

**Calendar 22nd February to 1st
March 2026**

Sunday 22nd February – Lent 1

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7(Pg. 2); Romans 5.12-19 (Pg.147);
Matthew 4.1-11 (Pg.3). (All Page Nos. refer to the Pew Bible.)
- 10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
Children’s activities on the theme of Lent and what it means
– craft and colouring.
- 11.30am** Matins with hymns – **Little Hampden**
4.30pm Lent Talk – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Choral Evensong - **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 25th February

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

Sunday 1st March – Lent 2

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17.
9.30am Said Eucharist with hymns – **St Mary’s Ballinger**
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
Children’s activities celebrating St David’s Day with Welsh
Cakes and Daffodil craft.
- 4.30pm** Lent Talk – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Evening Prayer - **St Peter and St Paul**

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

Saturday 18th April, 2.30pm: Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (FGMPC) Talk & Tea event, “The Rothschild Family History” by Paula Kitching, Historian, Researcher and a Trustee/Committee Member.

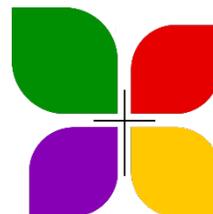
Saturday 13th June, 2.30pm: FGMPC Talk & Tea event, “An Arts & Crafts Home and Garden in Great Missenden” by Katherine Hersee.

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).

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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 22nd February – The First Sunday of Lent

Please include in our prayers:

- for our Church Wardens and the PCC as we start preparations for the April 16th APCM;
- for the world, our country, our government and our King;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital;
- for our new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Dame Sarah Mullally;
- for a blessed and Spirit filled Lenten Pilgrimage.

For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners,
so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.
Romans 5.19

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 forever.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Vicar writes...

Whatever temptations we might face this Lent, they are unlikely to be comparable to those endured by Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus is both fully human and divine, and so the devil can exploit a more spectacular range of potential vulnerabilities. Jesus' model resistance only reinforces his faithfulness to God and his purposes. Lest we be tempted to consider the stakes less high for ourselves, the example of Eve and Adam's transgression in the Garden of Eden reminds us that the temptation of sin similarly challenges our faithfulness to God as the one true object of our obedience, worship and service.

(Based on Sunday's readings.)

News and Events

What is the 2026 Lent Course all about? Course Name: *Draw Near; Life-Giving Habits for Lent* (the Church of England's Lent theme for 2026.)

A booklet is available for the duration of the course for a donation of £3.00. The booklet/course invites you to develop a rhythm of life that will help you grow as a disciple of Christ. Each week explores an activity central to Christian discipleship: worship, prayer, Scripture, communion, service to others and sharing the good news. For each day in Lent, it offers Bible readings, short reflections, prayers and practical responses. The sessions run from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, and the Programme is as follows:

- Week 1 – Sharing in Prayer (Course Session 1) 22 February at St Peter and St Paul;
- Week 2 – Sharing the Scriptures (Course Session 2) 1 March at St Peter and St Paul;
- Week 3 – Sharing Communion (Course Session 3) 8 March at St Peter and St Paul;
- Week 4 – Sharing in Service (Course Session 4) 15 March at St Peter and St Paul;
- Week 5 – Sharing the Good News (Course Session 5) 22 March at St Peter and St Paul;
- Holy Week – Sharing in Holy Week (Home reading follow-up); and
- Easter Day – Sharing in Resurrection (Home reading and Conclusion)

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

Embrace the Middle East writes: Thank you so much for your generous gift to Embrace the Middle East of £614.52. We are deeply grateful to everyone at St Peter & St Paul, Great Missenden for your kindness and for choosing to stand with communities across the region who are living through conflict, poverty and displacement.

Your support helps ensure our local Christian partners can continue offering healthcare, education, trauma support and practical help to those who need it most. Your generosity enables our partners to offer dignity, hope and compassionate support where it is needed most.

Afternoon Tea in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Saturday 7th March, 2.30pm-4.30pm, at the Damien Hall, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 23 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA. Raffle, Gift and Produce stalls. Tickets £10, which includes tea and cake, available at Samways/The Post Office in Great Missenden. Book your seat/table now to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to make a donation or to buy raffle tickets, please contact Jill York (07846 534 301 / jillelizabethyork@yahoo.co.uk).

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.

Henley Choral Society are delighted to invite you to their Spring Concert on Saturday 14th March, 7.30pm – Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem, Strauss Four Last Songs and Barber Adagio for Strings. Join us for a fabulous evening with acclaimed soloists, 100-strong choir and a world class orchestra in the beautiful setting of the Concert Hall at Reading Town Hall with its superb acoustics.

Tickets £24 (under 18s and students £6) at <https://whatsonreading.com/henley-choral-society-spring-concert> or on 0118 960 6060). Coach tickets are also available to buy for £8 return from Henley train station car park (<https://buytickets.at/henleychoralsociety/1958381>).

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

- The Trustee/Committee Members made a £960 grant to the PCC last week for tree surgery work. The branches and crown of the lovely Beech tree near the door have been reduced to protect the church building and to help reduce leaf congestion in the gutters and hoppers.
- Saturday 18th April, 2.30pm. "The Rothschild Family History – the story of a migrant family": and illustrated fundraising talk by Paula Kitching, historian, researcher and trustee of our charity, with a full afternoon tea, raffle and sale of home-made preserves. Tickets £15 (inc. tea) from Samways in mid-March, after the 10am services or at the door on the day. Contact Vivienne – 01494 891 312 / avd@davis.f9.co.uk
- Saturday 16th May: our AGM is in the Parish Church at 10.30am, with coffee/tea from 10.15am. All are welcome.



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

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