

Calendar for 12th to 19th May 2024

Sunday 12th May – Easter 7

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
Readings: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19.
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
 MAP will also be meeting in the Bell Tower.
11.30am Holy Communion – **Little Hampden**
3.00pm Cream Teas – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Sung Compline – **St Peter and St Paul**

Wednesday 15th May

- 9.30am** Said Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.30am Coffee 'n' Share – **St Peter and St Paul**

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost

- 8.00am** Said Eucharist (BCP) – **St Peter and St Paul**
10.00am Parish Eucharist – **St Peter and St Paul and live on-line**
 MAP will also be meeting in the Bell Tower.
3.00pm Cream Teas – **St Peter and St Paul**
6.00pm Evening Prayer – **St Peter and St Paul**

Further Dates for your Diary (at St Peter and St Paul unless stated otherwise).

Saturday 15th June at 2.30pm – Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church
 Tea and Talk: "Life in Her Hands" by Professor Dame Averil Mansfield DBE
 FRCS FRCP.

Wednesday 20th November – Calling all Bridge Players! An invitation to a
 Bridge afternoon at St Mary's Church, Ballinger. More details to follow.

The Chiltern Foodbank is currently looking for donations of...

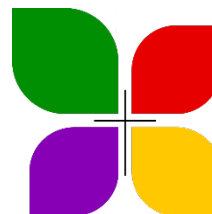
tinned macaroni cheese, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, long-life fruit
 juice, tinned tuna, toilet rolls, toothpaste.

All items must be within BBE date, please.



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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 12th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Please include in our prayers:

- for peace in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, Ukraine and other areas of conflict;
- for all Ordinands of the Oxford Diocese, preparing for either Diaconate or Priestly ordinations;
- for all our Cream Teas Teams as they give of their valuable time this Summer;
- that we use our votes wisely and prayerfully in the forthcoming elections, and that we never take democracy for granted.

'As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.'

John 17.18

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

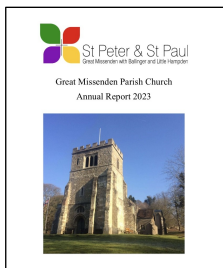
Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

News and Events

A Prayer for the King and the Princess of Wales.

"Father of mercies, grant to Charles our King and Catherine, Princess of Wales, comfort and sure confidence in you, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Church Office. The office has moved to the Oldham Hall (Church Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AZ). Please contact Elisabeth on 01494 862 352 or email office@missendenchurch.org.uk to visit the office should you need to. As a courtesy to other people using the hall, please do not enter the hall when it is occupied. This arrangement will be in place until access to the rear of the hall is agreed with the school.



Annual Report. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report sent online do contact the Parish Office (office@missendenchurch.org.uk). It's a good read!

Eco Tip for May. Say no to the mower. Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals. Contribute to citizen science and get to know what (and who!) lives in your church's green space – sign up to take part in Churches Count on Nature (8-16 June 2024) at caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churchescount-on-nature-faqs/

Buy a Tile! The roof of the porch of St Mary's Church, Ballinger is in urgent need of replacement in order to make it weather proof for next Winter. Please help us by donating £5.00 (or more) for a tile on the new roof. To buy a tile, please contact Anne Ellis or Maggi Cameron.

MAP Social. If any children would like to go to the MAP bowling event on one of Friday 24th or Saturday 25th May, please let Chloe Lewis know via this doodle poll: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/eV0v3xvb>

Hope School Bethlehem. Please pray for the pupils, staff and families of Hope School as they, along with many others, are caught in the middle of the ongoing war and violence in Israel, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Accommodation needed. One of our excellent Cream Teas helpers is a charming Ukrainian woman who now very urgently needs a new host family (under the Government scheme) by Friday 31st May. Her family, including a son, are unable to leave Russian-occupied Donetsk. She is a Ukrainian qualified beautician. Can you help her... or pass on the information to family and friends?

She would be so grateful! Please contact Malcolm or the Parish Office if you can help.

Beyond Difference Meeting: 'Faith in Justice', 19th May. This will take place at Chesham Town Hall from 2.30-4.30pm. After the speakers have offered their personal experiences and reflections, there will be an opportunity in small groups to share experiences and views, before a final general discussion with the speakers.

Table-Top Sale of Homemade Cakes, Raffle, Produce Table, Puzzles and Games in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Saturday 1st June, 10.00am to 12 noon in front of Great Missenden Library. Please donate cakes and come along to buy something. If you wish to donate, please call Jill York on 07846 534 301. Thank you.

The Tour de Ricky – Saturday 1 June. This is a mini festival of cycling based at Woodoaks Farm at Maple Cross raising funds for a variety of causes including World Bicycle Relief and community organisations including the church. Cyclists will be returning to St Peter and St Paul for morning coffee and cake on Saturday, 1 June and parishioners are invited to join the fun! There are still places available for people wanting to cycle on a choice of 200km, 100km or 50km rides – the last of which includes the visit to Great Missenden. The rides are aimed at cyclists of all abilities. Even if you don't fancy a ride of that distance, the organisers are still inviting people to come down to the Soil Association's Farm near Rickmansworth to meet local campaign and social rising group SPOKES, get a free bike health check from Watford Cycle Hub and sample a number of different activities such as yoga. Details of the event can be found at www.tourdericky.uk

Friends of Great Missenden Parish Church (Regd. Charity No:1067435): Saturday 15th June, 2.30pm, in the Parish Church: "Life in Her Hands" talk by Professor Dame Averil Mansfield DBE FRCS FRCP. This is a unique opportunity to hear her speak about her inspiring and trail-blazing career, thanks to one of our members, a life-long friend. We expect a very large audience of perhaps 200+ and would be grateful if you'd buy tickets (still only £10 and with a lovely afternoon tea!) to help us estimate how much food to provide. Our small Committee will need help with sandwich and cakes provision and with serving tea – we would greatly welcome your help please.

Tickets are now at Samways and available after the 10am services in the coming weeks. Please contact Vivienne: 01494 891 312.

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