

Calendar for 13th to 20th September

Sunday 13th September – Holy Cross Sunday / Trinity 15

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Numbers 21.4-9; Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17.
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.30am Holy Communion – **Little Hampden**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 16th September

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

Sunday 20th September – Battle of Britain Sunday / Trinity 16

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Michah 4.1-5; Psalm 46; Ephesians 6.10-18; John 15.12-17.
10.00am Family Service: Battle of Britain - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **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)

Friday 25th September, 10.30–11.30am – Coffee Morning at St Mary's Church, Ballinger.

Saturday 26th September, 7.30pm – Moonrakers concert (see details inside).

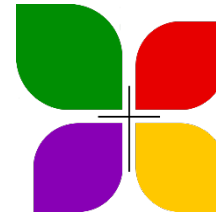
Saturday 3rd October, 2.30pm – FGMPC Talk & Tea 'Engineering for Life'.

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**

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Please include in our prayers:

- for vocations to the ordained ministry, licensed lay ministry and religious communities in the Church of England;
- for peace throughout the world and good government for all nations;
- for all students and teachers as they start the new academic year;
- for the process of appointing a Youth Worker and a volunteer lead fund raiser;
- for the Rev. Buki Fatona to be installed as the rector of Weston Turville on 27th September.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'
(John 3.16-17)

Collect

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

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The Vicar writes...

Holy Cross Day, celebrated on 14th September, is an ancient festival in the Christian calendar that holds a distinct place in the Anglican liturgy, focusing on the paradoxical beauty of the cross. When 14th September falls on a Sunday, or when a parish chooses to transfer the festival to the nearest Sunday, it is observed as Holy Cross Sunday, offering the congregation a unique opportunity to focus entirely on the instrument of our salvation. Unlike Good Friday, which focuses on the solemnity, sorrow and raw grief of the crucifixion, Holy Cross Sunday is a festival of triumph and thanksgiving. It praises Christ for transforming a Roman instrument of torture into a universal symbol of hope, life and victory. The roots of the festival stretch back to the fourth century. Within Anglicanism, Holy Cross Sunday emphasises the central theological truth of the Atonement. In the English reformation and subsequent liturgical traditions, the cross transitioned from being an object of medieval folklore into a profound symbol of the Gospel. Anglicans observe the day with specific liturgical markers: the vestments and altar hangings are red, symbolising the shedding of Christ's blood and his ultimate royal triumph over death. The Paradox of the Wood: Hymns and prayers emphasise a beautiful reversal. Just as humanity fell because of the fruit of a tree in the Garden of Eden, humanity is redeemed by Christ hanging upon the "tree" of the cross.

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 The Gillybillies.

Funerals. Sally Martin's funeral will be at St Peter and St Paul on Thursday 24th September at 2pm.

Thank you to those who did the Bucks Historic Churches Trust (BHCT) Ride and Stride. Should anyone wish to donate to BHCT, half of the donation will come direct to our PCC and the other half towards BHCT support of projects. BHCT is a generous funder. Sponsor and donation forms (including gift aid) are in Church.

Harvest Parcels this year will be forwarded to Chiltern Foodbank and used for local families in need via our own food distribution box in the North porch. Tinned and packet items should be within BBE date please.

Harvest Supper at St Mary's Church, Ballinger. Join us for our Harvest Supper on Saturday 3rd October, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £26 per person, including a two course meal and drinks. There will be a free prize draw, with every guest receiving one entry. One lucky ticket will win a Sunday lunch for two people at the Cock & Rabbit. No additional purchase necessary.

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 Roberts, Head of Business Development, with 36 years' experience at the company. This is our 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) available at Samways and after the 10am service, 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.

Coffee Mornings at the Oldham Hall will take place each Friday from 8am – 9.45am during term time. All are welcome.

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>

Moonrakers Concert, Saturday 26th September, 7.30pm. Moonrakers return after their successful previous visit with a programme of folk and traditional Celtic music. Their distinctive sound has delighted audiences across the UK and has featured in the BBC television series Beyond Paradise. Tickets at <http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/moonrakers> or from Samways in Great Missenden.

Lindengate Garden Event, Saturday 19th September, 12.30 – 3.30pm, join us for our last pop up 'Rest & Refresh' café of 2026. Come along and enjoy a stroll around our 6 acre garden and nature reserve followed by a cup of tea and cake!

Afternoon Tea in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance on Saturday 17th October, 2.30pm-4.30pm, at the Damien Hall, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 23 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA. Tickets £10, which includes tea and cake, available from Samways in Great Missenden. Raffle and Gift Stalls. If you would like to book a table for four or more, make a donation or buy raffle tickets, please contact Jill York jillelizabethyork@yahoo.co.uk / 07846 534 301

Please note, you can subscribe to the online version of the Newssheet by contacting the Church Office by email: office@missendenchurch.org.uk



The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...
Chocolate; Instant Mashed Potato; Long-life Milk; Sponge Puddings; Sweets; Tinned Carrots; Tinned Fruit; Tinned Potatoes; Tinned Sweetcorn; Washing Powder. **All items must be within BBE date, please.**