

**Calendar for 23rd to 30th  
March 2025**

**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**

**Tuesday 25th March**

**2.00pm** Funeral Service for the late Mr David Robertson – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Wednesday 26th March**

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

**Saturday 29th March**

**9.30am** Posy-making for Mothering Sunday – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**2.30pm** Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church, Talk and Tea at **St Peter and St Paul**

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

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

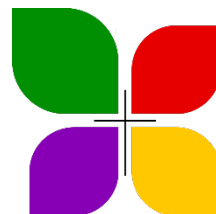
**8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Joshua 5.9-12; 2 Corinthians 5.16-end; Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**4.30pm** Lent Course (see inside for details)  
**6.00pm** Said Evening Prayer with hymns– **St Mary's Church,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

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

**Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May:** A Festival of Flowers at St Mary's Church, Ballinger. See details inside.

**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**

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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 our plans to appoint a Youth Worker in our Parish;
- for our local elections on 1 May;
- 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.

'God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.'

1 Corinthians 10.13

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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.

**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.

**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 Pl@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.

**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!

**“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 the Talk and Tea event on Saturday 29th March and at Cream Teas from Easter Day.

**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 today, Sunday 23rd March at 2pm. For more information, please go to [beyonddifference.org](http://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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