

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

Sunday 16th November – Second Sunday before Advent

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
 Readings: Malachi 4.1-2a (OT Pg. 816); 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 (NT Pg. 197); Luke 21.5-19 (NT Pg. 81). (All Page Nos. refer to the Pew Bible.)
- 10.00am** Non-Eucharistic Family Service – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
- 6.00pm** Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 19th November

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

Sunday 23rd November – Feast of Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
 Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43.
10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
- 11.30am** Said Matins with hymns – **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Choral Evensong – **St Peter and St Paul**

Future Dates for your Diary (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated)
Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December – Christmas Tree Festival (see https://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/Articles/725959/Christmas_Tree_Festival.aspx)



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

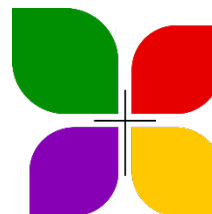
Fabric Conditioner; Garlic Granules; Instant Coffee; Kitchen Roll; Mixed Herbs; Tinned Chicken; Tinned Rice Pudding.

All items must be within BBE date, please.
chiltern.foodbank.org.uk

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

Rev. Malcolm Chalmers 07584 680 160 vicar@missendenchurch.org.uk
 Licensed Lay Minister: Patricia Neale 01494 863 348 tricianeale8@gmail.com
 Parish Office: 01494 862 352 office@missendenchurch.org.uk
 For any safeguarding concern: Alan Mustoe 07725 909 733

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



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 16th November – Second Sunday before Advent

Please include in our prayers:

- for our Archdeaconry as we await the appointment of a new Archdeacon;
- for our Archbishop of Canterbury Designate, The Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, who will be enthroned on the Feast of the Annunciation next year;
- for peace throughout the world, especially in this month of remembrance;
- for our confirmation and adult baptismal candidates as they prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit;
- for our Christmas Tree Festival on the 6th and 7th December.

But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.
 Malachi 4.2

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Collect words – © Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000)

News and Events

The Vicar writes...

Here we see the traditional imagery of apocalyptic end-time literature. Imagine the glory of our Cathedral in Oxford. Imagine, if you dare, what it might look like in ruins. Then you will get a sense of the seismic shock when the Romans destroyed the temple at Jerusalem in AD70 – the glory departed. Early Christians lived in the shadow of that event and also knew what it was to be persecuted. In fact, there is no Christian century in which the Church has not known persecution: hear then the power of Jesus' reassurance – 'by your endurance you will gain your souls'.

Please Join Us for two special evening services at St Peter and St Paul:

- Choral Evensong for Christ the King, Sunday 23rd November, 6.00pm, followed by a glass of wine; and
- Advent Carol Service, Sunday 30th November, 6.00pm, followed by a glass of sherry.

The Vine and Branch is a new group, working to keep our beautiful churchyard and surroundings a sanctuary for all to enjoy. Much of this work is a project that Chris Nickless initiated, as he worked to gain a silver A Rocha award for this church and we would very much like to continue this.

There are a variety of tasks, some big, some small: sweeping leaves, pruning, keeping drains clear, caring for wild flower meadows and the Quiet Garden and looking after bird boxes. If you'd like to be a part of this, please speak to Jane Ray or Wendy Harris (organist) for more info.

Christmas Tree Festival. Please could people donate empty Bonne Maman glass jars or similar size for the children's Christmas Craft for the Christmas Tree Festival. Please leave in the usual box in the porch. If anyone has a spare Christmas Tree stand they could lend from 3rd – 8th December I'd be grateful. Chloe Lewis.

Christmas Gifts for Residents at the Old Tea Warehouse. Following on from the notice in last week's Newssheet, I'm writing with a little more information. We are hoping to collect 65 wrapped Christmas gifts for all those who live in the hostel and in the 'move-on' properties.

If you would like to give a present, please buy a gift for a man. As there are very few women, I will organise these separately. We suggest, to make it fair, that you buy something between the value of £8 and £10 e.g. woollen hat/gloves/scarf, T-shirt, cards, games, puzzle books, biscuits, toiletries (no aftershave or alcohol). Please wrap your gift and label it if it contains sugar.

Please bring your gift to Church as soon as possible on a Sunday and leave it in the lovely gaudy box on the coffee table by the entrance door. Alternatively, bring it to the Christmas Tree Festival, (6th and 7th December) and place it on the purpose-built wooden Christmas tree. After the festival, all the gifts will be delivered to the hostel in time for Christmas.

Thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity. Karen Butler (07879 427 370).

Chilterns Desk Calendar 2026 is on its way! As in previous years, I am working on a Chilterns Desk Calendar for 2026. This is now with the designer and should be available in two or three weeks. As for last year, the price is £8 unless you prefer to buy the calendar without its case. This can be arranged at the reduced price of £7. If you would like to place an order, please drop me a line via email: karen.e.butler@btinternet.com or give me a ring: 07879 427 370. Many thanks, Karen.

Christmas Wreath Making and Festive Fayre in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Friday 28th November, 12 noon to 4.00pm, at the Damien Hall, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Great Missenden.

Wreath-making, £45 per person, includes all wreath materials, plus a hot drink and a mince pie or cake.

Entry to the Festive Fayre, £5, pay at the door, includes a hot drink and mince pie or cake. Shop for TVAA Christmas Cards, nearly new gifts and a raffle with fantastic prizes.

To book, please visit <https://www.tvairambulance.org.uk/support-us/events/christmas-wreath-making-fayre/> or contact Jill York on 07846 534 301.

Baby Loss Support Service. On 30th November at 3.30pm in Westminster Central Hall, Saying Goodbye (part of Mariposa International (SG)) will be hosting one of their Saying Goodbye Services. This is for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by a family member's or friend's loss. The welcome is also extended to anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons. If you would like any more information, please contact the Church Office or visit the Saying Goodbye website (www.sayinggoodbye.org).

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd.Charity No.: 1067435). Thank you to those who have kindly donated fruit and sugar and for recycling jam jars and lids for the recent bumper jam-making sessions! One kind member has also donated over 30 bottles of Apple Juice to boost our fundraising. The Preserves and Juice would make lovely Christmas presents and will be available at the Christmas Tree Festival and at the Library sales (10.30am – 1pm), both on the 6th and 7th December! Contact Vivienne Davis, 01494 891 312.

The two recent Saturday Tabletop sales of preserves raised £416.

Eco Tip for November. Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering.