

**Calendar for 6th to 13th
December**

Sunday 6th December

Advent 2

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
9.30am Holy Communion at **St Mary's Ballinger**. Please contact Maggi, Anne or Harriet to reserve a place.
10.00am Parish Communion – **live on-line**
Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; and Mark 1.1-8
6.00pm Advent Carol service at **St Peter and St Paul**. Please reserve a place with Harriet in the Parish Office.
Evensong Readings: Psalm 40; 1 Kings 22.1-28; Romans 15.4-13

Tuesday 8th December

- 7.30pm** PCC meeting via Zoom. Please contact David Harris if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 9th December

- 10.30am** Coffee 'n' Share via Zoom. Please contact Catherine James for details (timandcatherinejames@gmail.com).
8.00pm ROOTS meeting on-line. Please contact Katie Shuster for details.

Thursday 10th December

- 6.30pm** Choir Practice. Please contact Wendy Harris for details.

Saturday 12th December

- 2.30pm** Stephen Tanno: Buildings and Other Interests. Talk on Zoom (see further below).

Sunday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day - #gmxmasjumpers

- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at **St Peter and St Paul**
10.00am Parish Communion at **St Peter and St Paul**
11.30am Holy Communion at **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Carols outside at **St Mary's Ballinger**
6.00pm Compline - **live on-line**

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

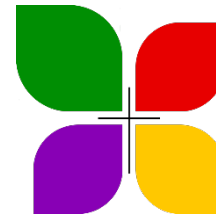
Please ring Rosie, Tricia or Elizabeth to fix a time for a chat in the week

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**St Peter and St Paul
Great Missenden
St Mary's Ballinger
Little Hampden**

**Helping one another to Know, to
Serve and to Share God's love**

6th December 2020

Advent 2

This week please pray for:

- all those struggling to decide who they can and can't meet this Christmas;
- those who have lost loved ones this year and face the season without them;
- America as the virus gets worse and they work out a transition of government.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Mark 1.2-3

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Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Worship during Covid: services will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch at 8am, 10am and 6pm every Sunday (videos of these services will be uploaded to Facebook afterwards). You can also attend the services below either in church or outside at church:

6th December, 9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Ballinger**
6th December, 6.00pm	Advent Carol Service at St Peter and St Paul*
13th December, 8.00am	Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at St Peter and St Paul
13th December, 10.00am	Parish Communion at St Peter and St Paul
13th December, 11.30am	Holy Communion at Little Hampden
13th December, 6.00pm	Carol Service outside at St Mary's Ballinger
17th December, 6.00pm	Carol Service outside at Little Hampden
20th December, 10.00am	Parish Communion at St Peter and St Paul
20th December, 6.00pm	Carol Service outside at St Peter and St Paul
24th December, 10pm	Midnight Communion at St Peter and St Paul*
25th December, 9.30am & 11am	Christmas Day Communion*

* Please register with the Parish Office to attend these services.

** Please register with Maggi, Anne or the Parish Office to attend.

Please observe the following to help protect one another:

- only come to church if you are free of any symptoms and not expected to self-isolate;
- face coverings must be worn unless exempt. Please keep these on whenever you are in the church grounds;
- sanitise your hands when arriving, leaving and before and after receiving Communion;
- use the QR code to sign in or give the sidesperson your details;
- sit only in pews with green ticks and 2m distance from other households;

- take particular care to distance from others when arriving and leaving, filling from the front and leaving from the back;
- collection plate and contactless reader will remain near the door – contactless is safest;
- Communion is wafer only and the priest will come to you;
- toilets are open – please keep your mask on and wipe down all surfaces you touch.

Other Dates/Services for your Diary:

Every Day during Advent: Tales of Christmas Past – 6pm weekdays, 5pm weekends, a child interviews an adult about their Christmas memories.

13th December: Christmas Jumper Day – whether in church or at home, just for fun, wear a Christmas jumper and take a selfie! #gmxmasjumpers (No donations this year)

20th December, 8.00am: Communion (BCP) – live on-line.

24th December, 4.30pm: Crib Service – on-line video.

25th December, 8.00am: Communion (BCP) – live on-line.

Autumn Festival of Interests: our final talk will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 12th December live on Zoom – Stephen Tanno: Buildings and Other Interests. To attend, please contact David Harris on 868 237 or email David.m.harris@btinternet.com.

Christmas Presents for the Old Tea Warehouse (OTW): this year it seems more important than ever to provide some Christmas cheer for the homeless residents at the OTW. For many this may be the only Christmas present they receive. We need 60 presents for men (guide price £5-8 approx.) such as woollen hat, gloves, scarf, inexpensive t-shirt, toiletries, card games, biscuits etc. (no alcohol or after-shave; and label biscuits and sweets, please, to avoid diabetes problems). If you prefer to buy for one of just four women there please label appropriately, and check first with Jane Ray (862 697). The deadline is 17th December and there will be a large box in the lobby of the Parish Office to receive suitably wrapped presents. An especial thanks in anticipation of your help in this difficult year.

Christmas Blessings cards: our very own homemade Christmas cards have arrived! Two wonderful designs created by Jane Coulson – one is our Christmas banner with our pictures of our homes, sparkles and angels; and the other is a beautifully bright baby Jesus and Mary framed by the West Door. All the money raised goes to Wycombe Homeless Connection: in biodegradable cellophane packs of five these high-quality cards are £3.50 per pack for angels/houses and £3 per pack for Mary and Jesus. Please contact Elizabeth to buy your cards: curate.elizabeth@gmail.com or 07955 275 338.

In Advent: you are invited to peg a greetings card to all friends on the line outside the kitchen. Please donate to church funds with a tap! Xx

IGNITE Recipe Books for ACIC: available from the Parish Office or Samways. At £10 each, these make an ideal Christmas present!