

**Calendar for 5th to 12th  
October 2025**

**Sunday 5th October– Trinity 16**

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**Readings:** Lamentations 1.1-6 (OT Pg. 698); 2 Timothy 1.1-14 (NT Pg. 201); Luke 17.5-10 (NT Pg. 76). (Page nos. refer to the Pew Bible.)
- 9.30am** Said Eucharist with hymns for Harvest Festival – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**
- 10.00am** Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
- 1.00pm** Parish Pot Luck Lunch – **Oldham Hall**
- 6.00pm** Said Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Wednesday 8th October**

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

**Saturday 11th October**

- 2.30pm** Talk by Squadron Leader Graham Laurie, RAF, for the Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church – **St Peter and St Paul**

- 6.30pm** LIGHT Autumn Quiz - **Oldham Hall**

**Sunday 12th October– Trinity 17**

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**Readings:** Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19.
- 10.00am** Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
- 11.30am** Harvest Said Eucharist with hymns – **Little Hampden**
- 6.00pm** Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**



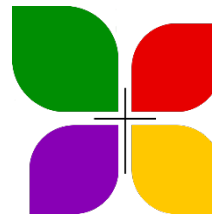
**The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...**

Conditioner; Deodorant; Jam; Tinned Custard; Tinned Fruit; Tinned Hot Dogs, Tinned Soup.

**All items must be within BBE date, please.**  
[chiltern.foodbank.org.uk](http://chiltern.foodbank.org.uk)

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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 5th October – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Please include in our prayers:

- for those who are sick, both at home and in hospital;
- for a new Archbishop of Canterbury, who will be a faithful pastor and lead us in the way of holiness;
- for peace throughout the world, and for good and just governance in all countries;
- for our confirmation candidates, as they prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit;
- for all our farmers and those who produce food for our population and international markets.

The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'  
 Luke 17.6

**Collect**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## News and Events

### The Vicar writes...

'If only I had more faith': I can understand the disciples asking for their faith to be upgraded. After all, Jesus has been demanding a lot – 'love your enemies, bless those who curse you', to name but a couple. His response is blunt: faithfulness is not about size or quantity; nor is it a reward for hard work. The good news is that faith is a gift from God, not something we earn. If you have enough faith to be faithful, then that is enough, and if it is mustard-seed-sized, then that too is enough.

(Based on the Gospel for this Sunday, Luke 17.5-10.)

**Safeguarding – the Basic Course.** All are welcome and invited to complete the Basic safeguarding course within a group setting rather than online. It lasts about 90 minutes.

There are three to choose from: Monday 13th October at 10am; Tuesday 14th October at 2pm; and Friday 17th October at 7.30pm.

Do let me know which one you'd like to join. Alternatively, if you'd rather do the course online, I can provide the details. Alan Mustoe, Parish Safeguarding Officer ([safeguarding@missendenchurch.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@missendenchurch.org.uk), 07735 909 733).

**Children, Youth and Families Worker.** At the extraordinary PCC meeting on 9th September, the PCC agreed in principle to move forward with a view to appointing a full-time children, families and youth worker. It also mandated a small group (the Vicar, Philippa Howells, Paula Kitching, Chloe Lewis and Mike O'Farrell) to manage the project, and in particular to work on the details of how such an appointment would work, and the documents which we will need in order to apply for grant funding from the Diocese. The group has met and will be reporting further to the PCC soon. If you have any questions or points you wish to raise, please speak to one of the working group.

**\*\*Today\*\* Parish Pot Luck Thank You Lunch, Sunday 5th October from 1pm in the Oldham Hall.** Everyone is invited to attend our Pot Luck Lunch and share a favourite dish. Please could each family bring a dish as follows based on the first letter of your surname:

A-F – Side Dish / Salad;

G-K – Dessert / Fruit;

L-Z – Main Dish.

Please contact Elisabeth Hubach if you have any questions ([Elisabeth\\_Hubach@hotmail.com](mailto:Elisabeth_Hubach@hotmail.com)).

**LIGHT Autumn Quiz.** Our Youth Group, LIGHT, are organising a quiz on 11th October, 6.30pm at the Oldham Hall to raise money for their chosen charities: Youth Concern and Reserva. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased on our website <http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/light-quiz> or at church on Sunday mornings. Tickets include a hot supper, please bring your own drinks.

In addition to raising money for their chosen charities, we are also asking quiz attendees to 'bring a can'. Food donations will be sent to the Youth Concern's food bank after the event. Food can also be dropped off at church on 12th October. For more information on what types of food we are asking for, please visit our website using the link above.

**Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church** (Regd. Charity No: 1067435).

**"Flying the Royals" Talk** by Graham Laurie is on Saturday 11th October at 2.30pm. Tickets (£15) include a full Afternoon Tea and are now on sale at Samways and from Vivienne Davis after the 10am services.

**Jam Jars!** Thank you for the continued re-cycling of jam jars and lids. There have been many recent kind donations of fruit resulting in over 250 jars filled in the past month. More jars would be greatly appreciated, please: all sizes but especially medium and small ones!

**Charity Tabletop Sale in aid of Rennie Grove Peace and Thames Valley Air Ambulance** with Home-made Cakes, Jams, Chutneys, Nearly New Gifts, Toys and Raffle, Saturday 25th October, 10am to 12noon in front of Great Missenden Library. Please donate cakes and come along to buy something. If you wish to donate, please call Jill York on 07846 534 301. Thank you.

**Beyond Difference event, The Big Fat Interfaith Quiz**, at Chiltern Hills Academy on Sunday 2nd November, 2.00pm. A fun social event with quiz loosely based around faith. If possible, please sign up in advance with a team name or alternatively just turn up. For more information or to register go to <https://beyonddifference.org>

**The Misbourne – Year 11 Careers Day.** We're looking for 25 volunteers to conduct mock face-to-face interviews with our Year 11 students on Friday 14th November 2025. If you can help, please let us know at <https://tinyurl.com/46ktz6b5>

**Eco Tip for October.** Contribute to wildlife conservation. Clean bird feeders to prevent diseases spreading to winter migrants. Install a nest box well before breeding season to provide a cosy retreat for small birds during cold winter nights. Prepare to support more birds next year, with more tips at <http://www.arochoa.org.uk/give-a-bird-a-home> As you observe the local birds reflect on this verse, 'I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the field are mine.' Psalm 50.11

**Please note**, you can subscribe to the online version of the Newssheet by contacting the Church Office by email: [office@missendenchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@missendenchurch.org.uk)