

**Calendar for 2nd to 9th
February 2025**

Sunday 2nd February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple -

Candlemas

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40
9.30am Said Eucharist with hymns – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**
10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**
4.00pm LIGHT Youth Group meeting.
6.00pm Choral Evensong for Candlemas – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 5th February

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

Sunday 9th February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11
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).

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

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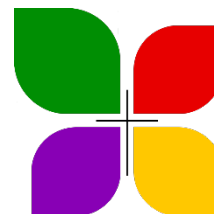
The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...

Tinned Carrots, Smash/Powdered Potatoes, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Tea Bags (packets of 80).

All items must be within BBE date, please.



chiltern.foodbank.org.uk



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 the light of Christ to illuminate the darkest of places in our world;
- for peace and stable government in the UK and throughout the world;
- 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 have suffered due to the recent severe weather and storms.

Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Luke 2.34-35

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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News and Events

The Vicar writes....

Dear Parish Family,

There are insufficient words when it comes to describing how moved I was last Sunday, when, at the end of the service, I was treated to a wonderful surprise party, as a prelude to my 60th birthday on Monday. I had no idea about what had been planned, and the surprised look on my face I think said it all. As I said on Sunday, Janet and I are so very blessed to be living in such a loving and supportive parish community. Thank you all for the beautiful, signed card, as well as for the delicious vanilla sponge birthday cake we enjoyed, along with the additional coffee cake, and the prosecco. Wow! What a treat! Thank you too to those who sent cards, gifts, email messages, WhatsApp and text messages. I am deeply grateful and can honestly say that my seventh decade has started in style. God bless you all.

Please join us at Choral Evensong today, Sunday 2nd February at 6pm, to celebrate Candlemas. 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 this afternoon. 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. Homemade marmalades, jams and chutneys will also be available.

Visiting Edna Little. A neighbour of Edna Little visited her in her permanent care home in Thame. Edna mentioned that she would be so pleased if she could have visits from some members of the St Peter and St Paul congregation. Please email the office for details: office@missendenchurch.org.uk

Wycombe Homeless Connection's Big Sleepout is back! Will you sign up to sleep out so that others don't have to? It's on Saturday 15th February 2025 and will be particularly meaningful as it is taking place while their winter night shelter is open. It's an opportunity to show solidarity with people who are homeless and raise money for WHC's life saving work.

Choose to sleep out at Adams Park, home of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, or at home in a place of your choosing. Get together with your friends, family, home group or youth group to take part or join as an individual.

Humanity Direct Amersham Ultra, 8th March - one of the checkpoints is at St Peter and St Paul. Choose one of three distances to run or walk – 10km, 27km

and 50km. See the website on how to enter <https://www.xnrg.co.uk/events/humanity-direct-amersham-ultra#>

Eco Tip for February. Go Green for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance, and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, eco-friendly living? Explore some of these changes at arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/

A Thank You. Thank you to all those who have sent flowers, cards and messages and those who have brought meals, treats and kept me company these past seven weeks. This experience has renewed our faith in the human body's ability to heal and helped us appreciate the wonderfully supportive community we live amongst. Kathleen Mustoe.

Great Missenden School Wishlist. Please can you consider supporting the school by donating through its Amazon Wishlist: <http://tinyurl.com/mryzhna3> Your contributions help to provide resources and materials for the children. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No: 1067435).

1. The Committee was pleased to make another grant of £300 for the gutter and downpipe cleaning just before Christmas.
2. Homemade marmalades, jams and chutneys will be on offer at the Snowdrop Festival on Saturday, 8th February.
3. Thanks to wonderful support from so many people, our preserves and some gifts raised a record £7,550 in 2024. The kind donations of sugar and fruit, and the re-cycling of jam jars last year are all greatly appreciated!
4. **A date for your diary: Saturday 29th March, 2.30pm in the Parish Church.** Another talk and tea event with the usual delicious tea and raffle, fundraising for more urgent repairs. Tickets will be available at Samways in mid-February. "War Graves, Local and Worldwide" by Chris Leach of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Jill Pateman, one of our trustee/committee members and author of "Great Missenden in World War One", who will talk about the four War Graves in Great Missenden.

This is a very topical talk as May marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two. The CWGC is a global organisation, caring for war graves at 23,000 locations in more than 150 countries and territories where almost 1.7 million individuals are commemorated. The talk will describe how plots and graves are enhanced by the CWGC's horticulture, and will look at the early influences on their design and the challenges now with climate change. The CWGC's architecture, in terms of its cemetery layouts, structures and memorials will also be discussed.

We greatly look forward to seeing you then!

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