

**Calendar for 28th February to
7th March 2021**

Sunday 28th February

Lent 2

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; and Mark 8.31-end
- 10.00am** Parish Communion – **live on-line**
Readings: Mark 8.31-end
- 6.00pm** Compline – **live on-line**
Evensong Readings to follow at home: Psalm 135; Genesis 12.1-9; and Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Tuesday 2nd March

- 7pm** Faith in Today's World – Lent course with Rosie on Zoom
(see details below)

Wednesday 3rd March

- 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 March

Lent 3

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

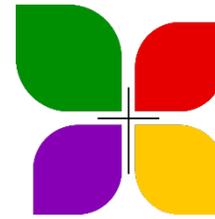
STAFF AVAILABILITY:

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**

28th February 2021

Lent 2

This week please pray for:

- our schools as they work out how they can reopen;
- the ongoing vaccination programme;
- all those with other non-Covid health issues, especially people who are waiting for treatment they need.

'What will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?'

Mark 8.36-37

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Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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 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 some 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 (open 24/7, free to call).

Daily Hope is a phone service for Prayers, Hymns and Services. Just call 0800 804 8044 at any time. It is open 24/7.

Don't forget to register for our Lent Talks, *Faith in Today's World*, with Rosie on Zoom. Contact Harriet to be added to the conversation. Discussions on topics from the news at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March.

Lent Giving. We still intend to make every effort, despite Covid, to continue with Lent Giving this year to complement our Lent Talks. There are three options:

1. **Giving on-line for Wycombe Women's Aid** by using this link: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1007544
2. **Make a donation to Chiltern Food Bank in a Bag for Life.** It is still being decided where these should be dropped off – we will let you know. The specific products needed are listed on our church 'What's On' website page at: www.missendenchurch.org.uk/Articles/603929/Lent_Giving.aspx
3. **Give an Easter Egg for the Old Tea Warehouse.** We need c. 60 Eggs so each homeless resident gets one as a surprise, many of whom are new to the hostel this year. There is no need to wrap them as they are usually in colourful boxes. We will add a sticker indicating they are a donation from our church community. So please consider buying an extra Egg (c. £5-7) when out shopping. The Church Office is currently closed, so until it opens your gift may be left any morning with Jen King (865 271) at 18 Walnut Close. Anyone not able to visit the shops or buy an egg on-line, may donate to "Great Missenden PCC" (sort code 40-52-40; account no. 00019355) using the reference "Easter Egg". These funds will be used to ensure we have sufficient Eggs. Alternatively, a cheque made out to "Great Missenden PCC", same reference on the reverse, may be posted in an envelope through the Parish Office door. In any instance, we'd like the Eggs/donations by 19th March, please.

Festival of Interests. Have you seen the Inspiring Buildings nominated by members of our Church? Go to <http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/festival>

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