

**Calendar for 19th to 26th
December 2021**

Sunday 19th December – Advent 4

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

Readings: Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

8.00am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – **St Peter and St Paul**

10.00am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**

6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols - **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**

Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.30pm and 11pm services led by The Reverend Alan Mustoe

3.00pm Carols in the Garden – **St Mary's Ballinger**

4.30pm Crib Service – **St Peter and St Paul**

9.30pm Christmas Eve Communion – **St Mary's Ballinger**

11.00pm Midnight Communion – **St Peter and St Paul**

Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day

8am and 10am services led by The Reverend Nick Malone

8am Holy Communion – **St Peter and St Paul**

10am Christmas Communion – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**

Sunday 26th December – Christmas 1

10am service led by Martyn Green and Brenda Harris

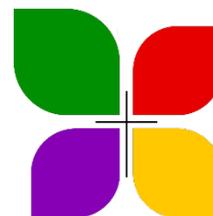
10.00am Morning Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

STAFF AVAILABILITY:

Please ring 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**

**19th December
Advent 4**

Please include in your prayers:

- Harry, who is being baptised this morning, and his family;
- Christmas joy – wellbeing for the needy, cessation of violence;
- control of Covid/Omicron infections in our schools and worldwide;
- refugees and all homeless people.

'By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,...'

Luke 1.78-79a

We welcome The Rev. Nadine Rose to lead our 8am and 10am services today.

Website: www.missendenchurch.org.uk

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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.
- Please take a Lateral Flow test in the days before attending services.
- Face coverings are required to be kept on throughout the service unless you are exempt.
- Hand sanitising 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.
- Several services are livestreamed on www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch
- The office remains open, please wear a mask and one person at a time.

Crib Service, Friday 24th December at 4.30pm. All welcome. This year it will be outside the west door of the church so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear (children might like to wear a crown or shepherd's headdress) and do bring a torch. We hope to have mulled wine before the service.

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 appeared online including within the parish profile on our own website. Interviews are scheduled for the last week in January.

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.

Parish Office over the Christmas Period. The office will be closed from 12noon on 24th December until 9.30am on 4th January 2022.

Hope School News. The latest newssheet is available on the church website, under 'Church News'.

Do your shop online? Then by using either of these platforms you can give for free to Church.

Easyfundraising: register on their website, choosing 'Missenden Church', then any order you place through over 6,000 retailers (including John Lewis and M&S) will result in a varying donation to the church.

Amazon Smile: this is a programme that donates ½% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. Have you set up yours? All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from over one million public charitable organisations including "The Parochoial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Peter And St Paul Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden"