

**Calendar for 1st to 8th  
February 2026**

**Sunday 1st February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Sunday Market: use the top gate or access via Church Street from the London Road end of the village.

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**Readings:** Malachi 3.1-5(Pg. 815); Hebrews 2.14-end (Pg. 208); Luke 2.22-40 (Pg. 56). (All Page Nos. refer to the Pew Bible.)
- 9.30am** Said Eucharist with hymns – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
 There will be Clay Craft for the children to take part in during the service.
- 6.00pm** Choral Evensong for the Feast of Candlemas – **St Peter and St Paul**

**Wednesday 4th February**

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

**Sunday 8th February – Second Sunday before Lent**

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**Readings:** Genesis 1.1-2.3 (Pg. 1); Romans 8.18-25 (Pg. 149); Matthew 6.25-end (Pg. 6).
- 10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
**11.30am** Holy Communion – **Little Hampden**  
**6.00pm** Sung Compline - **St Peter and St Paul**

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

**Wednesday 18th February, 7.30pm:** Ash Wednesday Service, including the imposition of ashes.

**Saturday 21st February:** Snowdrop Festival (details inside).

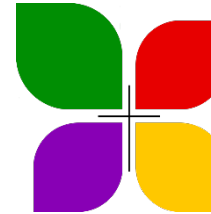
**Sunday 22nd February, 4.30pm:** Our first Lent Talk (see details inside).

**Live-Streaming of our Services**

Many of our 10am services are streamed live. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Vicar or Safeguarding Officer (details below).

**STAFF AVAILABILITY:**

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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 1st February – The Feast of Candlemas / The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Please include in our prayers:

- for our Church Wardens and the PCC as we start preparations for the April 6th APCM;
- for peace, and persecuted Christians throughout the world, particularly in Nigeria, Uganda, Syria, Turkey, Egypt and Pakistan;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital;
- for our Archbishop elect of Canterbury, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally.

'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Luke 2.34-35

**Collect**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### The Vicar writes...

Candlemas describes a vital episode in the life of Jesus the Jew. The Presentation in the Temple simultaneously offers past and future perspectives, both affirming Jesus's heritage and presaging the suffering of the Messiah and his followers. The central role of Simeon and Anna also give Candlemas its particular charism in affirming the work of those who faithfully give of their time and talents week by week, to glorify God and maintain the beauty of holiness in church worship. As we hear the familiar words of the Nunc Dimittis in a less familiar context, are we sufficiently attuned to Malachi's prospect of the Lord coming suddenly to his temple?

(Based on the Gospel for Sunday: Luke 2.22-40.)

### News and Events

**The choir sings Choral Evensong at 6.00pm this evening** to celebrate the Feast of Candlemas which falls 40 days after Christ's birth. Candlemas celebrates the presentation of the child Jesus, Jesus' first entry into the temple, and the purification of the Virgin Mary, and this is reflected in the music for the service.

**Music at today's services for Candlemas:** 10am Nunc Dimittis, Malcolm Archer Organ voluntary: Go, tell it on the mountain arr. A.D. Miller.

Choral Evensong: Mary's Magnificat – Andrew Carter.

'Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings,  
Ever wakeful, ever wistful,  
Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of Kings.  
My soul doth magnify the Lord  
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour  
Mary her song to Jesus, softly, serenely sings,  
"I will love you, I will serve you,  
May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of Kings."

Organ voluntaries: The Holy Boy – John Ireland; Unto us Is Born a Son – Christopher Tambling

**On Snowdrop Saturday, 21st February**, the snowdrops will be on display in the Churchyard and at Overstroud Cottage, and warming Cream Teas will be available in Church between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Snowdrops are also known as 'Candlemas Bells'.

**Cream Teas begin for the Summer Season** on Easter Sunday, 5th April. If you would like to help, please contact Thais on [thais\\_hobbs@hotmail.com](mailto:thais_hobbs@hotmail.com)

**Marimba Band.** New classes are starting on Monday 2nd February. No previous musical skills required. For further information, contact [chantry.janet@gmail.com](mailto:chantry.janet@gmail.com)

**Our Lent Talks** will take place over five weeks starting on Sunday 22nd February, 4.30pm – 5.30pm at St Peter and St Paul.

**Book Collection at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.** We have had a good sale of our second-hand books over Christmas, maybe due to the recent cold weather,

and we have room for more if anyone has any to donate. We like paperbacks if possible and we accept anything provided they are in good condition. A box is at the back of the church to collect any that are going spare, but please make sure they are books that will sell! Thank you, any donations are appreciated and will help with our finances towards ongoing expenses.

**Big Lighthouse Quiz.** Join us on Saturday 7th February at the Oldham Hall, starting 7pm for 7.30pm. Book a table of up to 10 and bring friends and family for a fun evening, with a hot and cold buffet included. Tickets, £12 each, available at: <https://shorturl.at/jYKBC>

**Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church** (Regd. Charity No. 1067435). Warm thanks for all the re-cycled jam jars and lids, many of which now hold Seville Orange Marmalade! There will be a Tabletop Sale of Preserves on the Library fore-court, 10.30am – 1pm on the **first Saturday of each month this year**.

Dates for your diary:

- **Saturday 7th February, 10.30am – 1pm:** first 2026 Tabletop Sale on the Library fore-court;
- **Saturday 21st February, 2-4pm:** Snowdrop Saturday at the church with Marmalades, Jams & Chutneys and live music;
- **Easter Day, 5th April, 3-5pm:** first Cream Teas of the year with Marmalades, Jams & Chutneys and live music;
- **Saturday 18th April, 2.30pm in the church:** Talk & Tea event, "The Rothschild Family History" by Paula Kitching, Historian, Researcher and a Trustee/Committee Member. Full Afternoon Tea, Raffle and Preserves. Tickets £15 at Samways or on the door; and
- **Saturday 13th June, 2.30pm in the church:** Talk & Tea event, "An Arts & Crafts Home and Garden in Great Missenden" by Katherine Hersee. Tickets £15 at Samways or at the door. Full Afternoon Tea, Raffle and Preserves. Tickets £15 at Samways or at the door.

**Concert by Chess Valley Male Voice Choir** at St Peter and St Paul on 28th March at 7.30pm, joined by guest ensemble Quintessential Brass. With a wide-ranging repertoire from traditional male voice classics to contemporary, classical and jazz-inspired pieces, the evening promises something for everyone. Tickets are available on 07557 391 390 or on the door.



**The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...**  
Tinned Carrots; Tinned Ham; Tinned Macaroni Cheese; Tinned Ravioli; Washing Powder.  
**All items must be within BBE date, please.**  
[chiltern.foodbank.org.uk](http://chiltern.foodbank.org.uk)

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