

**Calendar for 30th November
to 7th December 2025**

Sunday 30th November – Advent Sunday

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5 (OT Pg. 580); Romans 13.11-end (NT Pg. 153);
Matthew 24.36-44 (NT Pg. 26). (All Page Nos. refer to the
Pew Bible.)

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live
online**

6.00pm Advent Carol Service – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 3rd December

12.00 noon Carol Service followed by Coffee 'n' Share at **Abbeyfield**

Saturday 6th December

10.00am – Christmas Tree Festival – **St Peter and St Paul**

5.00pm

Sunday 7th December – Advent 2

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**

Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12.

9.30am Advent Eucharist with Carols – **St Mary's Church,
Ballinger**

10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live
online**

11.30am – Christmas Tree Festival – **St Peter and St Paul**

4.30pm

6.00pm Said Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

Sunday 30th November, 6.00pm – Advent Carol Service, followed by a glass
of sherry.



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

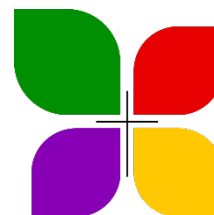
Fabric Conditioner; Garlic Granules; Instant Coffee; Kitchen
Roll; Mixed Herbs; Tinned Chicken; Tinned Rice Pudding.

All items must be within BBE date, please.

chiltern.foodbank.org.uk

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**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 30th November – Advent Sunday

Please include in our prayers:

- for our new Archdeacon, the Revd Cassa Messervy, presently Rector of St Mary's, Haddenham;
- for our Archbishop of Canterbury Designate, The Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally;
- for peace throughout the world, especially as we approach the Christmas Season;
- for those involved in the appointing of a Youth Worker in our Benefice;
- for our Christmas Tree Festival next weekend.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is
coming.
Matthew 24.42

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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News and Events

The Vicar writes...

The readings in Advent often take us into what seems like rather scary 'end-of-the-world' stuff, and it's tempting to get hooked on the detail. Much of it comes from traditional apocalyptic language in a world where apocalyptic events could easily overwhelm people – that happens today too. Today's Gospel begins and ends with the assertion that no one knows the timings, so we must not get hooked on that either. In fact, Jesus is simply telling us to live in a state of readiness: keep awake and alert to God coming into the world.

(Based on Matthew 24.37-44.)

The Vine and Branch is a new group, working to keep our beautiful churchyard and surroundings a sanctuary for all to enjoy. Much of this work is a project that Chris Nickless initiated, as he worked to gain a silver A Rocha award for this church and we would very much like to continue this.

There are a variety of tasks, some big, some small: sweeping leaves, pruning, keeping drains clear, caring for wild flower meadows and the Quiet Garden and looking after bird boxes. If you'd like to be a part of this, please speak to Jane Ray or Wendy Harris (organist) for more info.



Christmas Tree Festival, 6th and 7th December. A lot is happening at the festival this year and we are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of events – refreshments, welcoming, selling raffle tickets. We are also looking for volunteers for car parking, particularly from 11.30am – 1.30pm on Sunday 7th. If you feel you might be free to give an hour or two or offer a traybake, please have a look at the noticeboards in church or contact Sue O'Farrell (s.g.ofarrell@gmail.com). In any event, please come along and enjoy a stupendous event!

As part of the festival, there is a dog show outside at 1pm on Sunday 7th December so if you have a four-legged friend, please bring them along and spread the word!

Coffee 'n' Share on 3rd December will take place at Abbeyfield at 12 noon. On 10th and 17th December, we will be back in the church as usual. There will then be a break over the festive period before Coffee 'n' Share re-commences on 7th January at Abbeyfield.

Christmas Giving. Each year, our Christmas giving is shared with those in need, and this year we are supporting Missenden Walled Garden, Embrace the Middle East and the charity that supports our own Parish of Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden.

Old Tea Warehouse Christmas Gifts. When we counted last Sunday, we had 24 Christmas gifts for the residents of the Old Tea Warehouse. Since then, a couple of people have very generously given me money which has enabled me to buy four more. I know that others plan to bring theirs to church today but it looks as though we will still need another 30 or so. If you had thought you might buy a gift and could possibly buy, wrap and bring one to put on the wooden OTW tree on the Friday before the Christmas Tree Festival, this will make the display so much better and enable us to move a little nearer to our target of 64. Please remember to label the gift clearly if it contains sugar. Thank you so much for your generosity. Karen Butler.

Chilterns Desk Calendar 2026. By the time you read this, I should have collected the new calendars. If you'd like to place an order, please drop me a line via email: karen.e.butler@btinternet.com or give me a ring: 07879 427 370. £8 for a calendar with a case or £7 without. Needless to say, they make great little gifts for Christmas! Many thanks, Karen Butler.

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd.Charity No.: 1067435). Thank you to those who have kindly donated fruit and sugar and for recycling jam jars and lids for the recent bumper jam-making sessions! One kind member has also donated over 30 bottles of Apple Juice to boost our fundraising. The Preserves and Juice would make lovely Christmas presents and will be available at the Christmas Tree Festival and at the Library sales (10.30am – 1pm), both on the 6th and 7th December! Contact Vivienne Davis, 01494 891 312.

The school hall is at the heart of Great Missenden Church of England School. It is where we celebrate achievements in assemblies, hold PE lessons, perform nativities, Year 6 Leavers production, run after-school clubs and more. It is also a space enjoyed by the wider community for events such as yoga, ballroom dancing and drama. Unfortunately, the hall floor has deteriorated beyond repair and now requires a full replacement at a cost of £19,500. Our wonderful PTA has committed £13,000 and, while we are applying for further grants, we need your help to make this possible. If you are able to make a donation – large or small – it will make a real difference in restoring this vital space for our children and community.

Account Name: Great Missenden C of E Combined School.

Account No.: 11263168

Sort Code: 30-14-77

Thank you in advance for supporting the school!

Eco Tip for November. Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering.

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