

**Calendar for 15th to 22nd
December**

Sunday 15th December – Advent 3 / Gaudete Sunday

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-end; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18.
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**

Wednesday 18th December

- 9.30am** Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Carol Service – **Little Hampden**

Sunday 22nd December – Advent 4

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
11.30am Said Matins with Hymns – **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Festival of Carols and Lessons - **St Peter and St Paul**

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

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...

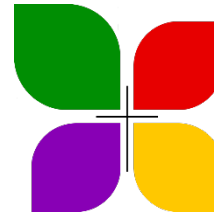
Tinned Salmon, Tinned Ham, Boxes of Chocolates, Christmas Cake, Christmas Biscuits, Hot Water Bottles (if possible with covers, please).

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 15th December – Third Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday

Please include in our prayers:

- for peace throughout the world, especially this coming Christmas;
- for the people of Syria, that they might be blessed with democracy and peace;
- 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.

John said, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Luke 3.16

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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News and Events

Join us at Church to celebrate Christmas:

24 December, 3pm – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.

24 December, 4pm – Crib Service at St Peter and St Paul. Children of all ages are invited to take part in the retelling of the Christmas story. Arrive early to pick your costume or come already dressed up!

24 December, 9pm – Said Eucharist with Carols at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.

24 December, 11pm – Midnight Mass at St Peter and St Paul.

25 December, 8am – Said Eucharist (BCP) at St Peter and St Paul.

25 December, 10am – Sung Family Eucharist at St Peter and St Paul..

Christmas Giving at St Peter and St Paul. Our chosen charities this Christmas are Lindengate and Embrace the Middle East – both local charities. This giving will be shared between the Church funds and the two 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 The Children's Society.

Coffee 'n' Share has now finished for Christmas. We will re-start on 8th January 2025.

This Wednesday, 18th December, will be our last Wednesday morning Eucharist Service before Christmas. These services will resume on Wednesday 8th January.

Caring for the homeless in our community. You will probably not be aware of the wonderful work that Sam from 'The Sam'Wich Bar' (opposite the Co-Op in the village) undertakes every Christmas. He dedicates the second half of December to collecting non-perishable foodstuffs and warm winter clothing, including hats and gloves (new) from caring customers. He and his colleagues then wrap them and on Christmas Eve, Sam takes them round to various outlets which provide support for homeless people. He has asked me to let you know about this act of charitable giving so that, if you would like to, you have an opportunity to support him. Thank you. Karen Butler.

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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