



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**

Calendar for 8th to 15th March

Sunday 8th March – Lent 3

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 (Pg. 61); Romans 5.1-11 (Pg. 146); John 4.5-42 (Pg. 90).
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.30am Said Eucharist with hymns – **Little Hampden**
4.30pm Lent Talk – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Sung Compline - **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 11th March

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

Saturday 14th March

10.30am Meeting to make up posies for Mothering Sunday (see details inside) – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 15th March – Mothering Sunday / Lent 4

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Exodus 2.1-10; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7; Luke 2.33-25.
10.00am Family Service – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
MAP will not be meeting this morning as the children will be taking part in the Family Service.
4.30pm Lent Talk – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Said Eucharist - **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 Katharine Hersee.

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 (details below).

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Sunday 8th March – The Third Sunday of Lent

Please include in our prayers:

- for those discerning whether to stand for the PCC at the APCM on the 16th April;
- for our King and the Royal Family;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital;
- for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and all places of war and violence;
- for a Lenten Pilgrimage blessed with peace and discernment.

The Samaritans said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

John 4.42

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Vicar writes...

Like Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman encounters Jesus under cover, this time at Jacob's well in the searing heat of noon. The meeting prompts Jesus' most extended conversation with a single character in any of the Gospels. The woman is plucky and self-aware, conscious of their mismatched status, yet sufficiently curious to challenge Jesus to explain himself. In doing so he reveals his prior knowledge of her longing, and his irresistible promise of the water of life to satisfy that thirst inspires her testimony, which in turn prompts many more to believe that 'this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

(Based on John 4.5-42.)

News and Events

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.)

A booklet is available for the duration of the course for a donation of £3.00. 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 have already started, but anyone who was unable to come to the previous talks is very welcome to join us for any/all of the future ones. The Programme going forward is as follows:

- 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)

Posies for Mothering Sunday. We are making posies for Mothering Sunday in church at 10.30am on Saturday 14th March. We would welcome greenery, herbs or heather, and people to make them up. Thank you.

Mary Morgan's Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 17th March, 2pm at St Peter and St Paul. All are welcome.

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

Old Tea Warehouse Easter Egg Appeal 2026. Thank you to everyone who has responded to our appeal for Easter eggs to date. By close of play last Sunday, amazingly, we had 22 in the box. If all the residents at the Old Tea Warehouse and the 'move on' properties are to have an egg on Easter morning, we need another 40. In the interests of equality, please could you buy a normal sized egg

rather than two smaller ones. It doesn't have to be a high-end Lindt one but I think it's important for all residents to have an egg that is roughly of equal size. Thank you so much for your generosity. Karen Butler.

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.

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

- Saturday 18th April, 2.30pm. "The Rothschild Family History – the story of a migrant family": and illustrated fundraising talk by Paula Kitching, historian, researcher and trustee of our charity, with a full afternoon tea, raffle and sale of home-made preserves. Tickets £15 (inc. tea) from Samways in mid-March, after the 10am services or at the door on the day. Contact Vivienne – 01494 891 312 / avd@davis.f9.co.uk
- Saturday 16th May: our AGM is in the Parish Church at 10.30am, with coffee/tea from 10.15am. All are welcome.

Sweet Charity, Prestwood very kindly gave a £1,150 grant to the PCC for a Tower repair done last autumn. It has also given four other grants in the past., as well as several grants to St Mary's Church, Ballinger (most recently to repair some damp under one of the windows). It would be so good to thank them when you visit. They welcome purchases and donations of goods. All donations are sold or recycled to raise money for the local community.

All are warmly invited to join Wycombe Homeless Connection for their annual church service. We will give thanks for the unwavering community response to homelessness in our community, celebrate the winter night shelter and the all-year-round work done to prevent and reduce the harm that homelessness does. We will also take time to honour those who have been lost.

The service takes place on Saturday 25th April at Christ the Servant King, Booker, High Wycombe, HP12 4TJ. Arrival from 2pm for refreshments before a 2.30pm start. Please let us know if you will be attending here: <https://thanksgiving-service-2026.eventbrite.co.uk/>



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

Tinned Carrots; Tinned Ham; Tinned Macaroni Cheese; Tinned Ravioli; Washing Powder.

All items must be within BBE date, please.

chiltern.foodbank.org.uk

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