

Calendar for 18th January to  
25th January 2026

**Sunday 18th January – Epiphany 2**

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7 (Pg. 622); 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 (Pg. 157); John 1.29-42 (Pg. 88). (All Page Nos. refer to the Pew Bible.)  
10.00am Non-Eucharistic Family Service – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
There will be children's activities on the theme of 'Come and see.'  
6.00pm Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Wednesday 21st January**

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

**Sunday 25th January – Epiphany 3 / Conversion of Paul**

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Acts 9.1-22 (Pg.121); Galatians 1.11-16a (Pg.177); Matthew 19.27-end (Pg.21).  
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
11.30am Sung Matins with hymns – **Little Hampden**  
6.00pm Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

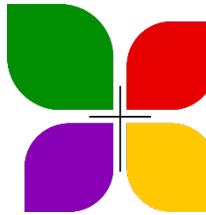
**Future Dates for your Diary** (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated)

**Sunday 1st February:** Choral Evensong for Candlemas (further details inside).

**Saturday 21st February:** Snowdrop Festival (details inside).

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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 18th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Please include in our prayers:

- for our Church Wardens and members of the PCC and all they do for our Parish;
- for peace throughout the world, that the USA will be persuaded not to invade Greenland;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital;
- for our Archbishop elect of Canterbury, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally;
- for those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' John 1.29

**Collect**

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## The Vicar writes...

John's credibility as the forerunner of the Messiah depends heavily on his accurately recognising Jesus when they first meet, for despite their kinship the two seem barely acquainted. The baptismal affirmation of the Holy Spirit is sufficient for John, fulfilling the sign he was led to anticipate, and serves as firm testimony of the Lamb of God. Jesus, meanwhile, impresses the first disciplines with his insight, recognising Simon Peter before they are introduced. But his authority rests ultimately in his actions rather than assertions, heralded in the immortal words of invitation, 'Come and see'.

(Based on the Gospel for Sunday: John 29-42.)

## News and Events

**The choir sings Choral Evensong at 6.00pm on Sunday 1st February** to celebrate the Feast of Candlemas which falls 40 days after Christ's birth, 2nd February. Candlemas celebrates the presentation of the child Jesus, Jesus' first entry into the temple, and the purification of the Virgin Mary, and this is reflected in the music for the service.

**On Snowdrop Saturday, 21st February**, the snowdrops will be on display in the Churchyard and at Overstroud Cottage, and warming Cream Teas will be available in Church between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Snowdrops are also known as 'Candlemas Bells'.

**Cream Teas begin for the Summer Season** on Easter Sunday, 5th April. If you would like to help, please contact Thais on [thais\\_hobbs@hotmail.com](mailto:thais_hobbs@hotmail.com)

**Marimba Band.** New classes are starting in February on a Monday evening. No previous musical skills required. For further information, contact [chantry.janet@gmail.com](mailto:chantry.janet@gmail.com)

**Thank You.** We would like to thank you all again for all your support and hard work at the Christmas Tree Festival held last month. Most importantly we would like to give our warmest thanks for your generosity and helping to ensure others felt generous too as we managed to raise £4,778 profit which will be split between the church and High Wycombe Women's Refuge. Please note that the 2026 CTF will be the first weekend in December – please put it in your diary. Chloe and Paula.

**Book Collection at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.** We have had a good sale of our second-hand books over Christmas, maybe due to the recent cold weather, and we have room for more if anyone has any to donate. We like paperbacks if possible and we accept anything provided they are in good condition. A box will be at the back of the church to collect any that are going spare, but please make sure they are books that will sell! Thank you, any donations are appreciated and will help with our finances towards ongoing expenses.

**Big Lighthouse Quiz.** Join us on Saturday 7th February at the Oldham Hall, starting 7pm for 7.30pm. Book a table of up to 10 and bring friends and family for a fun evening, with a hot and cold buffet included. Tickets, £12 each, available at: <https://shorturl.at/jYKBC>

**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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