

**Calendar for 12th to 19th
January 2025**

Sunday 12th January – The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22
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**

Wednesday 15th January

9.30am Holy Communion – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.30am Coffee 'n' Share – **St Peter and St Paul**
2.00pm Requiem Mass for Barbara Dunford – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 19th January – Epiphany 2

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11.
10.00am Non-Eucharistic Family Service on the theme of 'Light' – **St Peter and St Paul**
4.00pm LIGHT Youth Group meeting – venue TBC
6.00pm Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

Sunday 2nd February: Choral Evensong for Candlemas.

Saturday 8th February: Snowdrop Saturday (see details inside).

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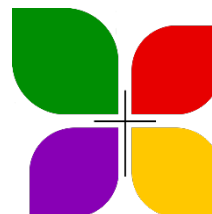
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**St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden
St Mary's Church, Ballinger
Little Hampden**

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

Sunday 12th January – The Baptism of Christ

Please include in our prayers:

- for 2025 to be a year of bringing peace to our troubled world;
- for a smooth start to the Spring Term for all school students and teachers in our community;
- for our baptism, confirmation and first Holy Communion candidates;
- for our Bishop Designate of Buckingham, the Rev. Canon Dave Bull, as he prepares for his consecration;
- for those who are in mourning at this time.

The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'
Luke 3.22

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Events

The Vicar writes...

The past month has been a very sad one for the parish family. The news on the 19th of December of the death of Barbara Dunford at the age of 93 came as a huge shock. Albeit that she was recovering from a bad fall, she seemed to be doing well, and in my last conversation with her, she was still very perky and chatty. I will certainly miss seeing her from the Vicarage windows, as she walks at speed to the shops from Old Town Farm. Barbara was a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and proved to be an excellent music teacher. She was instrumental in starting the Schools Music Service in Buckinghamshire and was very passionate about her work. We will miss seeing her in her usual pew each Sunday and pray that she is enjoying the glory of music in heaven, with her husband Charles, who was Vicar of our Parish from 1939 to 1976.

It was an even greater shock for me to receive a phone call last Sunday afternoon informing me of the death of our much loved and greatly respected Church Warden, Brenda Harris. Even as I type this, it all seems so surreal that she is no longer with us. Brenda was a brave and determined lady, especially over the last two years with her mobility challenges. She mastered the art of climbing the stairs at Blandings whilst managing to carry washing and various other bits and pieces. She wanted to be independent and succeeded. Her assistance and support to me and the PCC as Church Warden often went beyond the call of duty. It is even more tragic that we have lost her only sixteen weeks and one day after the passing of her husband, David, on the 20th of September last year. And so, they are together again, perhaps sailing the clouds of heaven.

May both these wonderful, strong, and talented ladies, rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

Funeral for Barbara Dunford. There will be a Requiem Mass for Barbara Dunford at St Peter and St Paul on Wednesday 15th January at 2pm.

Choral Evensong will move to Sunday 2nd February at 6pm, to celebrate Candlemas (there will be said Evening Prayer on 26th January). A beautiful Candlelit service to lighten the darkness and rejoice in the coming of Christ.

LIGHT Youth Group. Our new youth group for young people in school years 6-9, LIGHT, will be meeting on the afternoons of 19 January and 2 February. If there are any young people who are interested in finding out more about the group, please get in touch with either Katie Dunne (katiejadunne@gmail.com) or Philippa Howells (philippamhowells@gmail.com).



Snowdrop Saturday, 8th February, 2-4pm. February blues? Come and visit the beautiful snowdrop displays at Overstroud Cottage, Frith Hill and at St Peter and St Paul – then thaw out with a delicious homemade Cream Tea in the church, with accompanying music.

Plastic Tub Collection. Greene King collect clean Confectionery, biscuit and cracker tubs. See <https://www.tub2pub.co.uk> in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. I will be collecting until the end of January. As I unlock the church on Monday morning, I can pick them up then. Liza Wormell.

Carers Bucks. Great Missenden WI invite members of the local community to a meeting on 16th January at Great Missenden Memorial Centre at 2:30pm to hear a presentation by a member of Carers Bucks about their role in supporting.

Chiltern Desk Calendar 2025. For whatever reason, there were a few more calendars printed this year than usual and I have three left. If anyone would like to buy one as a late New Year gift, do please let me know. Many thanks, Karen Butler (07879 427 370).

Eco Tip for January. Make 'enjoying nature' your priority. From bird watching, to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or veg or visiting an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK – be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this year.

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