

Calendar for 22nd to 29th March

Sunday 22nd March – Lent 5 (Passiontide begins)

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 (Pg. 738); Romans 8.6-11 (Pg.149); John 11.1-45 (Pg. 100).
- 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**

Wednesday 25th March

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

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Matthew 21.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.11-54.
- 10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
- 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 Rothschilds" by Paula Kitching, Historian, Researcher and a Trustee/Committee Member.

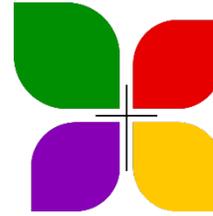
Saturday 16th May, 10.30am: FGMPC AGM, coffee/tea from 10.15am. All are welcome.

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).

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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 March –Passion Sunday / Fifth Sunday of Lent

Please include in our prayers:

- for that Divine peace which the world cannot give;
- for those discerning whether to stand for election to the PCC on the 16th of April;
- for our King, the Royal Family, and those who hold positions of responsibility in our country;
- for the sick, both at home and in hospital, especially those who are recovering from surgery;
- for the continual growth of the 'Silent Revival'.

Jesus said to Martha, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

The Vicar writes...

Passion Sunday marks a turn in our Lenten journey with Jesus, from wilderness paths to the Jerusalem suburbs, as the readings and music of Passiontide set us firmly on the road to the cross. John's unique story of the raising of Lazarus presents another miracle in intense detail, with close attention to the senses (including smell), emotions (including Jesus' tears) and reactions of those present (notably Thomas and Martha). It is a startling and dramatic story about faith in the face of death that helps to prepare the community (both then and now) for the ultimate triumphant events of the crucifixion and resurrection to come.

(Based on John 11.1-45.)

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. This week is our final session and will run from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Anyone is very welcome to join us, whether or not you've been to one of the previous talks.

- 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)

Easter Services (at St Peter and St Paul unless otherwise stated).

- **Monday 30th March**, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
- **Tuesday 31st March**, 7.00pm: Service at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.
- **Wednesday 1 April**, 9.30am: Holy Communion.
- **Maundy Thursday**, 2nd April, 7.30am: Maundy Thursday Eucharist.
- **Good Friday, 3rd April**: 9.00am – Walk of Witness; and 2.00pm – Good Friday Liturgy.
- **Easter Day, 5th April**: 6.00am – Dawn Service; 8.00am – Said Eucharist; 10.00am – Parish Eucharist; 3.00pm - Cream Teas and Music.

Coffee 'n' Share will be meeting for two more weeks (on 25th March and 1st April) and will then take a break over Easter, re-commencing on 15th April.

Easter Eggs Appeal for the Old Tea Warehouse. Thank you everyone for responding so generously to this year's appeal. Although I don't yet have the exact number collected, I'm certain that we will have reached our target of 65 which is wonderful. It's so good to know that as we crack open and tuck into our own eggs on Easter morning, we have enabled others to celebrate Christ's

resurrection alongside us. The hostel and its residents will all be delighted. 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.

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).

- **Grants.** The trustees/committee members were pleased to give the PCC a grant of £1,848 last Sunday for recent interior church wall cleaning. This is the third grant in four weeks, a total now of £3,108, and only possible because of the wonderful support from our kind charity members and so many other supporters: a huge "Thank you" to everyone!
- **Preserves will be on sale** at the Library forecourt on Saturday 4th April from 10.30am -1pm.
- **Saturday 18th April, 2.30pm. "The Rothschilds– the story of a Migrant Family"** by Paula Kitching. Tickets (£15 inc. Afternoon Tea) are now at Samways and from Vivienne after the 10am services, by cash or card. Please invite your family and friends to join us!

Great Missenden Orchestra Informal Concert will take place on 1st April, 8pm, at St Peter and St Paul's. Free Admission and Refreshments with a Retiring Collection. www.gmorchestra.co.uk

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 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

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