

**Calendar for 16th to 23rd
March 2025**

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**
LIGHT will be holding a cake sale after the service.
4.30pm Lent Course (see inside for details)
6.00pm Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 19 March

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

Sunday 23rd March – The Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9.
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**
11.30am Said Matins with hymns – **Little Hampden**
4.30pm Lent Course (see inside for details)
6.00pm Choral Evensong – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

- Saturday 29th March, 9.30am:** Posy-making for Mothering Sunday.
Saturday 29th March, 2.30pm: Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church Talk and Tea (see inside for details).
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May: A Festival of Flowers at St Mary's Church, Ballinger. See details inside.

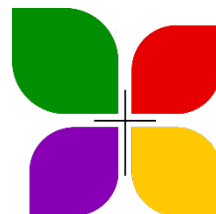
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The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...

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 common sense and integrity among world leaders in the peace discussions;
- for our ministry to families, young people, the hungry and homeless;
- 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.

'See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."
Luke 13.35

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News and Events

LIGHT. Our new group for young people in school years 6-9, LIGHT, are helping to lead the 10am service this week. They will also be selling home-made cakes after the service to raise money for two charities, Reserva and Youth Concern. Please support them! If you know of a young person who might be interested in joining LIGHT, do speak to Malcolm or to Philippa Howells, who will pass on contact details to Kate Dunne who leads the group,

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

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!

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!

Festival of Flowers. After an absence of many years, we are delighted to announce A Festival of Flowers at St Mary’s Church, Ballinger on Saturday 10th (11.00am – 4.30pm) and Sunday 11th May (11.30am – 4.30pm). It’s a rare opportunity to appreciate beautiful displays reflecting all aspects of village life created by local societies and clubs. There’s delicious refreshments (tea, coffee, cold drinks and homemade cakes), live music, a lovely church to explore and a chance to rest awhile in the garden. Entry £1 per adult. Children welcome. The

weekend will be brought to a close by a special Compline service on Sunday (time tbc but probably 6pm). So don’t miss a chance to enjoy this peaceful place nestled in Ballinger and enhanced this weekend by wonderful floral arrangements.

Thank you from XNRG, organisers of the Humanity Direct Amersham Ultra. Thank you very much for letting us use the church grounds for our check point last Saturday. We had a good event, with lovely weather for a change!

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. Sadly, no-one has come forward to take over the AGE UK Coffee Mornings and these will therefore be closing on 31st March until further notice.

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. Our next event, Faith and Community, will take place at Chesham Town Hall on Sunday 23rd March at 2pm. For more information, please go to beyonddifference.org or see the posters in church.

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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