

**Calendar for 12th to 19th  
December 2021**

**Sunday 12th December – Advent 3**

8am and 10am services led by The Reverend Ashley Mitchell from RAF Halton

- Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-end; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18
- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **St Peter and St Paul**
- 9.30am** Advent Morning Prayer – **St Mary's Ballinger**
- 10.00am** Parish Communion with Christingle and Christmas jumpers – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**. The collection will be jointly for The Children's Society and Save the Children.
- 11.30am** Holy Communion – **Little Hampden**
- 6.30pm** Evensong at **St Peter and St Paul**

**Wednesday 15th December**

- 10.30am** Coffee 'n' Share in church at St Peter and St Paul. Please contact Catherine James for details (timandcatherinejames@gmail.com).

**Friday 17th December**

- 6.00pm** Carol Service – **Little Hampden**

**Sunday 19th December – Advent 4**

8am and 10am services led by The Reverend Nadine Rose

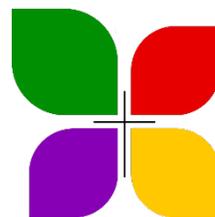
- 8.00am** Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **St Peter and St Paul**
- 10.00am** Parish Communion – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
- 6.00pm** Nine Lessons and Carols - **St Peter and St Paul**

**STAFF AVAILABILITY:**

*Please ring Tricia to fix a time for a chat in the week*

*Licensed Lay Minister: Patricia Neale 863 348 tricianeale8@gmail.com*

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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**

**12th December  
Advent 3**

Please include in your prayers:

- refugees – in all circumstances, travelling, accepted, rejected etc.;
- those trapped in countries – abused, persecuted, in fear;
- health services under strain in undeveloped areas;
- all here suffering from storm damage, discomfort and injury.

'Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and not be afraid  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might...'  
Isaiah 12.2

We welcome The Rev. Ashley Mitchell to lead our 8am and 10am services today.

**Website: [www.missendenchurch.org.uk](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk)**

### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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**Current Covid Arrangements.** Thank you for following the guidance.

- Please only come to church if you are free of the traditional Covid symptoms of high temperature, persistent cough, or loss of taste or smell, and have not been advised to isolate.
- Face coverings are required unless you are exempt.
- Hand sanitising is warmly encouraged and is available at the door.
- Others may prefer it if we continue to sit apart.
- Communion is at the nave altar following a one way system.
- The collection card reader is contactless.
- The 10.00am service is livestreamed on [www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch](http://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch)

**Appointment of new Priest:** The dates are set for the parish to advertise and interview for our new priest. On Monday 13 December the advert and person specification will appear online including within the parish profile on our own website. Interviews are scheduled for the last week in January.



**Thank you** to everyone who helped make the Christmas Tree Festival a success last weekend – the team, the raffle donors, stall holders, people who turned up and so on. We have currently collected £2,100 which will be shared 50/50 between the Wycombe Refugee Partnership and Church funds.

**Caring Together Service.** Sunday was memorable and there was a lot of hope around for the future to worship together with our local churches and helping so many in despair through those generous donations, which raised £700 for Wycombe Refugee Partnership. Thanks to you all and Nikki from Great Missenden Baptist church for welcoming us all on this first occasion.

**Reverse Advent Calendar.** Don't forget to try Harriet's Reverse Advent Calendar. There will be a suggestion for you to think about and maybe act upon each day on the Church website and Facebook page.

**Last week for Christmas Presents for the Old Tea Warehouse (OTW).** I will be delivering presents to the OTW w/c 20th December. Perhaps you would like to contribute by buying a small gift and wrapping it in Christmas paper? Please let me know if you choose to buy a present for a woman, so we don't get too many. We suggest you spend £8-10 on a present such as: woollen hat/gloves, t-shirts, cards, puzzle books, biscuits or toiletries (no after shave or alcohol and please label biscuits and sweets to avoid these being given to a diabetic). Please bring your donation to the new Parish Office. Thank you! Jane (07946 121 325 / [jane.h.ray@googlemail.com](mailto:jane.h.ray@googlemail.com)).

**Christingle Hymn** (Tune 'Give me oil in my lamp' (Traditional))

1. The Christingle begins with an orange  
Telling us of the world God made;  
For creation is full of His glory  
All around we see his love displayed.

CHORUS Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle  
Sing Christingle! It's the light of Christ!  
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!  
Sing Christingle! Light of Christ!

2. Every year we give thanks for the seasons,  
And the fruits of the earth to share.  
The Christingle is here to remind us  
That the love of God is everywhere.
3. God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;  
We remember his birth again.  
But the red ribbon round the Christingle,  
Tells the story of his cross and pain.
4. To complete the Christingle: a candle,  
Shining out in the darkest night.  
Jesus promised to lead us and guide us;  
Come and celebrate the world's true light!

**Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church.** The "Friends" raised an astonishing £1001.10 for future urgent building repairs at the wonderful Christmas Festival: many thanks for all your kind support. The Committee is pleased to present a £300 grant to the PCC today to meet the recent gutter, downpipe and drains cleaning to help prevent rain-water ingress and damage.