Calendar for 15th to 22nd November 2026

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 Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 18th November

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

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end.
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.30am Matins – **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Choral Evensong for Christ the King – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

Saturday 5th (10am-5pm) and Sunday 6th (11.30am-4.30pm) December – Christmas Tree Festival.

The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of…
Advent Calendars; Christmas Chocolates/Biscuits; Deoderant; Household Cleaner; Instant Mash; Jam; Marmalade; Savoury Snacks; Small Christmas Cakes; Sponge Puddings; Tea Bags.

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 15th November – Safeguarding Sunday

Please include in our prayers:

- for renewal in humility, transparency, and justice, so that every parish may be a place of genuine welcome where children, young people, and adults at risk are valued and kept safe;
- for all victims and survivors to be surrounded with God's comforting presence, bringing healing to broken hearts, and granting them courage, peace, and justice;
- for wisdom, discernment, strength, and grace as those involved carry out their vital Safeguarding ministry;
- for the process of appointing a youth minister and a volunteer lead fund raiser for our Parish.

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Matthew 15.40

Collect

Loving God, we pray that this Church may be a place of welcome security and compassion. Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question, that all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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The Vicar writes…

This Sunday, we join thousands of churches across the country in observing Safeguarding Sunday. While policies, risk assessments, and DBS checks are an essential part of parish life, this special day reminds us that safeguarding is about so much more than paperwork – it is at the heart of our Christian calling to love and care for one another. It is an opportunity for us as a church family to pause, pray for all those affected by abuse, and reaffirm our shared commitment to making our church a truly safe, welcoming, and protective space for children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We also want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to our Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Rev Alan Mustoe, and all our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep everyone safe. If you ever have a concern or simply want to know more about how we care for our community, please don't hesitate to speak to Alan or a member of the clergy – because keeping our church safe is something we all do together.

News and Events

Today, 15th November. Many churches up and down the country will have designated today as Safeguarding Sunday, aiming to help us to be even more aware of this important issue. However, we are aware that the subject can raise painful issues for some people. If you feel you would like to speak to someone, members of the Healing & Wholeness Group will be on hand in the Lady Chapel (front left of the church by the small altar), most particularly during Holy Communion and after the service. Alternatively, please feel free to contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Alan Mustoe (details on the back page of this Newssheet).

We heard this week that, sadly, Tony Crocker has passed away. Tony and his wife Brenda (who died a few years ago) were hugely involved in the Church, including the running of Cream Teas for many years, until they moved up to Leamington Spa to be nearer family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

There will be a Children and Young People's Cake Sale on Sunday 22nd November, when they will be raising 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!

29th November is Advent Sunday. Please join us for the 10.00am service and/or for drinks from 11.15am onwards to say a huge THANK YOU to all our wonderful 2026 Cream Tea servers, helpers and bakers. At 6pm we have our beautiful candlelit Advent Carol service as we mark the coming of Christ as foretold by the ancient prophets.

Ballinger Christmas Fair, Saturday 21st November, 2.00pm-4.30pm, at the Ballinger War Memorial Hall. 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 sign up at the back of the church or 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. Many thanks to everyone who has bought and given their donation either to me in person or left it in the box. I can't be at church this Sunday but the big turquoise box will be back by the church door, duly labelled for raffle donations. If you could place anything that you bring in that and tick it off on the sheet, I would be very grateful. 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. If you can, please bring it to church next Sunday, 22nd November. I have about 10 so far and 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.

Chilterns Desk Calendar 2027 is on its way! As in previous years, I am working on a Chilterns Desk Calendar for 2027. This is now with the designer and should be available in two or three weeks. As for last year, the price is £8 unless you prefer to buy the calendar without its case for £7. If you would like to place an order, please have a word next week, drop me a line via email: karen.e.butler@btinternet.com or give me a ring: 07879 427 370. Many thanks, Karen Butler.

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- Both the Library and Prestwood Charities Fair Jam Sales were very well attended and raised £537.
- We will be attending the Ballinger Christmas Fair next Saturday (see above), with our home-made preserves and some gifts.
- There will be Library Tabletop sales of preserves etc. on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December, from 10.30am – 1pm, and during the Christmas Tree Festival, where we'll have our decorated tree and a stall with preserves and gifts.