

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

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 (OT Pg. 663); Colossians 1.11-20 (NT Pg. 190); Luke 23.33-43 (NT Pg. 85). (All Page Nos. refer to the Pew Bible.)
- 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**

Wednesday 26th November

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

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
- Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5; Romans 13.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44.
- 10.00am** Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
- 6.00pm** Advent Carol Service – **St Peter and St Paul**

Future Dates for your Diary (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated)

Sunday 23rd November, 6.00pm – Choral Evensong for Christ the King, followed by a glass of wine.

Sunday 30th November, 6.00pm – Advent Carol Service, followed by a glass of sherry.

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December – Christmas Tree Festival (see https://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/Articles/725959/Christmas_Tree_Festival.aspx)



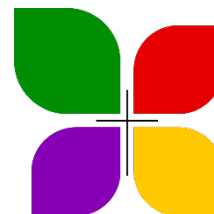
The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...

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

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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 our 'Keeping in Touch' group (KIT) and our 'Healing and Wholeness' Group;
- for our Archbishop of Canterbury Designate, The Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, as she prepares for her enthronement;
- for peace throughout the world, especially in this month of remembrance;
- for our 'Vine and Branch' Group, as they work hard in keeping our churchyard beautiful;
- for our Christmas Tree Festival on the 6th and 7th of December.

The criminal said, 'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'
Luke 23.42-43

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of Heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News and Events

The Vicar writes...

Looking at the leaders and the soldiers mocking Jesus at the foot of the cross, we can see how the crucifixion can appear to negate Jesus's kingship. It is a puzzling royal road to glory. Perhaps our personal sins, or the fear of being mocked like Jesus, discourage us from imitating him. When the crosses in our lives seem unbearable, and the requirements of a Christian life too demanding, we can find encouragement through Jesus's kingship on the cross: his love poured out. From the cross, he offers us the grace to enter into paradise.

(Based on Luke 23.33-43.)

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, 6th and 7th December. A lot is happening at the festival this year and we are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of events – refreshments, welcoming, selling raffle tickets. If you feel you might be free to give an hour or two or offer a traybake, please have a look at the noticeboards in church or contact Sue O'Farrell (s.g.ofarrell@gmail.com). In any event, please come along and enjoy a stupendous event!

Please could people also 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. Many thanks.

Chilterns Desk Calendar 2026. I'm hoping that the new calendar will be available very soon. If you'd 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. £8 for a calendar with a case or £7 without. Many thanks, Karen Butler.

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.

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 school hall is at the heart of Great Missenden Church of England School. It is where we celebrate achievements in assemblies, hold PE lessons, perform nativities, Year 6 Leavers production, run after-school clubs and more. It is also a space enjoyed by the wider community for events such as yoga, ballroom dancing and drama. Unfortunately, the hall floor has deteriorated beyond repair and now requires a full replacement at a cost of £19,500. Our wonderful PTA has committed £13,000 and, while we are applying for further grants, we need your help to make this possible. If you are able to make a donation – large or small – it will make a real difference in restoring this vital space for our children and community.

Account Name: Great Missenden C of E Combined School.

Account No.: 11263168

Sort Code: 30-14-77

Thank you in advance for supporting the school!

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.

Brahms Requiem Come and Sing Workshop, Saturday 31st January 2026, St Mary's Church Henley-on-Thames. Enjoy a day singing choruses from Brahms much loved choral masterpiece. The day runs from 10am until 4pm and includes a tea break with homemade cakes and will finish with an informal performance. Tickets: £24 with score hire (£20 without score hire); £10 18-30/concessions with score hire; £5 informal performance. Buy your tickets at <https://buytickets.at/henleychoralsociety/1902381>

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