

**Calendar for 22nd December  
2024 to 12th January 2025**

**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**

**Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve**

- 3.00pm Christingle Service – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**  
4.00pm Crib Service – **St Peter and St Paul**  
9.00pm Said Eucharist with Carols – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**  
11.00pm Midnight Mass – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day**

- 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
10.00am Sung Family Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Sunday 29th December – Christmas 1** Services led by Rev. Nick Maloney

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

**Sunday 5th January – The Feast of Epiphany**

- 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
9.30am Said Eucharist with Hymns – **St Mary's Ballinger**  
10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**  
6.00pm Said Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Sunday 12th January – The Baptism of Christ**

- 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**  
11.30am Said Eucharist with Hymns – **Little Hampden**  
6.00pm Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

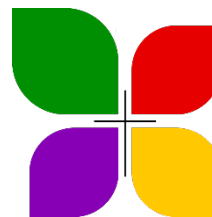
**Further Dates for your Diary** (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated otherwise).

**Our Wednesday Eucharistic Service and Coffee 'n' Share** will resume on 8th January.

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

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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 22nd December – Sunday 12th January**

Please include in our prayers:

- for peace throughout the world, especially this Christmas and in the New Year;
- for the people of Syria, and all the Middle East, that they might be blessed with good government and peace;
- for those who shall be on their own or needing accommodation this Christmastide;
- for all our Parishioners to be blessed with a very happy, peaceful and prosperous 2025.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9.6

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## Readings and Prayers

### Sunday 22nd December – Advent 4

Readings: Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45.

#### Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Sunday 29th December – Christmas 1

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end.

#### Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Sunday 5th January - Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12.

#### Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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. 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.

**Scarves for Ukrainian Young People.** The 32 young people from Ukraine arrived on 5th December and met up at Ballinger Hall with local Ukrainian families and supporters of the Ukraine Hilltop Charity to enjoy a bit of Christmas cheer. Our scarves were given to them that evening and they were delighted. Thank you so much to all of you who knitted/crocheted scarves enabling this to happen. The local Ukrainian families have been fund raising all year to enable this two-week rehabilitation visit, and they were the ones who asked if we might make these scarves. The young people, who have all lost one parent in the war, are staying at a residential centre in Kent with Doctors and Psychologists who will support them with care and fun activities. It is likely that a Ukrainian Mum will come to tell us more about this and their plans, possibly in the Library on a Friday afternoon when Needles and Hooks meet. Please contact me if you would like to hear more about this. [jane.h.ray@googlemail.com](mailto:jane.h.ray@googlemail.com) / mobile 07946121325

**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).

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