

**Calendar for 15th to 22nd
February 2026**

Sunday 15th February – Transfiguration Sunday / Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**

Readings: Exodus 24.12-end (Pg. 65); 2 Peter 1.16-end (Pg.225); Matthew 17.1-9 (Pg.18).

10.00am Non-Eucharistic Family Service – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**

6.00pm Said Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 18th February

9.30am Holy Communion – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service, including the imposition of ashes – **St Peter and St Paul**

Saturday 21st February

2.00pm- Snowdrop Saturday and Cream Teas (see details inside)

4.00pm

Sunday 22nd February – Lent 1

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**

Readings: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11.

10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
Children's activities on the theme of Lent and what it means.

11.30am Matins with hymns – **Little Hampden**

4.30pm Lent Talk – **St Peter and St Paul**

6.00pm Choral Evensong - **St Peter and St Paul**

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

Saturday 18th April, 2.30pm: Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (FGMPC) Talk & Tea event, "The Rothschild Family History" by Paula Kitching, Historian, Researcher and a Trustee/Committee Member.

Saturday 13th June, 2.30pm: FGMPC Talk & Tea event, "An Arts & Crafts Home and Garden in Great Missenden" by Katherine Hersee.

Livestreaming 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 (details below).

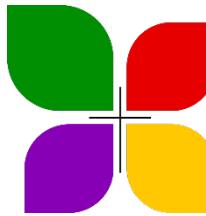
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**St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden
St Mary's Church, Ballinger
Little Hampden**

Helping one another to Know, to Serve and to Share God's love

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Please include in our prayers:

- for our Church Wardens and the PCC as we start preparations for the April 16th APCM;
- for our country, government and the Royal Family, in light of recent disturbing events;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital;
- for Lara Miller who is being baptised this morning;
- for our new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Dame Sarah Mullally.

While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

Matthew 17.5

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Vicar writes...

The eve of Lent presents us with two powerful examples of intense encounter with God. The character of the cloud plays a key part in descriptions of Moses' mountain-top meetings with the Lord, purposely obscuring that which the bystander cannot hope to understand. At the Transfiguration, God's voice from the dazzling cloud on Mount Tabor overwhelms the three disciples with fear. Yet it also provides the explanation they cannot otherwise fathom, clarifying the vision of Jesus in the glory of his Father. Despite the intensity of this experience, however, Jesus' stern words as they descend show the disciples are still far from ready to comprehend its full significance.

(Based on the Gospel for Sunday: Matthew 17.1-9.)

News and Events

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.

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

What is the 2026 Lent Course all about? Course Name: *Draw Near; Life-Giving Habits for Lent* (the Church of England's Lent theme for 2026.)

There is a booklet for the duration of the course, which will cost each participant £3. The booklet/course invites you to develop a rhythm of life that will help you grow as a disciple of Christ. Each week explores an activity central to Christian discipleship: worship, prayer, Scripture, communion, service to others and sharing the good news. For each day in Lent, it offers Bible readings, short reflections, prayers and practical responses. The sessions run from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, and the Programme is as follows:

- Ash Wednesday – Sharing in Worship (Home reading and prep for the first session.);
- Week 1 – Sharing in Prayer (Course Session 1) 22 February at St Peter and St Paul;
- Week 2 – Sharing the Scriptures (Course Session 2) 1 March at St Peter and St Paul;
- Week 3 – Sharing Communion (Course Session 3) 8 March at St Peter and St Paul;
- Week 4 – Sharing in Service (Course Session 4) 15 March at St Peter and St Paul;
- Week 5 – Sharing the Good News (Course Session 5) 22 March at St Peter and St Paul;
- Holy Week – Sharing in Holy Week (Home reading follow-up); and
- Easter Day – Sharing in Resurrection (Home reading and Conclusion)

Thank you. Missenden Walled Garden has written to thank the PCC for the donation of £614.52 from its Christmas giving received over specific Christmas

services, including on Christmas Day. We thank all who visited the Church over this time for their generosity.

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

- The Trustee/Committee Members were pleased to give a £300 grant to the PCC last week for another gutter/downpipe clearance, recommended by the Church Architect when he inspected the recurring leak in the Lady Chapel roof.
- Snowdrop Saturday: there will be home-made Marmalades, Jams and Chutneys on offer to raise funds for more roof and stonework repairs.
- Membership: a warm welcome awaits new members! Yellow Joining Forms are on the shelf near the church door.

Thank you for all the wonderful support of our charity since its foundation in 1997!

Afternoon Tea in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Saturday 7th March, 2.30pm-4.30pm, at the Damien Hall, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 23 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA. Raffle, Gift and Produce stalls. Tickets £10, which includes tea and cake, available at Samways/The Post Office in Great Missenden. Book your seat/table now to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to make a donation or to buy raffle tickets, please contact Jill York (07846 534 301 / jillelizabethyork@yahoo.co.uk).

Concert by Chess Valley Male Voice Choir at St Peter and St Paul on 28th March at 7.30pm, joined by guest ensemble Quintessential Brass. With a wide-ranging repertoire from traditional male voice classics to contemporary, classical and jazz-inspired pieces, the evening promises something for everyone. Tickets are available on 07557 391 390 or on the door.

Henley Choral Society are delighted to invite you to their Spring Concert on Saturday 14th March, 7.30pm – Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem, Strauss Four Last Songs and Barber Adagio for Strings. Join us for a fabulous evening with acclaimed soloists, 100-strong choir and a world class orchestra in the beautiful setting of the Concert Hall at Reading Town Hall with its superb acoustics.

Tickets £24 (under 18s and students £6) at <https://whatsonreading.com/henley-choral-society-spring-concert> or on 0118 960 6060). Coach tickets are also available to buy for £8 return from Henley train station car park (<https://buytickets.at/henleychoralsociety/1958381>).



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Tinned Carrots; Tinned Ham; Tinned Macaroni Cheese; Tinned Ravioli; Washing Powder.
All items must be within BBE date, please.
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