Calendar for 1st to 8th November 2026

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** MAP will be meeting in the Bell Tower during the service and looking at the two Commonwealth War Graves in the Graveyard.
6.00pm	Evening Service with Sung Requiem – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 4th November

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

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings:	Amos 5.18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13.
10.00am	Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.00am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial – **St Peter and St Paul**
1.00pm	Remembrance Service – **Little Hampden**
4.00pm	Remembering with Love – **St Peter and St Paul**

Future Dates for your Diary (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated)
Saturday 14th November, 2.30pm – FGMPC 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 the universal Church and for the witness of all the saints who have gone before us;
- for our church family to reflect the light of Christ to those around us, and make us welcoming to all;
- for those facing illness, grief, anxiety, or despair. May God's love be the key that releases them from their fear and pain;
- for the Souls of the faithful departed whom we remember this evening and tomorrow;
- for the process of appointing a youth minister and a volunteer lead fund raiser for our Parish.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
1 John 3.1

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Vicar writes…

All Saints Day. We remember the saints, the holy people of God who have gone before us and perhaps surround us. It is tempting to think of the saints as the superstars of faith. Yet the blessings or beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel, remind us that in God's upside-down kingdom it is not those with the most who are revered, but instead those with the least who are lifted up. What does it mean to live our lives in a way that prioritises those at the margins rather than celebrating the rich or powerful?

All Souls Day. This day provides an opportunity to invite families of the faithful departed to attend an act of commemoration. Firstly at the *All Souls' Requiem Mass* this Sunday evening of 1st November at 6pm, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul. At this service, the names of those who have passed away are read out, if the families have entered them on the list, or secondly at the *Remembering with Love Service* on Sunday 8th November at 4pm, also at the Church of St Peter and St Paul. All Souls' Day reflects a need and an occasion to contemplate mortality, grief and resurrection hope, particularly among those who may not attend church regularly.

News and Events

Youth Worker Funding Application. After over a year of work, an application has now (finally!) been submitted for a Development Fund Grant from the Diocese of Oxford. We are seeking 50% of the cost of funding a Children, Youth and Families Minister. We will learn the outcome of the application later this year (probably in mid-December).

There will be MAP sessions on Sunday 8th November for Remembrance; and on Sunday 22nd November when the children will be selling cakes to raise money for their trees at the Christmas Tree Festival and also for the children's craft supplies. It would be appreciated if people could support this and buy some cake to enjoy with their coffee!

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

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 homemade Biscuits, a Raffle and sales of homemade Preserves. Tickets (£10) are now available at Samways, after the 10am services or on the door. For further information, please contact Vivienne Davis at friendsgmpc@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.

Lighthouse Autumn Food and Fellowship Evening, 14th November at 7.00pm in the Oldham Hall, when the Lighthouse community, old and new, meet up to spend an evening simply sharing our community spirit over a warm hearty meal! If you'd like to join us (who wouldn't!) then tickets are available at http://www.ticketsource.com/lighthousemissenden with all proceeds going towards keeping Lighthouse shining year after year! Tickets are £15 for adults and children under 12 are free; if you have any dietary requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to cater for you. You can expect an autumnal meal of seasonal soups, stews and a warming dessert and feel free to bring your own drinks.

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.