

## Calendar 1st to 8th March 2026

### Sunday 1st March – Lent 2

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a (Pg. 9); Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 (Pg. 146);  
John 3.1-17 (Pg. 89).
- 9.30am** Said Eucharist with hymns – **St Mary's Church, 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**

### Wednesday 4th March

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

### Sunday 8th March – Lent 3

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**  
Readings: Exodus 17.1-7; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42.  
**10.00am** Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live online**  
**11.30am** Said Eucharist with hymns – **Little Hampden**  
**4.30pm** Lent Talk – **St Peter and St Paul**  
**6.00pm** Sung Compline - **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.

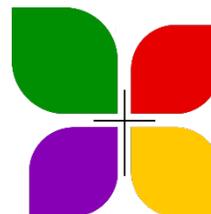
**Saturday 13th June, 2.30pm:** FGMPC Talk & Tea event, "An Arts & Crafts Home and Garden in Great Missenden" by Katherine Hersee.

### 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).

#### **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 1st March – The Second Sunday of Lent**

Please include in our prayers:

- for those discerning whether to stand for the PCC as we start preparations for the April 16th APCM;
- for our King and the Royal Family;
- 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 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.'

John 3.16

#### **Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Post Communion**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Vicar writes...

The story of Nicodemus visiting Jesus by night is an example of John's use of characters as teaching agents in this 'gospel of relationship'. The time of the encounter suggests the learned man is coy about approaching Jesus for answers to his questions, but his motive is apparently sincere, and opens the way for some of the most memorable and beloved of Jesus' sayings. In other respects, Jesus is provocatively enigmatic as he appears to tease Nicodemus out of his comfort zone and challenges him to embrace the life-enhancing risk of being born of the Spirit.

(Based on John 3.1-7)

## 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 started last week, anyone who was unable to come is very welcome to join us for any/all of the future sessions. The Programme going forward is as follows:

- 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)

**Posies for Mothering Sunday.** We are making posies for Mothering Sunday in church at 10.30am on Saturday 14th March. We would welcome greenery, herbs or heather, and people to make them up. Thank you.

**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)

**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](mailto: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).

- 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](mailto: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.
- Saturday 13th June, 2.30pm. "An Arts and Crafts Country House and Garden in Great Missenden": an illustrated fundraising talk by Katherine Hersee, with a full afternoon tea, raffle and sale of home-made preserves.

The wonderful support of our charity since its foundation in 1997 is greatly appreciated! Grants of over £195,000 since 2000 have helped to maintain the fabric of this historic Parish Church. We would welcome new members and yellow joining forms are near the door.



**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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