

## Calendar for 17th to 24th May

### Sunday 17th May – Easter 7 (Sunday After Ascension)

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Acts 1.6-14 (Pg.112); 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11 (Pg.223);  
John 17.1-11 (Pg.106).  
**10.00am** Non-Eucharistic Family Service – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
**3.00pm** Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**6.00pm** Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**

### Wednesday 20th May

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

### Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Acts 2.1-21; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23.  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
**11.30am** Matins – **Little Hampden**  
**3.00pm** Cream Teas and Music – **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)

**Thursday 28th May, 10.30-11.30am:** Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.

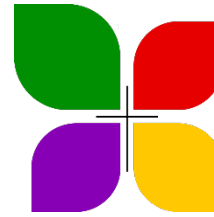
**Saturday 13th June, 2.30pm:** FGMPCC Talk & Tea Event (see details inside)

### 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 (details below).

#### **STAFF AVAILABILITY:**

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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 17th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Please include in our prayers:

- for Alistair Wallace, Neil McTavish, Finan McSwiggan and Ross Pusey, who are to be baptised this morning and for Mylo Roberts, who will be baptised on 24th May;
- for the new Parliament, opened by HM the King on Wednesday 13th May;
- for peace throughout the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East;
- for our confirmation candidates who are to be confirmed on Sunday 14th June at Wendover.

Jesus prayed, 'And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'  
John 17.11

### **Collect**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Vicar writes...

Jesus' friends lived through the pain of parting not once but twice: the farewell discourses in Saint John's Gospel tell of how Jesus prepared them for his coming death, and for his ascension back into heaven. Here he prays aloud, for their benefit, in words that are full of mystery and poetry, hope and comfort, reassuring them that they are already being drawn into the very love of God, and that the closer they come to God, the closer they become to each other. To be at one with God is to be at one with one another.

(Based on John 17.1-11.)

## News and Events

**Please pray for** our confirmation candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Dave at St Mary's Church in Wendover, on Sunday 14th June at 5pm: Vickie, Finan, Neil, Alistair, George, Ruby, Mylo, Ross and Ronan.

**Cream Teas** are served every Sunday until the end of September from 3pm-5pm in the Church. Come and enjoy home-made cakes and scones, with music this week from Heatherton Singers.

**Pentecost Picnic, Sunday 24th May, 3-5pm at Prestwood Common.** Join Christians from across HP16 as we come together to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, a time of joy and reflection and sharing God's message with all nations. Everyone is welcome, whatever your age or stage of faith, please bring a picnic and come enjoy time together.

**Flower Festival Cream Tea help:** if anyone is willing to spare a couple of hours to help serve Cream Teas on the afternoon of Saturday 27th June, please speak to Wendy Harris after the service. Many thanks!

**Lighthouse Missenden (LHM) needs a Data Protection Officer (DPO) – can you help or do you know someone who can?** We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of DPO, as an advisor to the trustees, to take on a number of Data Protection related tasks.

No need to attend Lighthouse week in the summer holidays in person; report to Trustees in writing or in person. Interested? For further information please contact [bettina.gothard@lighthousemissenden.org.uk](mailto:bettina.gothard@lighthousemissenden.org.uk)

Thank you!

**Lighthouse is nearly here (27-31 July 2026), and we'd love you to be part of it.** There are lots of difference ways to get involved this year, including some new roles, and we're always especially in need of Lighthouse Keepers. You don't have to commit to the whole week – even a day or two really helps. If you're not quite sure what might suit you, do have a look at the website.

We're expecting around 750 children this year, and to be able to welcome as many as possible, we do need more helpers across our teams. If you're able to help. Please do sign up – it really does make a difference.

**Children's registrations open on Saturday 23rd May at 8am.**

For more information or to get involved, please visit [www.lighthousemissenden.org.uk](http://www.lighthousemissenden.org.uk)

**Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church** (Regd. Charity No.: 1067435). Fundraising for urgent repairs to this historic building, founded in 1133AD.

- **“An Arts & Craft Country House & Garden in Great Missenden” by Katharine Hersee.** This Talk and Tea fundraising event is on Saturday 13th June at 2.30pm in the Parish Church. Tickets, £15 (inc. Tea), will be available at Samways from 12th May.
- **Jam Jars.** Thank you for kindly recycling jars. There is a large supply now so only the tiny and small jars are required at present.
- **Preserving/Storage Jars.** I have a good supply of 1lb size Kilner and Le Parfait jars if you'd like some for your summer jams and fruit. Contact Vivienne Davis: 01494 891 312.

**The Wendover Arts Festival** will be held on the last Bank Holiday in May, Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th May 2026. More details can be found at <http://www.wendover-arts-festival.co.uk>



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

Cup-a-soup; Deodorant; Household Cleaner; Jam; Rice; Sponge Puddings; Tinned Chicken; Tinned Corned Beef; Tinned Custard; Tinned Fish; Tinned Potatoes; Tinned Pulses; Toilet Cleaner.

**All items must be within BBE date, please.**

**Please note,** you can subscribe to the online version of the Newssheet by contacting the Church Office by email: [office@missendenchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@missendenchurch.org.uk)