

### Calendar for 15th to 22nd March

#### Sunday 15th March – Mothering Sunday / Lent 4

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 (Pg. 47); 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 (Pg. 169); John 19.25-27 (Pg. 109).
- 10.00am** Family Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
MAP will not be meeting this morning as the children will be taking part in the Family Service.
- 4.30pm** Lent Talk – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**6.00pm** Said Evening Prayer - **St Peter and St Paul**

#### Wednesday 18th March

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

#### Sunday 22nd March – Lent 5

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45.
- 10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
MAP will be meeting in the Bell Tower to explore the power of Spring – celebrating the natural world and exploring natural remedies.
- 11.30am** Matins – **Little Hampden**  
**4.30pm** Lent Talk – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**6.00pm** Choral Evensong - **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 Rothschilds" by Paula Kitching, Historian, Researcher and a Trustee/Committee Member.

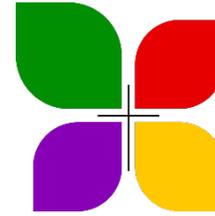
**Saturday 16th May, 10.30am:** FGMPC AGM, coffee/tea from 10.15am. All are welcome.

#### 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 15th March – Mothering Sunday / The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Please include in our prayers:

- for Mother Church, and for all mothers, grandmothers, god mothers, step mothers, foster mothers, aunts, and all in a motherly role;
- for those discerning whether to stand for election to the PCC on the 16th of April;
- for our King and the Royal Family;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital;
- for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and all places of war and violence.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19.26-27

#### **Collect**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Vicar writes...

Mothering Sunday offers one of the most concise and penetrating Gospel messages of the year. On an occasion when churches expect to welcome more visitors than usual, it may be tempting to default to the pregnant imagery in the other set of readings to complement the take-away posies and avoid frightening the curious away. But the kaleidoscope of human expressions of family is both wonderfully and painfully complex. The church is uniquely placed to hold this tension honestly and hospitably, allowing people space to bring a wide spectrum of feelings they can and can't articulate, from awe and gratitude to frustration and disappointment. The pain of imminent separation dominates Jesus' words to his mother from the cross, but they serve as yet another example of the superabundant outpouring of God's love. Who knows who will walk into our church this morning? What in our readings might offer the consolation they might need? (Based on John 19.25-27.)

## 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 have already started, but anyone who was unable to come to the previous talks is very welcome to join us for any/all of the future ones. The Programme going forward is as follows:

- 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)

**Mary Morgan's Funeral Service** will take place on Tuesday 17th March, 2pm at St Peter and St Paul. All are welcome.

**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)

**Old Tea Warehouse Easter Egg Appeal 2026.** Thank you to everyone for the wonderful response you've all made to our appeal for Easter eggs for the residents of the OTW. Incredibly, at the time of writing, we are just 11 eggs short of our target of 65. If you haven't yet bought an egg and would like to help us to bridge the gap by Palm Sunday (March 29th) we would be so grateful. The big gaudy box will be out by the entry door at each service. Thank you so much for your generosity. Karen Butler.

**Spring Cleaning.** The Holy Dusters are meeting from 10am – 1pm on Tuesday 24th March to spring clean the church before Easter. If anyone else is able to join us, we would really appreciate the extra help. Tea and cake will be provided! Many thanks.

**A Huge Thank You** to everyone who came along to the Afternoon Tea on 7th March in the Damien Hall in Great Missenden in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance. A very enjoyable time was had by all with wonderful food and good company. My gratitude goes to the many helpers before the event and on the day, and also to all those who donated raffle prizes – too many to mention by name. The total raised by the event was £1,255 which will help TVAA, within minutes, bring the expertise, equipment and treatment of the hospital to the most critically ill and injured patients across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Jill York.

**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.

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

- **Saturday 18th April, 2.30pm.** “**The Rothschilds – the story of a Migrant Family**”. Tickets for this Talk & Tea fundraising event are now available at Samways and from Vivienne after the 10am services.
- **The Tabletop Sale** by the Library last Saturday raised £210 for more repair grants to the PCC. Thank you for your support and for kind donations of sugar, fruit and jam jars.

**All are warmly invited to join Wycombe Homeless Connection for their annual church service.** We will give thanks for the unwavering community response to homelessness in our community, celebrate the winter night shelter and the all-year-round work done to prevent and reduce the harm that homelessness does. We will also take time to honour those who have been lost.

The service takes place on Saturday 25th April at Christ the Servant King, Booker, High Wycombe, HP12 4TJ. Arrival from 2pm for refreshments before a 2.30pm start. Please let us know if you will be attending here: <https://thanksgiving-service-2026.eventbrite.co.uk/>



**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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