Calendar for 8th to 15th November 2026

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Micah 4.1-5; Revelation 21.1-7; John 15.9-17.
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
There will be a Children and Young People's Session in the Bell Tower during the service.
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**

Wednesday 11th November

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

Sunday 15th November – Safeguarding Sunday

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: 2 Samuel 12.1-7a; and Matthew 25.31-40.
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
6.00pm Said Eucharist – **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, especially those who serve as military chaplains;
- for those we remember with sorrow and gratitude, who paid the supreme sacrifice, and the innocent victims of war throughout our world;
- for those who returned physically or psychologically scarred and those who mourned loved ones who never returned;
- for the men and women currently serving in the armed forces across the globe;
- for the process of appointing a youth minister and a volunteer lead fundraiser for our Parish.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'
John 15.112-13.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The Vicar writes…

Remembrance Sunday is a vital national opportunity to honour the service and sacrifice of all military personnel who have defended this nation's freedoms and protected our way of life. Observed on the second Sunday of November, it brings communities, the Royal Family, and armed forces together at cenotaphs and churches to reflect on the human cost of conflict. By observing a two-minute silence and wearing the red poppy, society preserves collective memory, supports veterans and their families, and renews a shared commitment to peace.

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 a Children and Young People's Session in the Bell Tower today, 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!

Thank You to all those volunteers who turned out at 9.30am yesterday (Saturday 7th) to help clear the leaves ready for our Remembrance Service.

Safeguarding Sunday. We have been encouraged to designate one Sunday this month as Safeguarding Sunday, therefore, next Sunday 15th November, our theme at both 8am and 10am will be aimed at helping us to be even more aware of this important issue.

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 friendsgmpc@outlook.com or, to find out more about our charity, please visit https://missendenchurch.org.uk/Friends

Ballinger Christmas Fair, Saturday 21st November, 2.00pm-4.30pm. St Mary's will be running a stall as usual, including Guess the Number of Sweets, Shove Ha'penny and the sale of the new Ballinger Church card. Please do go along to support them and enjoy the annual Ballinger Christmas village event.

Book Club – all welcome. We had a great turn-out and lively discussions at our first Book Club meeting. Our next book is 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. For numbers, would current and new members please contact Deborah Elliott if you are joining us on Monday 30th November, 2-4pm (Deborahelliott2@hotmail.co.uk / 07747 038 930). We meet at 'Sarmia', Marriotts Avenue, South Heath HP16 9QW. Tea and cake. Please read the book in advance (it's a short one!).

Christmas Tree Festival – 5th December (10am-5pm) and 6th December (11.30am-4.30pm). As ever, we need lots of willing volunteers to help make this festive community event a success! If you could spare some time to help on one of our rotas, whether welcoming visitors, selling raffle tickets, serving refreshments, cashiering, helping with children's crafts or car parking, we would be hugely grateful. Please could you also let me know if you could contribute a homemade traybake (or two!). If you can help, please contact Chloe at lewis100@live.co.uk or on 07985 237 240. Thank you so much for your support! Paula and Chloe.

Christmas Tree Festival 2026 – Luxury Hamper Appeal. Thank you so much for completing the list of items that will fill the hampers this year. Unfortunately I cannot be at church for the next two Sundays but the Big Gaudy Box will be back by the church door, duly labelled for donations. If you could place anything that you bring in that and tick it off on the sheet, I would be very grateful. If there are any problems, I can collect the item from you – you have only to ring: 07879 427 375. Many thanks, Karen Butler.

Christmas at the Old Tea Warehouse. If you are able to buy and wrap a gift for a male resident of the OTW, that would be wonderful. Please don't bring it to church just yet but have it ready to bring on Sundays 22nd and 29th November, once the main items for the Christmas hamper are out of the way. In the meantime, please go ahead and buy a gift, if you can, and wrap it, ready to bring – we have 60 to find! Please don't spend more than £10. Warm items for winter, cards, games, puzzle books, biscuits, toiletries (no aftershave or alcohol) would all be very welcome. Thank you SO much. Karen Butler.

Lighthouse Autumn Food and Fellowship Evening, 14th November at 7.00pm in the Oldham Hall. Join the Lighthouse community for a warming autumn meal of seasonal soups, stews and dessert. Tickets are £15 for adults and children under 12 are free. Bring your own drinks. http://www.ticketsource.com/lighthousemissenden

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.