

Calendar for 25th January to
1st February 2026

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). (All Page Nos. refer to the Pew Bible.)
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.30am Said Matins with hymns – **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 28th January

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

Sunday 1st February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5(Pg. 815); Hebrews 2.14-end (Pg. 208); Luke 2.22-40 (Pg. 56).
9.30am Said Eucharist with hymns – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger.**
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
There will be Clay Craft for the children to take part in during the service.
6.00pm Choral Evensong for the Feast of Candlemas – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

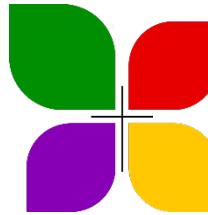
Saturday 21st February: Snowdrop Festival (details inside).

Live-Streaming of our Services

Many of our 10am services are streamed live. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Vicar or Safeguarding Officer.

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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 25th January – The Third Sunday of Epiphany / Conversion of Paul

Please include in our prayers:

- for our Church Wardens and the PCC as we start preparations for the APCM in April;
- for peace throughout the world, and the preservation of Greenland's self-government within the Kingdom of Denmark;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital, of which we have many in the Parish at present;
- for our Archbishop elect of Canterbury, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally;

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Matthew 19.29-30

Collect

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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. Amen.

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Vicar writes...

Paul's conversion is a uniquely public affair, almost as dramatic in the telling as it must have been for the in-person witnesses. We properly mark it as a seminal event for the early Church and for the disciples of Jesus in our own time. If Paul is a divisive figure, so are our attitudes to evangelism. Those reading Matthew's Gospel today will be reminded of the cost of true discipleship, though, as Jesus reassures a wary Peter, the prize of renouncing family and property will be none other than the riches of eternal life.

(Based on the Gospel for Sunday: Matthew 19.27-30.)

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. 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

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

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 is 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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Kitchen Roll; Long-life Milk; Peanut Butter; Shampoo; Squash;
Tinned Carrots; Washing Powder.
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