

## Calendar for 3rd to 10th March 2024

### Sunday 3rd March – Lent 3

Sunday Market Today: use the top gate or access via Church Street from the London Road end of the village.

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**Readings:** Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22.  
**9.30am** Holy Communion – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**  
 MAP will also be meeting during and after the service (see details inside)  
**4.30pm** Lent Talk 3 (see details inside) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**6.00pm** Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

### Wednesday 6th March

- 9.30am** Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**10.30am** Coffee 'n' Share – **Abbeyfield**

### Sunday 10th March – Lent 4

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**  
 MAP will be meeting during the service (see details inside)  
**11.30am** Holy Communion - **Little Hampden**  
**4.30pm** Lent Talk 4 (see details inside) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**6.00pm** Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Further Dates for your Diary** (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated otherwise).

**8th March, 10.30am:** Coffee Morning at St Mary's Ballinger.

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

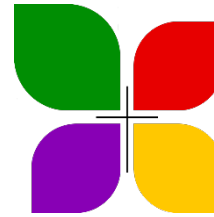
Smash/powdered potato; sardines; chocolate biscuits; cooking oil; fruit squash; toilet roll.

**All items must be within BBE date, please.**



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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 3rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

Please include in our prayers:

- for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine and in all other places of war and violence;
- for our dearly departed Bishop Alan, Lucy and all the family;
- for our Lenten pilgrimage, that we may grow in our faith;
- for blessings on our new Parish Office at the Oldham Hall, and Elisabeth our Office Administrator;
- for those who are considering standing for the PCC at the APCM in April.

“Jesus said, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’”  
 John 2.19

#### Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## News and Events

**A Prayer for the King.** The Church of England has written a special prayer for its Supreme Governor following his diagnosis for cancer.

Just hours after His Majesty confirmed he is being treated for cancer, the Church issued a prayer for his recovery and care.

The prayer is *“Father of mercies, grant to Charles our King, comfort and sure confidence in you, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

**Lent Talks.** Our Lent talks will be at 4.30pm on the five Sundays of Lent, with the last one on the Sunday before Palm Sunday, 17th March. The title of the talks is ‘Travelling along the Anglican Way – Back to Basics’.

**Lent Collection.** Everyone is invited to support Abraham’s Children in Crisis charity and our own Defibrillator Fund throughout Lent by using the white envelopes (marked LENT) at the back of the church and returning them through the collection plate.

**Upcoming MAP meetings.** MAP will be meeting in the Bell Tower today to decorate some plant pots and plant them up with ‘bee friendly’ flower seeds. We will then sell these after the service as part of a fundraising effort to support the work of A Rocha UK, a Christian charity which has been helping Junior Church to learn about the natural world, caring for each other and our environment. After the service, please stay for a short while to help the children build and decorate some Blue Tit nesting boxes. Pizza will be provided to keep everyone going!

On 10th March, MAP will be meeting to make presents and cards for Mothering Sunday. The children will also be making and decorating cakes to continue fundraising and hopefully we’ll raise enough for a nest box camera in the church grounds so we can all enjoy watching nature in action. If you could bake some cakes ahead of time and bring them along, that would be amazing!

**The Parish Office has moved.** It is now located in The Oldham Hall, Church Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AZ. Until we have finalised the arrangements for opening the school gate, the office won’t be open to the public, but if anyone needs to speak to Elisabeth in the office, they can phone on 01494 862 352.

**Our Cream Tea season starts soon and there is always room for one more helper to bake or to help on the day.** Not every week – not even every month – just when it fits in for you – so please contact Aileen Fenn on fenn.a@live.co.uk or 01494 863 366 or mob. 07985 362 230 or ask to have her pointed out at the service if she is around. Alternatively, there is a form you can complete on the ‘What’s On’ page of the website. Thanks so much to everyone. Sue O’Farrell.



**Deputy Wardens.** We have a small team of deputy wardens who set up St Peter & St Paul on Saturday evenings and ensure things are OK during the Sunday services. If you’d like to join the team, or find out more, have a word with Brenda or David Harris.

**The Church Electoral Roll** is being revised. Anyone who is not already on the Roll and wishes to be added to it should complete a form which can be found at

the back of the Church and hand it to a sidesman at services. This should be done preferably before 1st April. Forms will also be available at Ballinger and Little Hampden.

**Eco Tip for March.** Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints or use the Pl@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation’s beauty and thank God for the hope that Spring can bring with our Lent resources at [arocha.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-over-lent](http://arocha.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-over-lent)

**Hope School Bethlehem.** Please pray for the pupils, staff and families of Hope School as they, along with many others, are caught in the middle of the ongoing war and violence in Israel and the Gaza Strip.

 **Easter Eggs for the Old Tea Warehouse (OTW)**  We are hoping to again provide an Easter Egg for each resident. We are told by the OTW Staff that these have been much appreciated in the past. We will need about 60 Eggs to surprise the residents, and those who have moved on. If you could buy an extra Egg for about £5-£7 when out shopping, these should be taken to the Parish Office by Monday 25th March in order to be delivered in time for Easter Sunday, 31st March. You don’t need to wrap them. Liza Wormell.

**Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No.: 1067435).** The Snowdrop Festival was a wonderfully happy community event and our charity preserves raised the best-ever sum of £278. Warmest thanks again for all the kind donations of fruit, sugar and re-cycled jam jars and lids to help our fundraising for our church repairs.

**Friends 2024 dates for your diary:** (Talks & Tea events – Tickets £10 at Samways or £10 donations at the Church door)

- Saturday 20th April at 2.30pm at the Parish Church: “John Hampden, the Patriot” by Dr. Beth Rogers, chair or Trustees of the John Hampden Society;
- Saturday 11th May at 10.30am: AGM in the Parish Church. Coffee/Tea served from 10.15am;
- Saturday 15th June at 2.30pm at the Parish Church: “Life in Her Hands” by Professor Averil Mansfield CBE, the very first woman Professor of Surgery in the UK and a real trailblazer.
- Saturday 21st September at 2.30pm in the Parish Church: “Ukraine and East Europe” by Paula Kitching, Historian, Researcher & Trustee/Committee member.

**Missing Tablecloth.** If anyone took one of the cream tea green and white check tablecloths home to wash last season and forgot to return it, I would be pleased to get it back. It will have a label that says “cash table”. They are expensive to buy so please check your linen cupboards. Many thanks. Jeanette.