

Calendar for 5th to 12th July

Sunday 5th July – Trinity 5

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
9.30am Said Eucharist with hymns – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**
Readings: Zechariah 9.9-12; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end.
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 8th July

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

Sunday 12th July – Trinity 6

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23.
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.30am Holy Communion – **Little Hampden**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

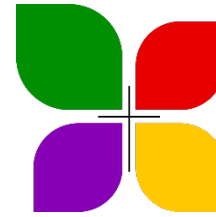
- Saturday 22nd August, 7.30pm** – Billy Watman, Anglo Brazilian guitarist.
Further details and tickets at <http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/billy-watman>
Saturday 26th September, 7.30pm – Moonrakers return after their successful previous visit. Folk and traditional Celtic music.
Saturday 3rd October, 2.30pm – FGMPCC Talk & Tea 'Engineering for Life'.

Live-Streaming of our Services

Many of our 10am services are streamed live. If you have any questions or concerns see notice board and/or 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**

Sunday 5th July– The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Please include in our prayers:

- for a new Bishop of Oxford, elected through the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
- for peace throughout the world and good government for all nations;
- for the refugees and immigrants in South Africa who are being threatened by xenophobia;
- for the process of appointing a Youth Worker and a volunteer lead fund raiser;
- for those who might hear the call to be servers and choristers in our parish.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'
(Matthew 11.28-30)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Vicar writes...

Is there a contradiction here? On the one hand, Jesus claims unique authority to reveal the truth, which remains obscure to those who persist in following this world's models for wisdom. On the other, Jesus openly invites all who are searching spiritually to come to him; they will find in his service a rest deeper than their current weariness. Yet the context is also important: Jesus exposes the stubbornness of those who reject John the Baptist for one reason and Jesus himself for the opposite reason, showing they were effectively closed to his claims and his offer of life.

(Based on Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30)

News and Events

Please pray for: Mylo who will be confirmed at St Mary's in Old Amersham on 19th July; Jade Read to marry Beau Tardi at St Peter and St Paul Church on Thursday 9th July; and John Joseph Conway to marry Nina Oakley at St Mary's Church Ballinger on Saturday 11th July.

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 from Chess Valley Choir.

Youth Leader Recruitment Project. An informal meeting will be held at St Peter and St Paul on Wednesday 8th July between 4.30pm-5.30pm to provide an update on the project and funding application to recruit a youth leader. Everyone is welcome to hear progress so far and to ask questions and raise any concerns prior to the next PCC meeting on 13th July. Do come along at any time during the hour to hear more about it and enjoy a cuppa and naturally a slice of cake!

Afternoon Tea in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance on Saturday 11th July, 2.30pm-4.30pm, at the Damien Hall, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 23 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA. Tickets £10, which includes tea and cake, available from Samways in Great Missenden. Raffle, Gift and Produce Stalls. Book your table now to avoid disappointment. If you would like to make a donation or buy raffle tickets, please contact Jill York jillelizabethyork@yahoo.co.uk / 07846 534 301

Lee Flower Show. The annual show will take place on Saturday 18th July and St Mary's will be having our usual stall to raise money for the church. We hope to see as many people as possible as it is a really good afternoon out. We will be having our bottle game and Shove Halfpenny, as well as a Lucky Dip for the children so any contributions would be gratefully received. Thank you. Maggi Cameron and Anne Ellis.

The Damon Singers Summer Pudding Concert, Saturday 18th July, 7.30pm at Christ Church, Chesham, HP5 1NX. Tickets (including puddings and a drink) £12.50, 12-18s £7.50, under 12s free. Available in advance from Perfect Pitch, The Broadway Chesham or call 07747 455 704. Tickets on the door if still available, £15 and £10, cash only.

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. For further information please contact 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 different 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.

For more information or to get involved, please visit www.lighthousemissenden.org.uk

Are you able to help Lighthouse Craft? We would welcome donations of:

- balls of wool or remnants;
- kitchen roll centres;
- cereal packets (no nuts);
- Fruit Corner pots (properly washed);
- FT or similar newspaper for covering tables (boring for kids to read!);
- large no neck buttons (an inch wide-ish); and
- mosaic 1" square tiles.

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

- Our Preserves Stall at the Patronal Festival weekend raised a useful £323 for future repairs grants to the PCC.
- If you have any surplus fruit this summer, or know of other people who do, it would be greatly appreciated for more Jams! Many thanks to those who kindly re-cycle jars and lids and make donations of sugar, fruit and gifts to sell;
- If you are not already a member of the "Friends", we would welcome your support to maintain funding for repairs to this Parish Church. Yellow Joining Forms are near the main door. Many thanks!



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

Chocolate, Cup-a-Soup, Instant Mashed Potato, Long-life Milk, Sponge Puddings, Squash, Sweets, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Ham.

All items must be within BBE date, please.
chiltern.foodbank.org.uk

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