

Calendar for 27th September to 4th October 2026

Sunday 27th September – Trinity 17

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32.
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
11.30am Matins – **Little Hampden**
3.00pm Cream Teas and Music – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Choral Evensong – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 30th September

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

Sunday 4th October– St Francis of Assisi 800th Anniversary with the blessing of the Animals

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Genesis 1.24-31; Galatians 6.14-18; Luke 12.22-34.
9.30am Harvest Festival – **St Mary's Church, Ballinger**
10.00am Parish Eucharist - **St Peter and St Paul and live online**
6.00pm Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

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

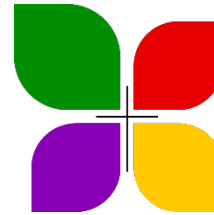
Saturday 3rd October, 2.30pm – FGMPCC Talk & Tea 'Engineering for Life'.
Saturday 3rd October, 7pm for 7.30pm – Harvest Supper, St Mary's Church, Ballinger (see details inside).
Sunday 18th October – Harvest Festival.

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 27th September – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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 the process of appointing a Youth Worker and a volunteer lead fundraiser;
- for the Rev. Buki Fatona to be installed as the rector of Weston Turville this Sunday 27 September.

Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'
Matthew 21.31-32

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect words – © Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000)

The Vicar writes...

The answer to Jesus' question about two sons is obvious; its straightforward application is that God seeks obedience rather than lip-service. Yet while this is true, Jesus' point is more subtle. What he then says about who can enter God's kingdom – that is, who accepts the new realm Jesus is introducing – points back to his previous words about John the Baptist. By refusing to acknowledge Jesus' teaching as divinely given, despite its clear impact on the lives of his hearers, the authorities closed themselves to Jesus' teaching (which continued on from John's) and therefore from entering God's Kingdom.

(Based on Matthew 21:23-32.)

News and Events

Join us for our last Cream Teas of the season this afternoon, 3pm-5pm in the Church. Come and enjoy home-made cakes and scones, with music from Kings Clarinets.

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, and the Foodbank would be grateful to receive the following goods in particular: Tinned Meatballs; Tinned Corned Beef; Tinned Custard; Tinned Fruit; Honey; Tinned Carrots; Instant Mash; Savoury Biscuits; Shampoo; Cereals; Fruit Juice (long life); Tinned Pudding; Jam; Tinned Fish; Tinned Veg; Cooking Sauces; Milk (UHT long-life); Small Instant Coffee.

Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 4th October at St Mary's Church Ballinger and on Sunday 18th October at St Peter and St Paul.

Harvest Supper at St Mary's Church, Ballinger – last few places available!

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.

Book Club – All Welcome. I am quite new to the Church and hoping to get to know people. I am starting a Book Club meeting monthly at Sue and Mike O'Farrell's house. It's not a House Group, just a fun way to get together and talk about meaningful books. To start us off, I have chosen the joyful and rewarding 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. Is it a children's book? We will find out! Rowan Williams says it has “subtle literary artistry and powerful spiritual insights...”

Monday 26th October, 2-4pm, 'Sarmia', Marriotts Avenue, South Heath, HP16 9QW. Tea and cake. The intention is to meet same time, same place, on the last Monday of each month. Just come along, no need to sign up, please do read the book in advance, if you can. Any questions, please contact me Deborah Elliott 07747 038930.

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>

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

DENS Sleepout 2026: Just One Night Can Change Someone's Future. Take on a challenge with a real purpose. Give up your home comforts for one night and experience sleeping outside while raising vital funds for local people facing homelessness and hardship. Takes place on Friday 20th November, 7.30pm, at The Dock, Station Road, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, WD4 8LZ. Tickets: Adults (18+): £10 / Child (8-17): £5. For further details and to book: www.dens.org.uk/event/sleepout

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.**