

Calendar for 11th January to
18th January 2026

Sunday 11th January – Baptism of Christ / Epiphany 1

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 42.1-9(Pg. 614); Acts 10.34-43 (Pg. 123); Matthew 3.13-end (Pg. 3). (All Page Nos. refer to the Pew Bible.)
10.00am Sung Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.30am Said Eucharist with Hymns – **Little Hampden**
6.00pm Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 14th January

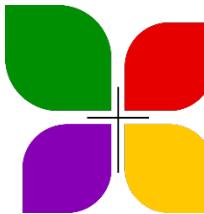
9.30am Holy Communion – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.30am Coffee 'n' Share – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 18th January – Epiphany 2

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7 (Pg. 622); 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 (Pg. 157); John 1.29-42 (Pg. 88).
10.00am Non-Eucharistic Family Service – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
There will be children's activities on the theme of 'Starting the year with new ambitions.'
6.00pm Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**

Future Dates for your Diary (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated)
Saturday 21st February: Snowdrop Festival (further details to follow).

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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 11th January – The Festival of the Baptism of Christ / Epiphany 1

Please include in our prayers:

- for all members of our Parish family to be blessed with a happy and peaceful New Year;
- for peace throughout the world, especially in light of the USA's intervention in Venezuela;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital;
- for our Archbishop Elect of Canterbury, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally;
- for all our school children having started the Spring Term.

'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'
Matthew 3.17

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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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The Vicar writes...

In all three synoptic accounts, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice from heaven make Jesus' baptism remarkable. Matthew adds detail of the prior exchange between Jesus and John over precedence which further emphasises the distinctiveness of the occasion. It is a radical act of humility as the Son of God fully inhabits his humanity. However, to focus too closely on what sets Jesus apart risks distracting us from the equally radical and humbling truth that baptism is the highest vocation of each and every one of us, as we are called by name and proclaimed as precious in God's sight.

(Based on the Gospel for Sunday: Matthew 3.13-17.)

News and Events

Marimba Band. New classes are starting in February on a Monday evening. No previous musical skills required. For further information, contact chantry.janet@gmail.com

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No. 1067435). The Trustees/Committee members are pleased to make a grant of £300 for the recent gutter/downpipe cleaning. This is our fifth such grant this year as so many leaves and seeds from the trees around the church have been blown into the gutters during the summer and autumn!

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Brahms Requiem Come and Sing Workshop, Saturday 31st January 2026, St Mary's Church Henley-on-Thames. Enjoy a day singing choruses from Brahms much loved choral masterpiece. The day runs from 10am until 4pm and includes a tea break with homemade cakes and will finish with an informal performance. Tickets: £24 with score hire (£20 without score hire); £10 18-30/concessions with score hire; £5 informal performance. Buy your tickets at <https://buytickets.at/henleychoralsociety/1902381>



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Kitchen Roll; Long-life Milk; Peanut Butter; Shampoo; Squash; Tinned Carrots; Washing Powder.

All items must be within BBE date, please.
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