

**Calendar for 10th to 17th
March 2024**

Sunday 10th March – Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Exodus 2.1-10; 2 Corinthians 1.3-7; Luke 2.33-35.
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**

Wednesday 13th March

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

Sunday 17th March – Lent 5

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
4.30pm Lent Talk 5 (see details inside) – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

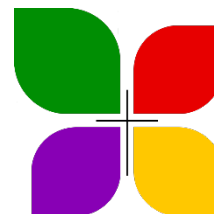
Smash/powdered potato; sardines; chocolate biscuits; cooking oil;
 fruit squash; toilet roll.

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 10th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

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 all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers and any who undertakes a motherly function and for Mother Church;
- for those who are considering standing for the PCC at the APCM in April.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.”
 2 Corinthians 1.3-4

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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.

MAP for Mothering Sunday. MAP will be meeting to make presents and cards for Mothering Sunday. The children will also be making and decorating cakes to continue fundraising for 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. Hopefully we’ll also 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!

Bishop Alan’s Funeral Service will take place in Church next week, and will be for family and close friends. The Church family will be very welcome to attend the Memorial Service, details of which will be shared in due course. Please continue to pray for Lucy, Catherine, Stephanie, Stuart, Nick and Anna.

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.

Following the move, we have found that there are a few items to give away: 2 cash boxes (with keys), a small filing cabinet (with key), 3 moving boxes. Please contact the office to collect the items. Any donation towards the Church for the items would be gratefully received.



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.

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

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 once it re-opens or put in the collection box at the back of Church 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) **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.

Homemade preserves will be available at a Tabletop sale by the Library on Saturday 16th March, from 10am-12noon. All proceeds for urgent repairs to our Parish Church building. Do come along and see us!

Sweet Charity in Prestwood has now made grants of over £1/2 million to charities and voluntary groups in the local community. Please support the shop by purchasing items or by volunteering to help. It deserves our support – and thanks! Our Parish Church has received four grants over the years, including £2,000 for replacement gutters and downpipes in 2021 and £5,000 towards the 2016 organ restoration. If you are able to help, please contact Sweet Charity on 01494 865 922.