

**Calendar for 9th to 16th March
2025**

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**
4.30pm Lent Course (see inside for details)
6.00pm Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 12th March

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

Sunday 16th March – The Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-end.
10.00am Family Service on the theme 'WWJD – What would Jesus do?' – **St Peter and St Paul**
4.30pm Lent Course (see inside for details)
6.00pm Said Eucharist – **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.

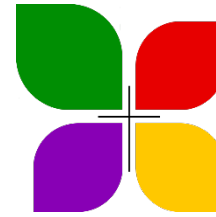
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The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...

Tinned Fruit, Tinned Hotdogs, Tinned Carrots, Long Life Fruit Juice, Toothbrushes, Toilet 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**

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Please include in our prayers:

- for the stability and unity of Europe so as to bring an end to the war in Ukraine;
- for peace throughout the world;
- for the success of our Lent Course, 'In God's hands' which starts today;
- 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.

'If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved'.

Romans 10.9

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News and Events

Lent Course 2025 – In God’s Hands. You are invited to join us for our 2025 Lent course, which is based on the book of the same name by the Rt Revd Desmond Tutu, the late Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town. The sessions will take place on Sundays at St Peter and St Paul from 4.30pm-5.30pm.

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

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.

Charity Table Top Sale in aid of Rennie Grove Peace and Thames Valley Air Ambulance, including Homemade Cakes and Nearly New Gifts, Saturday 22nd March 2025, 10.00am to 12.00pm in front of Great Missenden Library. Please donate cakes and come along and buy something. If you wish to donate, please call Jill York on 07846 534 301. Thank you.

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.

Jam Jars for the Friends. No more are needed at present as there is an ample supply for more Preserves. Many thanks for all the wonderful jars over the years!

Eco Tip for March. Celebrate Spring! Make sure you’re giving yourself quality time enjoying creation: smelling the blossom, tapping catkins, copying bird song, finding a footprint or identifying spring flowers with the PI@ntNet app. Nature can boost our happiness so take time to observe nature in your gardens, on your balconies, and in your local green spaces.

Easter Morning at the Old Tea Warehouse. Each year our church family provides an Easter egg for every resident at the Old Tea Warehouse hostel for the homeless in High Wycombe and for those living in the ‘move on’ accommodation. Staff at the hostel tell us how much these are appreciated by the residents and it’s good to know that we can share something of the joy that we feel on Easter morning with others who have so little. We need approximately 60 eggs so it’s a challenging prospect.

When you are out and about during Lent, doing your Easter shopping, it would be wonderful if you could buy an extra Easter egg for a resident at the hostel. Please don’t spend more than £5. There will be a large plastic box near the church door where you can leave your eggs. Thank you all so much for your generosity. Karen Butler.

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.

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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