

**Calendar for 17th 24th March
2024**

Sunday 17th March – Lent 5

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33.
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
4.30pm Lent Talk 5 (see details inside) – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 20th March

- 9.30am** Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.30am Coffee 'n' Share – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
6.00pm Choral Evensong– **St Peter and St Paul**

Further Dates for your Diary (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated otherwise).

Easter Sunday, 31st March – Please join us for our first Cream Tea of the new season.

Saturday 20th April at 2.30pm – Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church Talk & Tea, “John Hampden, the Patriot” by Dr. Beth Rogers, chair or Trustees of the John Hampden Society;

Saturday 11th May at 10.30am – Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church AGM. Coffee/Tea served from 10.15am.

Please note: there will be no coffee mornings at St Mary's Ballinger during April.

The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...

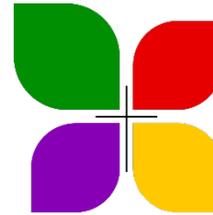
Smash/powdered potato; sardines; chocolate biscuits; cooking oil; fruit squash; toilet roll.

All items must be within BBE date, please.



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St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden
St Mary's Church, Ballinger
Little Hampden

**Helping one another to Know, to
Serve and to Share God's love**

Sunday 17th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Please include in our prayers:

- for peace in the Holy Land, Gaza, Ukraine and in all other places of war and violence;
- for all aid agencies in their efforts to help those trapped by war and natural disasters;
- for those planning weddings and baptisms taking place in our churches in the Summer;
- for those who are considering standing for the PCC at the APCM in April.

'Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

John 12.31-32

Collect

Most Merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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News and Events

A Prayer for the King. The Church of England has written a special prayer for its Supreme Governor following his diagnosis for cancer.

Just hours after His Majesty confirmed he is being treated for cancer, the Church issued a prayer for his recovery and care.

The prayer is *“Father of mercies, grant to Charles our King, comfort and sure confidence in you, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

Lent Talks. The last of our Lent Talks, on the theme ‘Travelling along the Anglican Way – Back to Basics’, will take place today, 17th March at 4.30pm.

Lent Collection. Everyone is invited to support Abraham’s Children in Crisis charity and our own Defibrillator Fund throughout Lent by using the white envelopes (marked LENT) at the back of the church and returning them through the collection plate. Alternatively, you can make a bank transfer to Great Missenden PCC, Sort 40 52 40, Account 00019355 or you can use a credit or debit card to make an online donation through the Donate page of the website. Please include ‘Lent giving’ in your reference.

The Parish Office has moved. The new address is Parish Office, c/o Oldham Hall, Church Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AZ. Until we have finalised the arrangements for opening the school gate, the office won’t be open to the public, but if anyone needs to speak to Elisabeth in the office, they can phone on 01494 862 352.

Following the move, we have found that there are a few items to give away: 2 cash boxes (with keys), a small filing cabinet (with key), 3 moving boxes. Please contact the office to collect the items. Any donation towards the Church for the items would be gratefully received.

All those who usually worship at Little Hampden are invited to join the congregation at St Peter and St Paul at 10am on Palm Sunday, 24th March, for the blessing of the Palms and the official start of Holy Week. There will be no Matins service at Little Hampden on this occasion.

On Tuesday 26th March, there will be a Compline Service at St Mary’s Ballinger. This will start at 7pm rather than at 7.30pm as originally advertised.

Our Cream Tea season starts soon and there is always room for one more helper to bake or to help on the day. Not every week – not even every month – just when it fits in for you – so please contact Aileen Fenn on fenn.a@live.co.uk or 01494 863 366 or mob. 07985 362 230 or ask to have her pointed out at the service if she is around. Alternatively, there is a form you can complete on the ‘What’s On’ page of the website. Thanks so much to everyone. Sue O’Farrell.

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised. Anyone who is not already on the Roll and wishes to be added to it should complete a form which can be found at the back of the Church and hand it to a sidesman at services. This should be done preferably before 1st April. Forms will also be available at Ballinger and Little Hampden.

Eco Tip for March. Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints or use the PI@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation’s beauty and thank God for the hope that Spring can bring with our Lent resources at arocha.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-over-lent

Hope School Bethlehem. Please pray for the pupils, staff and families of Hope School as they, along with many others, are caught in the middle of the ongoing war and violence in Israel and the Gaza Strip.

 **Easter Eggs for the Old Tea Warehouse (OTW)**  Thank you to those who have already donated an Easter Egg for the OTW. We have 28 so far, so there’s a little way to go to get to the target of 60. If you could buy an extra Egg for about £5-£7 when out shopping, these should be put in the collection box at the back of Church by Monday 25th March in order to be delivered in time for Easter Sunday, 31st March. You don’t need to wrap them. Thank you. Liza Wormell.

Sweet Charity in Prestwood has now made grants of over £1/2 million to charities and voluntary groups in the local community. Please support the shop by purchasing items or by volunteering to help. It deserves our support – and thanks! Our Parish Church has received four grants over the years, including £2,000 for replacement gutters and downpipes in 2021 and £5,000 towards the 2016 organ restoration. If you are able to help, please contact Sweet Charity on 01494 865 922.

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