

**Calendar for 30th March 2025  
to 6th April**

**Sunday 30th March – Mothering Sunday – Laetare Sunday**

NB. Start of British Summer Time: clocks go forward by one hour.

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Joshua 5.9-12; 2 Corinthians 5.16-end; Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**4.30pm** Lent Course (see inside for details)  
**6.00pm** Said Evening Prayer with hymns– **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**

**Wednesday 2nd April**

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

**Sunday 6th April – The Fifth Sunday of 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: Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8  
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**Further Dates for your Diary** (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated otherwise).

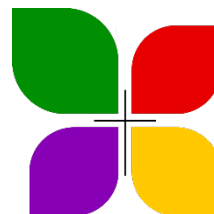
**Wednesday 23rd April, 7.30pm:** Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Meeting of Parishioners at the Oldham Hall.

**Friday 25th April and Friday 16th May, 10.30am -12noon:** Coffee, tea and biscuits provided for a small donation at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.

**Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May:** A Festival of Flowers at St Mary's Church, Ballinger. See details inside. Everyone welcome, so do please join us for this special weekend.

**STAFF AVAILABILITY:**

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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 30th March – Mothering Sunday / Laetare Sunday**

Please include in our prayers:

- for the stability and unity of Europe so as to bring an end to the war in Ukraine;
- for our plans to appoint a Youth Worker in our Parish;
- for all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers and Mother Church;
- 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 24 April.

“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**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Meeting of Parishioners.** This will take place on 23rd April at 7.30pm in the Oldham Hall. All are very welcome to attend.

**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.

**Breakfast with Talk** at the Great Missenden Baptist Church Hall, 8.30am – 10.00am on Saturday 12th April. Dave Gregory will talk on Divine Gardening, covering his life and work, weaving together science, faith and the environment. £5 on the door, but please book ahead on [gmbc.secr@gmail.com](mailto:gmbc.secr@gmail.com) specifying cooked or continental breakfast.

**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.

**Thank you.** A huge thank you to everyone, who either donated items or came along to, the Charity Cake, Gift, Plant and Jigsaw Sale on 22nd March outside the Library in Great Missenden. This was in aid of Rennie Grove Peace Hospice

Care and Thames Valley Air Ambulance. The total raised by the event was £601.67 between the two charities. Jill York (07846 534 301).

**“Personal Memories of World War Two from Great Missenden, Prestwood and beyond”** by Jennifer Moss. To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May, the end of war in Europe, copies of this excellent book (£10) are available from Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Tel: 01494 891 312 – Vivienne Davis). They will also be on sale at Cream Teas from Easter Day.

**Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No.: 1067435). Jams!** There will be a Tabletop Sale of Marmalades, Jams and Chutneys by the Library from 10am – 12.30pm on Saturday 5th April. A chance to stock up with “Jams” again after the long winter! If you need them at other times just ring Vivienne – 01494 891 312.

**Membership.** The Committee would greatly appreciate and welcome new members to support fundraising for repairs to our historic Parish Church, such a vital community building. We have sadly lost several members in the last six months and there is always strength in numbers! There are Joining Forms near the main door. Thank you.

**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!

**Compassionate Café.** Join us at the Compassionate Café on Wednesday 26th March at Great Missenden Library from 10-11.30am. It is an open invitation to anyone who has been affected by bereavement or any type of loss to have a friendly chat and a chance to meet others.

**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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**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.**

[chiltern.foodbank.org.uk](http://chiltern.foodbank.org.uk)

