

**Calendar for 31st October to
7th November 2021**

Sunday 31st October – 4th Sunday before Advent / All Saints' Day

8am and 10am services led by Bishop Alan Wilson

- Readings: Isaiah 65.27-end; John 11.30-44; Mark 12.28-34
- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **St Peter and St Paul**
- 10.00am** Parish Communion – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
- 4.00pm** Halloween Light Party at St Peter and St Paul. Dress up, play games and eat party food. This event is suitable for 5-11 year olds.
- 6.00pm** All Saints Choral Evensong – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**

Wednesday 3rd November

- 10.30am** Coffee 'n' Share in church at St Peter and St Paul. Please contact Catherine James for details (timandcatherinejames@gmail.com).

Sunday 7th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **St Peter and St Paul**
- 9.30am** Morning Praise – **St Mary's Ballinger**
- 10.00am** Parish Communion – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
- 6.00pm** Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

Dates for your Diary:

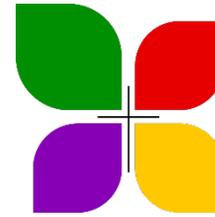
- 14th November – Remembrance Sunday (see details below).
- 28th November – Advent Sunday, with Advent Carol Service at 6.00pm
- 4th-5th December – Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter and St Paul

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

Please ring Tricia to fix a time for a chat in the week

Licensed Lay Minister: Patricia Neale 863 348 tricianeale8@gmail.com

Parish Office: Harriet Lemon 862 352 office@missendenchurch.org.uk



**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 October 2021

4th Sunday before Advent / All Saints' Day

This week please pray for:

- our Halloween Light Party, Sunday afternoon, and all local families;
- the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Glasgow, starting 1st November;
- Afghanistan, with widespread starvation needing the world's help.

**'Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are with his elect.'**

Wisdom of Solomon 3.9

**We welcome Bishop Alan Wilson to lead our 8am and 10am
services today.**

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Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Greeting, Prayers of Penitence and Absolution for All Saints' Day

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us celebrate all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.
God's grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
You have given us a share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
In the darkness of this age, your saints proclaim the glory of your kingdom.
Chosen as lights of the world,
they surround our steps as we journey on
towards that eternal city of light where they sing the triumphal song.
Open our eyes to behold your glory and free our tongues to join their song.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

OPENING HYMN

Prayers and Absolution

The saints were faithful unto death and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom forever. As we celebrate their joy, let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses, and ask for mercy.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

**All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out of darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from all your sins,
and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

COLLECT

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

**All: God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Current Covid Arrangements. Thank you for following the guidance.

- Please only come to church if you are free of the traditional Covid symptoms of high temperature, persistent cough, or loss of taste or smell, and have not been advised to isolate.
- Face coverings are recommended.
- Hand sanitising is warmly encouraged and is available at the door.
- Others may prefer it if we continue to sit apart.
- Communion is at the nave altar following a one way system.
- The collection card reader is contactless.
- The 10.00am service is livestreamed on www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch

Parish Office Move. Everyone is welcome to call into the new office at 102 High Street from Wednesday 3rd November. The phone number will remain as 01494 862 352 and email office@missendenchurch.org.uk

The Halloween Light Party will take place on 31st October, 4pm-4.45pm. Join us for dressing up, fun and games and party food in the church.

Remembrance Sunday is on 14th November. There is an 8am Book of Common Prayer service of Holy Communion, then the Remembrance Service is at 10.55am, beginning outside at the War Memorial. At 4.00pm, Remembering with Love is a prayerful service held with our friends from the Roman Catholic and the Baptist Churches to remember those we have lost.



Christmas is coming. After last year when we could only have a virtual Christmas Tree Festival we are planning a real festival in Church on 4th and 5th December this year. The takings will be shared equally between the Wycombe Refugee Partnership and Church funds. We've started asking for donations for the raffle – please sign up on the notice at the back of the Church. More information soon, but put the date in your diary.