

The Parish Church of St. Paul, Wokingham



The Advent Service of Words and Music

Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 6.15pm

*We stand for the hymns
and sit for the choir carols and readings.
At the end of each reading, the reader will say:
"This is the word of the Lord"
and we all respond
"Thanks be to God."*

*Please stay after the service for refreshments and fellowship
in the Parish Rooms if you can.*

“Come, my breath and my life.

Come, the consolation
of my humble soul.

Come, my joy, my glory,
my endless delight.”

St Symeon the New Theologian

Opening Choir Anthem

O radiant dawn

(James Macmillan, b.1959)

Reading Three New Advent Antiphons

Congregational Hymn *(omit * verses)*

19 Come thou Redeemer of the earth

The Greeting and the Advent Bidding

The Advent Collect

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ

came to us in great humility;

that on the last day, when he shall come again in his

glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Choir Advent Prose (501)

Lesson 1 Exodus 3.1-6

Moses and the burning bush

Choir This is the truth sent from above

(Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958)

Lesson 2 Isaiah 40.1-8, 11
*All people are grass,
but the word of God shall stand for ever*

Choir Jesus Christ, the apple tree
(Elizabeth Poston, 1905-1987)

Poem The Annunciation, by Edwin Muir

Congregational Hymn

5 Hark! A herald voice is calling

*Lesson 3 Isaiah 52.7-10
Be joyful- the Lord has comforted his people*

Choir A tender shoot
(Otto Goldschmidt, 1829-1907)

Lesson 4 Malachi 3.1-5
*Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the
way before me: the Lord whom you seek will
suddenly come to his temple*

Congregational Hymn

18 Ye servants of the Lord

Lesson 5 Isaiah 61.1-3, 11
*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim
liberty to the captives*

Choir O come Emmanuel
(Elaine Hagenberg, b.1979)

Poem Mother and Child, by Charles Causley

Lesson 6 St Luke 1.26-45
*Mary and Gabriel are met:
Elizabeth and Mary rejoice*

Choir Zion hears the watchmen's voices
(Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750)

Advent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

7 Hills of the North rejoice

The Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

[Please sit]

Organ Music

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'
(Adam Heron, b.1999)



*Since 1864 St Paul's has been a beacon in the community
and a place of encounter with God, in joyful times,
in times of sadness and in all of the normal routine of life.*

*Our Missional Vocation Statement:
Shaped by God in the Eucharist,
we are called to make the richness of his love
known to everyone in the community.*

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**St Paul's
Church**

Christmas 2023 in the Parish of St Paul, Wokingham and St Nicholas, Emmbrook

Sunday the 17th of December

6.15pm Nine Lessons and Carols St Paul's

Wednesday the 20th of December

10.00am Crib Service St Paul's
*(come dressed as your favourite role
in the Christmas story)*

Christmas Eve (24th of December)

3pm Christingle Service for all-ages St Paul's
5pm Christingle Service for all-ages St Paul's
9pm First Mass of Christmas St Nicholas'
11pm Midnight Mass St Paul's
(with Choir Carols from 10.30pm)

Christmas Day (25th of December)

8am Mass (traditional language) St Paul's
9.30am All Together Mass St Paul's

