

**Calendar for 24th to 31st
January 2021**

Sunday 24th January

Epiphany 3

8.00am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**
Readings: Genesis 14.17-20 and John 2.1-11

10.00am Parish Communion – **live on-line**
Readings: John 2.1-11

6.00pm Compline – **live on-line**
Evensong Readings to follow at home: Psalm 33; Jeremiah 3.21-4.2; and Titus 2.1-8, 11-14

Tuesday 26th January

7.30pm PCC meeting on Zoom (see details below).

Wednesday 27th January

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.

Saturday 30th January

2.30pm Festival of Interests Talk by Jo Withers (see details below)

Sunday 31st January

8.00am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **live on-line**

10.00am Parish Communion – **live on-line**

6.00pm Compline – **live on-line**

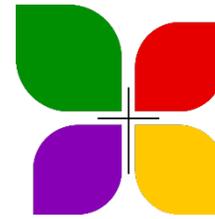
STAFF AVAILABILITY:

Please ring Rosie or Tricia 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**

24th January 2021

Epiphany 3

This week please pray for:

- the continued roll out of the vaccine;
- Elizabeth as she and Reuben settle into their new home;
- President Biden and the political stability of the USA.

'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

John 3.16

Website: www.missendenchurch.org.uk

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Worship during Covid: whilst we remain in lockdown, 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). The 10am service will be live-streamed from church, but without congregation at the moment.

St Mary's Ballinger remains open for private prayer, but 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 and leaving;
- please sign in on the register;
- people from one household only may enter the church building at any one time. If there is someone already in church when you arrive, please wait a safe distance from the door until that person leaves.

10am and 6pm Services by Telephone: we are relaying the services to people who want to phone in on Zoom – the 10am will be relayed at noon and the 6pm at 6pm. To hear the services, phone 020 3481 5237. You will hear a message welcoming you to Zoom and asking you for the Meeting ID so key in 830 6434 9334 followed by #. You will next be asked for a participant ID – just press # then the password 396381 followed by #. We suggest people dial in a few minutes early in order to connect in time to hear the start of the services. You can chat to any other callers before and after the service but we will mute your phone during the service itself.

Sources of Help: sometimes you or someone you know reaches a point where they could do with outside help – here are two suggestions:

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

Samaritans provides confidential, non-judgemental emotional support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that could lead to suicide. You can phone, email, write a letter or in most cases talk to someone face to face. Telephone 116 123 (24 hours a day, free to call).

Many Thank Yous. The Church has received thanks from Starlight and Women's Aid for our donation this Christmas from selling Christmas cards. We have also received the following message from ACIC: "From the bottom of my heart, a great thank you for your kindness. Especially, in this most difficult year, your support has made such a difference to our youngsters. I hope that you will see that your donations have been spent wisely and that every penny continues to go to supporting those children in the greatest need."

Register for Gift Aid on Goodbox Donations. Many thanks to all those who have donated to the church via the Goodbox terminal. Goodbox have partnered with Swiftaid, who are able to claim Gift Aid for the church. This involves the charity and the donor to be registered with Swiftaid. The church is registered – what is needed is for each donor (who can) to register. Registration is a once-only exercise, which allows Gift Aid to be recovered on behalf of any charity that is registered with Swiftaid. Leaflets are available in church, but the easiest way is to visit their website – swiftaid.co.uk

Festival of Interests – Next Talk, Saturday 30th January at 2.30pm. Jo Withers is doing a talk "From 70 degrees north to 36 degrees south, or, Tromsø to Auckland". Jo will tell about her sailing trip and what they saw along the way. The talk will be on Zoom and Facebook. If you'd like to join the Zoom call, contact David Harris on 868 237 or david.m.harris@btinternet.com.

Next PCC Meeting. The next PCC meeting will take place on 26th January at 7.30pm. Zoom details, previous minutes and agenda are available from David Harris. All welcome.

Giving for Free – Do your shop online? Then by using either of these two platforms you can 'Give for Free' to Missenden Church.

Easyfundraising: register on their website, choosing Missenden Church, then any order you place through them will result in a small donation to the church. They have thousands of retailers including John Lewis and M&S.

Amazon Smile: shop and donate all at once with no extra cost to you. Just use smile.amazon.co.uk/ instead of Amazon. Your Prime membership still works. The church then receives 1/2% of your eligible purchases. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from over one million public charitable organisations, including "The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter and St Paul Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden."