

Calendar for 1st to 8th December

Sunday 1st December – Advent Sunday

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.25-36.
- 9.30am** Said Eucharist with hymns – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**
- 10.00am** Sung Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
- 11.30am -** Christmas Tree Festival – **St Peter and St Paul**
- 4.30pm**
- 4.00pm** LIGHT Youth Group meeting – venue TBC
- 6.00pm** Advent Carol Service – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 4th December

- 9.30am** Holy Communion – **St Peter and St Paul**
- 10.30am** Coffee 'n' Share – **Abbeyfield**

Sunday 8th December – Advent 2

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
- 10.00am** Sung Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
- 11.30am** Said Eucharist with hymns – **Little Hampden**
- 4.00pm** LIGHT Youth Group meeting – venue TBC
- 6.00pm** Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

There are no more coffee mornings at St Mary's Church, Ballinger, this year. It is anticipated that these will begin again in the New Year.

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

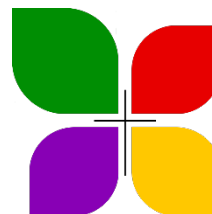
Tinned Salmon, Tinned Ham, Boxes of Chocolates, Christmas Cake, Christmas Biscuits, Hot Water Bottles (if possible with covers, please).



All items must be within BBE date, please.
chiltern.foodbank.org.uk

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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

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Please include in our prayers:

- for peace throughout the world, especially this coming Christmas;
- for all involved in the organisation and running of our Christmas Tree Festival;
- for a holy Advent as we journey towards Christmas;
- for those who shall be on their own this Christmastide;
- for the continued growth of our Youth Group and ministry to children and families.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
Psalm 25.5

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News and Events

Visit from Bishop Steven to St Peter and St Paul. Bishop Steven visited us at the end of last month and joined in with one of our regular Marimba sessions. Malcolm was quoted as follows in the Oxford Diocese eNews: "We have had the marimba group here for about a year after the instruments were donated to the church. We have a regular group of children who enjoy this. It's the kind of instrument anyone can play without having to worry too much about it."

If there are any children interested in joining the regular Marimba sessions, please get in touch with the Church Office for more details.

Christmas Giving at St Peter and St Paul. Our chosen charities this Christmas are Lindengate and Embrace the Middle East – both local charities.

Lindengate in Wendover is a mental health charity for all ages, helping mental and physical well-being through gardening, arts and craft, woodworking and conservation.

Embrace the Middle East is based in High Wycombe and works with Christian partners in Egypt, Israel-Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq and Syria supporting refugees and those in severe poverty gain respect through community projects, health and education.

'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me', Matthew 25.40.

Finally, there's a chance to wear your most outrageous Christmas Jumper at the 10am Family Eucharist service on 15th December, when we'll be collecting for Save the Children.

Chilterns Desk Calendar 2025. I'll be selling next year's calendar at the Christmas Tree Festival so if you would like to buy one, please do have a word and I will reserve it for you. I'd hate to have sold them all and have none left for members of the church family. Many thanks, Karen Butler

Calling all budding Baristas! We are extremely low on coffee-making volunteers for after Sunday Service at 10am. Extra helpers are required if this amenity is to continue. The job is not particularly difficult although you do need to be able to stand and wash up afterwards. This would be once every six weeks or so, depending on how many volunteer! Please let me know if you can help. Emma Harris (07976 276 869)

Missing Keys. A set of keys for the church were found around the Oldham Hall area at the beginning of November; please contact the church office to retrieve them.

The Church Office will be closed from 21st December 2024 to 7th January 2025. It reopens on 8th January 2025.

Don't spend Christmas Day alone! Join us for lunch at Great Missenden Baptist Church Hall, 12.30pm for 1pm with return home about 3.20pm. Local transport can be arranged. To book a space, please call Mary Spooner on 01494 862 431 or email maryspooner127@hotmail.com. Guests, helpers and drivers

invited. Please also let Mary know if you can help on Christmas Eve to prepare vegetables and set up tables between 2pm and 4pm.

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No. 1067435). Christmas is coming..... and we can offer you a wide variety of home-made Marmalades, Jams and Chutneys as unique presents for your family and friends! Can you help us by buying some jars to boost grants for the £1+ million needed for repairs to this much-loved historic Parish Church? Please ring Vivienne – 01494 891 312 – to place your order! We'll have the usual stand with preserves and gifts at the Christmas Tree Festival.

Very happy Advent and Christmas wishes to everyone, from our trustees!

Eco Tip for December. Celebrate a Greener Christmas. Find ways to make your Christmas festivities both a joyous celebration of Christ's coming and environmentally conscious. Explore A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas at arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips

The Misbourne - Year 12 Work Experience Programme 3rd – 7th March 2025. The Government specifically states in their Careers Strategy that all students should gain meaningful work experience during Sixth Form. Work experience is becoming increasingly important as a means of providing students with an understanding of the qualities and qualifications needed for work, developing their self-confidence and interpersonal skills and helping them to make useful contacts in the workplace.

We ask students to find their own work experience placements but some students find it harder than others if they have a limited family network. I am **therefore** writing to you to see if you would consider taking a Year 12 student on for a week's work experience, 3 – 7 March 2025. If you feel that you may be able to accommodate a student, please could you let me know which functional areas you may be able to cover on this very short form: <https://tinyurl.com/mw2asyfniT>, e.g. HR, Engineering etc. and I will ask the student to contact you directly to apply for the position.

If you agree in principle to take a student on, we will forward you further information about the programme.

Thank you for your support, Mrs H Hill, The Misbourne School.

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