

Calendar for 9th to 23rd August

Sunday 9th August – Trinity 10

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33.
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 16th August – The Blessed Virgin Mary / Trinity 11

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 61.10-11; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 1.46-55.
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 19th August

10.30am Summer Coffee 'n' Share – **Abbeyfield**

Saturday 22nd August

7.30pm Billy Watman Concert – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 23rd August – Trinity 12

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Isaiah 51.1-6; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20.
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

Saturday 5th September, 10.30am – 1pm – “Friends” Preserves Tabletop Sale at the Library Forecourt.

Saturday 26th September, 7.30pm – Moonrakers return after their successful previous visit. Folk and traditional Celtic music.

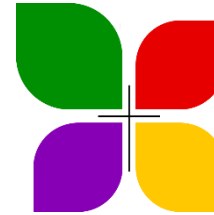
Saturday 3rd October, 2.30pm – FGMPC Talk & Tea ‘Engineering for Life’.

Live-Streaming of our Services

Many of our 10am services are streamed live. If you have any questions or concerns, see notice board and/or 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 9th August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 16th August – The Blessed Virgin Mary / The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Please include in our prayers:

- for our Diocese, and election of our new Bishop of Oxford;
- for peace throughout the world, especially in Eastern Europe and the Middle East;
- for all elected MPs and officials, that they may work for the common good;
- for the process of appointing a Youth Worker and a volunteer lead fund raiser;
- for those who live in care homes, or those who live under care at home;
- for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3.16

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Collect for 9th August

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Vicar writes...

Some of the miracles Matthew records reveal God's compassion, shown through Jesus: healings, deliverances and feeding large crowds. Others more directly disclose his glory and highlight his identity as God's son. This is the second time Jesus has rescued his friends from a violent storm on Galilee; the first time (8.23-27) he was initially asleep in the boat while they battled the elements. Here, as then, their reaction moves from fear to astonishment and worship. Along the way, and especially through Peter's unusual experience, he gently challenges their faith to grow and remain focused on him.

(Based on Matthew 14.22-33.)

Collect for 16th August

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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It was unusual for Jesus to venture beyond Israelite territory; 'Tyre and Sidon' meant travelling far into Gentile lands, and apparently not for mission. The healing of a Canaanite girl is also atypical; Jesus' active ministry rarely extended beyond the Jews. Yet he recognizes this woman's faith: in her persistent asking,

her quick-witted response and her use of 'Son of David', a specifically Jewish title. Jesus has also previously prepared his followers to extend their reach beyond Juda and Galilee, in particular refocusing their thoughts away from traditional Jewish legal codes to see sin as more fundamentally human and internal.

(Based on Matthew 15.21-28.)

News and Events

Cream Teas are served every Sunday until the end of September from 3pm-5pm in the Church. Come and enjoy home-made cakes and scones, with music from Jeremy Harmsworth on 9th August and Piccante Flutes on 16th August.

Coffee 'n' Share is taking a break over the summer, but courtesy of Abbeyfield we will meet on 19th August at 10.30am. We then return to normal on Wednesday 2nd September at Abbeyfield, and at St Peter and St Paul for the following Wednesdays.

Summer Evening Concert: Billy Watman. Saturday 22nd August, 7.30pm. Come and spend the evening relaxing in the company of an award-winning guitarist, as he leads us on an exciting journey around the world! Tickets £15 including a glass of wine and (Jill's very fine) canapés. Available after the 10am service or via the website www.missendenchurch.org.uk/billy-watman.

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

"Engineering for Life – the Story of the Martin-Baker Aircraft Company Ejection Seats" by Steve Rogers, Head of Business Development, with 36 years' experience at the company. This is the charity's next Talk & Afternoon Tea fundraising event at 2.30pm on Saturday 3rd October, in the Parish Church. Over 90,000 seats have been delivered to 93 air forces around the world and 7,825 lives have been saved since 1949. A family-run firm, it is the world leader in the design and manufacture of ejection and crashworthy seats for fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. Tickets (£15) will be available at Samways and after the 10am service from the end of August, or at the door on the day. Please tell your family and friends about this event. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact Vivienne – 01494 891 312.

Misbourne Careers Day. Looking forward to the next academic year – we are starting to plan our Year 11 Careers Day. As part of our careers programme we run a number of drop-down days with a variety of recruitment / work ready activities. We rely on members of the local community to provide a real-world experience for the students and are very grateful for your support. Would you be available to conduct a mock interview with some of our Year 11 students on 13 November? Details about the event can be found in the attached briefing document. If you are available – **please sign up** on his link <https://forms.gle/hJS1HL1gmd2HYHrd9>