We suggest people dial in a few minutes early in order to connect in time to hear the start of the services. You can chat to any other callers before and after the service but we will mute your phone during the service itself.

Sources of Help: sometimes you or someone you know reaches a point where they could do with outside help – here are two suggestions:

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

Samaritans provides confidential, non-judgemental emotional support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that could lead to suicide. You can phone, email, write a letter or in most cases talk to someone face to face. Telephone 116 123 (24 hours a day, free to call).

Register for Gift Aid on Goodbox Donations. Many thanks to all those who have donated to the church via the Goodbox terminal. Goodbox have partnered with Swiftaid, who are able to claim Gift Aid for the church. This involves the charity and the donor to be registered with Swiftaid. The church is registered – what is needed is for each donor (who can) to register. Registration is a once-only exercise, which allows Gift Aid to be recovered on behalf of any charity that is registered with Swiftaid. Leaflets are available in church, but the easiest way is to visit their website – swiftaid.co.uk

Elizabeth's Licensing at St Mary's Woodford. This will take place on Tuesday, 2nd February, at 7pm, with just seven people in the church building plus tech team. The service will be livestreamed and available afterwards at https://youtu.be/j_GpXlrd7DQ if you would like to join virtually. David Harris will also be relaying the service on Zoom for those who want to phone in, using the same dial-in details as for the Sunday services.

FGMPC Fund Raising. Jennifer Moss' excellent book 'Personal Memories of World War Two' and a wide selection of preserves are available to buy at The Pantry/Taxi Office at the Station. The Pantry also offers delicious Cakes, Afternoon Teas and Cream Teas to order, newspaper delivery and a shopping collection/delivery service - see www.theheartofthechilterns.co.uk or email anna@theheartofthechilterns.co.uk / 01494 868 699. The Pantry has been wonderfully supportive of our "Jams" fundraising efforts in the past year, do please support them to help us with more repairs to the Parish Church.

Vivienne Davis also has a wide variety of preserves in stock too, call 01494 891 312.

Giving for Free – Do your shop online? Then by using either of these two platforms you can 'Give for Free' to Missenden Church.

Easyfundraising: register on their website, choosing Missenden Church, then any order you place through them will result in a small donation to the church. They have thousands of retailers including John Lewis and M&S.

Amazon Smile: shop and donate all at once with no extra cost to you. Just use smile.amazon.co.uk/ instead of Amazon. Your Prime membership still works. The church then receives ½% of your eligible purchases. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from over one million public charitable organisations, including "The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter and St Paul Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden."