

**Calendar for 21st to 28th
September 2025**

Sunday 21st September – Harvest Festival

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
 Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 (OT Pg. 173); Philippians 4.4-9 (NT Pg. 188); John 6.25-35 (NT Pg. 93). (Page nos. refer to the Pew Bible)
- 10.00am** Family Service for Harvest Festival – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
- 3.00pm** Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Battle of Britain Service – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 24th September

- 9.30am** Holy Communion – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.30am Coffee 'n' Share – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
 Readings: Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-end.
10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
- 11.30am** Matins – **Little Hampden.**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Choral Evensong – **St Peter and St Paul**

Further Dates for your Diary (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated)

Saturday 4th October, 7.00pm: Harvest Supper at St Mary's Church, Ballinger. ***Last few tickets remaining***

Sunday 5th October, 1.00pm: Parish Pot Luck Lunch in the Oldham Hall.

Saturday 11th October, 2.30pm: Talk by Squadron Leader Graham Laurie RAF, "Flying the Royals" for the Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church.

Saturday 11th October, 6.30pm: LIGHT Autumn Quiz in the Oldham Hall.

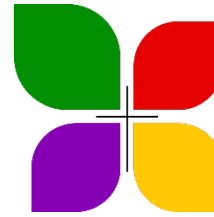
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The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...

Conditioner; Deodorant; Jam; Tinned Custard; Tinned Fruit; Tinned Hot Dogs, Tinned Soup.

All items must be within BBE date, please.
chiltern.foodbank.org.uk



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

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

Sunday 21st September – Harvest Festival

Please include in our prayers:

- for the healing of all who are ill, in body, mind and spirit;
- for those responsible for the shortlisting of candidates for the post of Archbishop of Canterbury;
- for peace throughout the world, and for good and just governance in all countries;
- for those who are hungry where so many have more than enough to share;
- for all our famers and those who produce food for our population and international markets.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6.35

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News and Events

The Vicar writes...

From what I have experienced in recent years, Harvest Festival tends to be celebrated any time from the 1st of September to the 15th of October. Parishes are generally encouraged to choose a Sunday during this period when creation will be at the centre of their worship and reflection. Some may link their harvest festival celebrations with this; others may wish to keep a separate thanksgiving. Some may say that what we do in the Benefice of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden reflects this pattern. Well, if one looks at the way in which each of our three churches plan their celebrations, we are indeed a benefice which reflects our local communities in each case. I wish all our parishioners a very blessed and happy Harvest Thanksgiving.

Harvest Festival. All harvest gifts will be donated to the Chiltern Foodbank this year. Therefore, if you would like to bring a harvest gift, please could it be non-perishable.

Cream Teas will be accompanied by music from the Mulsanne Wind Quartet this week.

Safeguarding – the Basic Course. All are welcome and invited to complete the Basic safeguarding course within a group setting rather than online. It lasts about 90 minutes.

There are three to choose from: Monday 13th October at 10am; Tuesday 14th October at 2pm; and Friday 17th October at 7.30pm.

Do let me know which one you'd like to join. Alternatively, if you'd rather do the course online, I can provide the details. Alan Mustoe, Parish Safeguarding Officer (safeguarding@missendenchurch.org.uk, 07735 909 733).

Harvest Supper at St Mary's Church, Ballinger – Saturday 4th October, 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Now in its 4th year, with a musical interlude courtesy of Ken Harratt. Tickets £26 to include a two-course meal and all drinks. Last few tickets remaining, please contact Maggi Cameron or Anne Ellis asap to book.

Parish Pot Luck Lunch, Sunday 5th October from 1pm in the Oldham Hall. Everyone is invited to attend our Pot Luck Lunch and share a favourite dish. Please could each family bring a dish as follows based on the first letter of your surname:

A-F – Side Dish / Salad;

G-K – Dessert / Fruit;

L-Z – Main Dish.

Please contact Elisabeth Hubach if you have any questions (Elisabeth_Hubach@hotmail.com).

LIGHT Autumn Quiz. Our Youth Group, LIGHT, are organising a quiz on 11th October, 6.30pm at the Oldham Hall to raise money for their chosen charities: Youth Concern and Reserva. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased on our

website <http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/light-quiz> or at church on Sunday mornings. Tickets include a hot supper, please bring your own drinks.

In addition to raising money for their chosen charities, we are also asking quiz attendees to 'bring a can'. Food donations will be sent to the Youth Concern's food bank after the event. Food can also be dropped off at church on 12th October. For more information on what types of food we are asking for, please visit our website using the link above.

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No: 1067435).

- **The Trustees were pleased to make a £1,150 grant to the PCC** last Sunday for the recent repair to the tower parapet copings. Four more grants have been agreed for this autumn.
- **There will be a Jam stall** at the 10am Harvest Festival and the 6pm Battle of Britain services this Sunday, to celebrate our Harvest of fruit and Jams... you are welcome to buy a jar or two!
- **"Flying the Royals" Talk** by Graham Laurie is on Saturday 11th October at 2.30pm. Tickets (£15) include a full Afternoon Tea and are now on sale at Samways and from Vivienne Davis after the 10am services.

The Trustees are grateful for all the kind support and help for our fundraising, enabling every penny to be made in grants for the many repairs to our much-loved, historic Parish Church. Thank you!

Beyond Difference event, The Big Fat Interfaith Quiz, at Chiltern Hills Academy on Sunday 2nd November, 2.00pm. A fun social event with quiz loosely based around faith. If possible, please sign up in advance with a team name or alternatively just turn up. For more information or to register go to <https://beyonddifference.org>

The Misbourne – Year 11 Careers Day. We're looking for 25 volunteers to conduct mock face-to-face interviews with our Year 11 students on Friday 14th November 2025. If you can help, please let us know at <https://tinyurl.com/46ktz6b5>

Eco Tip for September. The Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October) is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for His provision through the land and food that is grown. It's a time when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it, and to pray for our world. Explore A Rocha UK's season of creation resources at <http://www.arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation>

Please note, you can subscribe to the online version of the Newssheet by contacting the Church Office by email: office@missendenchurch.org.uk