

Calendar for 2nd to 9th March 2025

Sunday 2nd March- Sunday next before Lent

Sunday Market: use the top gate or access via Church Street from the London Road end of the village.

- 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Exodus 34.29-end; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36.
9.30am Said Eucharist with hymns – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**
10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Said Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

Monday 3rd March

- 1.00pm Funeral Service for the late Mr Anthony Bottomley – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday

- 9.30am Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.30am Coffee 'n' Share – **Abbeyfield**
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with the imposition of ashes – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 9th March – The First Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13.
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 29th March: Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church Talk and Tea (see inside for details).

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May: Festival of Flowers at St Mary's Church, Ballinger. More details to follow.

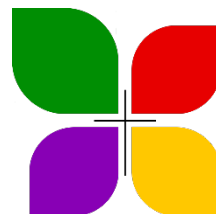
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The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...

Smash/Powdered Potatoes, Tea Bags (packets of 80), Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Pineapple, Sponge Puddings, General Purpose Cleaner.

All items must be within BBE date, please.
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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 2nd March– Transfiguration Sunday / Sunday next before Lent

Please include in our prayers:

- for the threats to the ceasefire in Gaza to stop on both sides;
- for peace and stable government in the UK and throughout the world;
- for the success of our Lent Course, and a blessed Lenten Pilgrimage;
- for our new Bishop, the Rt Rev Dave Bull, as he starts his Episcopal ministry among us;
- for those who might feel called to serve as Church Wardens and PCC members;
- for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for our APCM on 24th April.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'.
Luke 9.35

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News and Events

A Basic Course in Safeguarding. You are invited to attend a Basic Course in safeguarding. It will last 90 minutes (2 hours with tea/coffee) and will take place in the Oldham Hall. I'm repeating the course three times so pick the day and time that suits from Monday 24th March at 10.30am; Wednesday 26th March at 2.30pm; Thursday 27th March at 7.30pm. Do let me know on 07725 909 733 or safeguarding@missendenchurch.org.uk Alan Mustoe

Thank you on behalf of GLN Scouts and the Southern 50 Challenge for providing us with a location to run a checkpoint. Without your support this event would not be possible. The event saw 124 teams and 472 Scouts taking part in a 24-hour navigation event with three routes: 50 mile; 50km; and 30km over the Chiltern Hills. Our event this year also had a very special guest, the newly appointed UK Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields, who was at the presentation on Sunday to talk to all the teams and volunteers. A fantastic Scouting weekend!

30 Teenagers' Two Week Visit from Ukraine in December as part of a Rehabilitation Camp. Natalia and three Ukrainian friends came to talk to 'Needles and Hooks' group in Great Missenden Library about the teenagers' visit which local Ukrainian families had raised funds to enable. All the teenagers have lost a parent in the war. They visited Stonehenge, Oxford, Windsor and London and were supported by psychologists and other volunteers. When they arrived, they were withdrawn but, after time together, they went back to Ukraine more confident and hopeful.

Needles and Hooks group were asked by some local Ukrainian families to make scarves for all the teenagers. We did this with a bit of help from knitters from our Church and community who were keen to be involved. The teenagers were delighted to receive the scarves alongside Christmas presents at a Christmas event at Ballinger Hall.

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No: 1067435). A date for your diary: Saturday 29th March, 2.30pm in the Parish Church.

"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 only WW1 War Grave in Great Missenden – of William Statham, who lived in Church Street.

Another talk and Tea event with the usual delicious full afternoon tea, raffle and preserves, fundraising for more urgent repairs to the tower and the roof. Free parking is available by the church. Tickets (£15) are now available at Samways or from Vivienne Davis after the 10am services.

We greatly look forward to seeing you then!

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 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.

Eco Tip for March. Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints or use the PI@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty and thank God for the hope that Spring can bring.

AGE UK Tuesday Village Coffee Morning.... Is urgently looking for a committed volunteer or two (to share the post) to oversee the Tuesday morning village coffee sessions from 8.45am to 11.45am, held in the Memorial Hall in the Link Road. It is a very happy and friendly occasion with a wonderful team of volunteers. If anyone is interested in taking up this worthwhile job, or knows someone who might, please contact Jen King on 01494 865 271. Many thanks.

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#>

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!

Beyond Difference – The Big Competition. Beyond Difference is running a competition for young people aged 14-23 to speak at their event on 15th June 2025 to start a public conversation with faith leaders, including the Bishop of Oxford. Additional details and an entry form can be found at <http://beyonddifference.org>

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