

**Calendar for 26th December to  
9th January 2021**

**Sunday 26th December – Christmas 1**

10am service led by Martyn Green and Brenda Harris

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end

10.00am Morning Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**

**Sunday 2nd January – Epiphany**

8am and 10am services led by The Reverend Kevin Lovell from Holy Trinity, Prestwood

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

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

9.30am Morning Praise – **St Mary's Ballinger**

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

6.00pm Evensong – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Wednesday 5th January**

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

**Sunday 9th January – Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)**

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**

11.30am Holy Communion – **Little Hampden**

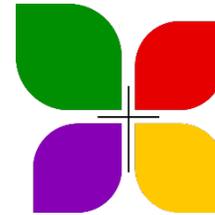
6.00pm Evensong – **St Peter and St Paul**

**STAFF AVAILABILITY:**

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

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*Parish Office: Harriet Lemon 862 352 office@missendenchurch.org.uk*



**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**

**26th December – Christmas 1  
and  
2nd January - Epiphany**

Please include in your prayers:

- thanks for the good things of 2021 and hopes and fears for 2022;
- Refugees, Homeless and In Fear or Despair;
- those for whom Family Celebrations went wrong.

'And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts....And be thankful.'

Colossians 3.15

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

## For 26th December

### Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and brings us all at last to our home in heaven; 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](http://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch)
- The office remains open, please wear a mask and one person at a time.

**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.

**Our collections over Christmas** will be shared amongst our Christmas Charities – Chesham Sick Poor Fund, Wycombe Homeless Connection and Hope School Bethlehem. If you are not coming to any of the services but would still like to contribute, there's a Giving page on the Church Life section of the website. Alternatively, if you are visiting the Church between services over Christmas, the Goodbox is connected and can be used all the time, or donations can be left in the wall safe next to the North door.

## For 2nd January

### Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Wednesday Morning Coffee** will re-start on 5th January at 10.30am in Church.

**Bell Ringing.** The ringers apologise for not being able to raise bands to ring at many of the Christmas Services. With very limited numbers in the village, a requirement for some to isolate due to Covid meant insufficient people available. Unfortunately we are not alone in this respect and many services at Little Missenden were also without bells. We would very much urge anybody interested to get in touch via the office and hopefully we can recruit and train some new recruits so all 8 bells can ring to celebrate Christmas in 2022.

**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](http://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".