

**Calendar for 8th to 15th
December**

Sunday 8th December – Advent 2

- 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6.
10.00am Sung Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
11.30am Said Eucharist with hymns – **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 11th December

- 12noon Carol Service and Christmas Lunch – **Abbeyfield**

Sunday 15th December – Advent 3 / Gaudete Sunday

- 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.00am Sung Family Eucharist, including Christingle and the Christmas Jumper Competition – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
6.00pm Said Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

- 18 December, 6pm – Carol Service at Little Hampden.
22 December, 6pm – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.
24 December, 3pm – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.
24 December, 4pm – Crib Service.
24 December, 9pm – Said Eucharist with Carols at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.
24 December, 11pm – Midnight Mass.
25 December, 8am – Said Eucharist (BCP)
25 December, 10am – Sung Family Eucharist.
The Church Office will be closed from 21st December to 7th January 2025.
It reopens on 8th January 2025

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

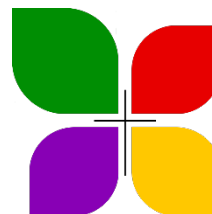
Tinned Salmon, Tinned Ham, Boxes of Chocolates, Christmas Cake, Christmas Biscuits, Hot Water Bottles (if possible with covers, please).

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**

Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

Please include in our prayers:

- for peace throughout the world, especially this coming Christmas;
- for our schools holding Carol and Christingle services in our church;
- for those who shall be on their own or needing accommodation this Christmastide;
- for the continued growth of our Youth Group and ministry to children and families.

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Luke 3.4

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News and Events

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.

Christmas Tree Festival. What a wonderful weekend we had to celebrate the Christmas Tree Festival. A very big thank you to so many people – it wouldn't have happened without you! We had so many visitors from our own congregation, from the local community and beyond, all due to the support from us all – welcoming visitors, providing and selling refreshments, the bells available to ring, a magnificent craft area run for the young people, a church cake stall and a very well supported and most splendid raffle. However, none of this would have taken place if, in January of this year, Keith Fowler, a staunch member of our congregation, who sadly is no longer with us, had not reignited our own Church's fading enthusiasm and enlisted Harriet Lyons and Jill Stiel from outside the church to volunteer to organise the Festival for us this year. We owe them a very very big thank you, not only for all the work they have done during the year, but for a successful Festival which raised approximately £3,600 to be shared between the Church and the Wycombe Refugee Partnership. Well done everyone.

A BIG thank you to you all! Thank you all SO much for your generosity over the last few weeks, for bringing in so many wonderful items to put in the raffle hampers and to give as separate items for people to win. So many people were impressed by the quality of everything on offer that they willingly parted with their money in the hope of winning one of the wonderful prizes. The raffle did well and – alongside the generous businesses in the village – that was very much down to you all.

Thank you, too, for the overwhelming response you made to our appeal for gifts for the Old Tea Warehouse. If you came to the Christmas Tree Festival, you'll have seen the wooden tree bursting with presents for the homeless people who live there. We are way beyond our target of 60 so we can all breathe a sigh of relief until Easter... Ian will be taking the gifts into the hostel on 23rd December.

How wonderful to think that on Christmas morning everyone in that place will be opening one of our presents! Many, many thanks for your support. Karen Butler.

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No. 1067435). The 13th Christmas Tree Festival was the best one ever and the theme for our tree was Christmas Robins. It was a joy to see so many happy faces! Very many thanks for all the help and contributions to our stalls. Our charity raised £1,153.20 at the Festival and a further £254 at the Saturday Tabletop Sale by the Library, kindly run by Fiona Vimal and Susannah Davis. The grand total for the weekend is £1,407.20 which will greatly help with a grant for the church tower repair, hopefully next year.

If you are not yet a member of our charity, your support for our fundraising with a £15 membership subscription would be wonderful! Church repairs of c£1 million are needed within five years or so. The huge copper roof is so fragile after 60 years and requires replacement!

As the year ends, another warm "thank you" to all those people who have so kindly given fruit, sugar, gifts and have re-cycled jam jars for the Preserves. Nearly 2,500 jars have been filled and there is still a good supply if you'd like a jar or two for Christmas! (tel. Vivienne Davis – 01494 891 312)

A very Happy Christmas and peaceful, healthy New Year to everyone.

Coffee 'n' Share will finish for Christmas with the Carol Service and Christmas Lunch on 11th December, 12 noon at Abbeyfield. Coffee 'n' Share will re-start on 8th January 2025.

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. As part of our work experience programme for Sixth Formers, 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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