

Calendar for 25th October to 1st November 2026

Sunday 25th October– Bible Sunday / Last after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12; Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 24.30-35.
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.30am Harvest Festival – **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Choral Evensong – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 28th October

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

Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-13; Matthew 5.1-12.
9.30am Remembrance Service – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
6.00pm Evening Service with Sung Requiem – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

Sunday 8th November, 11.00am– Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.
Sunday 8th November, 1.00pm at Little Hampden – Remembrance Service.
Sunday 8th November, 4.00pm – Remembering with Love Service.
Saturday 14th November, 2.30pm – FGMPG Talk and Tea: VE / VJ Days – 80 Years On (see inside for further details).

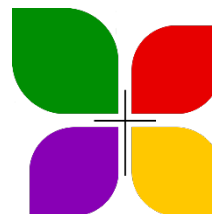
Live-Streaming of our Services

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**

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Please include in our prayers:

- for Little Hampden Church as they celebrate their Harvest Festival today;
- for the process of appointing a youth minister and a volunteer lead fund raiser for our Parish;
- for the global Church to read, pray and practise God's Word;
- for global peace, divine guidance for leaders and freedom from relying solely on human wisdom;
- for strength and comfort for the exhausted, the sick and those mourning a loss.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
Colossians 3.17

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

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The Vicar writes...

The Bible can be seen as a library, full of different kinds of literature. It attempts to tell both the story of God and the story of humanity. We describe God in words that can never do God justice. We live with the paradox of God as both mysterious and intimate. The apocalyptic language here in Matthew's Gospel takes us to the image of the second coming of Christ and the longed-for redemption of all creation. Will it be soon or far away? We don't know. Yet we hope to recognise Christ when he comes.

(Based on Matthew 24.30-35)

News and Events

Harvest Thank You from the Chiltern Foodbank. Thank you wholeheartedly for your support. We helped 40% more people in July-September compared to the same time in 2025; all your contributions to the organisation go a long way in helping those less fortunate in our community. In the last six months, our volunteers collected, organised, packed and delivered 1,500 food parcels to people across the Chiltern area; 32% of these were for children. Thanks again for your support. Without you, we could not continue helping local people who need emergency food and practical support.

Remembrance Services. Full details of this year's services can be found at: <https://missendenchurch.org.uk/remembrance>

Coffee Mornings at the Oldham Hall will take place each Friday from 8am – 9.45am during term time. All are welcome.

Book Club – All Welcome. Our first Book Club meeting to discuss 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis takes place on Monday 26th October, 2-4pm, 'Sarmia', Marriotts Avenue, South Heath, HP16 9QW. Tea and cake. The intention is to meet same time, same place, on the last Monday of each month. Just come along, no need to sign up, please do read the book in advance, if you can. Any questions, please contact me Deborah Elliott 07747 038930.

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

Saturday 14th November, 2.30pm in the Parish Church. "VE / VJ Days – 80 Years On" by Tony Birkett, Military Historian. Come and join us for this illustrated Talk with Tea and home-made Biscuits, a Raffle and sales of home-made Preserves. Tickets (£10) are now available at Samways, after the 10am services or on the door. For further information, please contact Vivienne Davis at friendsgmipc@outlook.com or, to find out more about our charity, please visit https://missendenchurch.org.uk/Groups/289937/Friends_of_Great.aspx

Christmas Tree Festival 2026 – Luxury Hamper Appeal. It's that time of year (again!) when we are planning for the Christmas Tree Festival (December 5th and 6th). One of the best fundraisers is the raffle and the star of the show is always the Luxury Christmas Hamper. It is a fabulous incentive – along with all the magnificent prizes – and the thing that makes it special is that we, the church family, give *everything* that it contains. A list of items that it could contain this year has, once again, been put up at the back of the church and we would be so

grateful if you could sign next to one or more items that you feel you would like to purchase. If we can complete this list between us, we can be certain of a prize that will, once again, be thrilling for anyone to win. Thank you SO much. Karen Butler.

Christmas at the Old Tea Warehouse. As you know, we support the Old Tea Warehouse hostel for the homeless in High Wycombe and the residents who are housed in the 'move on' properties. Together they number approximately 60 and we pledge to give them each a Christmas gift. The presents we give may be the only ones they receive. This is just a reminder that we will soon be asking you all if you could please consider giving a gift to a homeless person this Christmas. Usually, we suggest that you buy something between the value of £8 and £10 e.g. woollen hat/gloves/scarf, t-shirt, cards, games, puzzle books, biscuits, toiletries (no aftershave or alcohol).

We haven't yet set up arrangements for the collection of these gifts so would be grateful if you didn't yet bring any gifts to church. We will let you know when and where to leave them in the next few weeks. Thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity. Karen Butler.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Afternoon Tea on 17th October in the Damien Hall in Great Missenden in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance. A very enjoyable time was had by all with wonderful food and good company. The main attraction of the afternoon was the raffle, with amazing prizes supplied by local businesses and individuals. If you were one of those who donated items to the raffle, please accept my sincere thanks for your generosity. My gratitude also goes to the many helpers before the event and on the day - too many to mention by name. The total raised by the event was £1,458.00 which will help TVAA, within minutes, bring the expertise, equipment and treatment of the hospital to the most critically ill and injured patients across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Jill York.

Great Missenden CofE School Fireworks Extravaganza, Saturday 7th November from 5pm. Bonfire, family entertainment, rides, hog roast, licensed bar. Tickets from <http://www.gmfireworks.co.uk/>

Beyond Difference. To mark Interfaith Week 2026, Beyond Difference will host Muslim Europe: Remembering a Forgotten Past at Chesham Town Hall on Sunday 15th November. Doors open at 1.45pm and the event will run from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. For further information, please visit: <https://beyonddifference.org>



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

Cold Tinned Meat; Hot Tinned Meat; Long-life Juice; Peanut Butter; Savoury Snacks; Sponge Puddings; Tinned Carrots; Tinned Fish; Tinned Fruit; Tinned Pulses; Tinned Soup.

All items must be within BBE date, please.