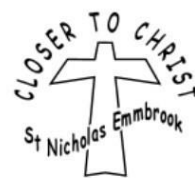


# Pews News

**St Paul's Church, Wokingham**  
**St Nicholas' Church, Emmbrook**



**Welcome** in the name of Jesus Christ to this house of prayer, especially if you are with us for the first time. Please use the hand gel as you come into Church: scan the QR Code if you would like to (although we are no longer asked to maintain an attendance list for services) and please do consider wearing a mask throughout the service if you are able to. The seats at the rear of the nave constitute our area for social distancing.

**Anybody, of any age, who has been baptised in any Christian Church, is warmly invited to receive the Eucharist here- currently still in the form of the bread only, which counts in Christian theology as a full communion.**

Come forward down the central aisle and then return to your seat down the side aisle. Please tell the priest if you need a gluten-free wafer. If you'd prefer to receive a prayer of blessing please come forward with everyone else and keep your head bowed at the rail.

We are a Church family committed to welcoming all those who come as God's precious and beloved child, whatever their age or race, sexuality or experience, background or confidence in Church. We only become the Church God is calling us to be when everybody is made welcome and everybody is freed to contribute and join in. Welcome home.

## 28<sup>th</sup> November: Advent Sunday



8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	All Together Mass Reading: Luke 21.25-36	Mthr Cara
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Richard
6.15pm	St Paul's	Advent Carol Service	Fr Richard

**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.**

**Post Communion** O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Week Ahead: 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

<b>Monday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Meeting ID 753 2006 4518 Passcode 024453
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	7.15pm	Zoom	Advent Course Meeting ID 850 7789 8397 Passcode 876240
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Meeting ID 753 2006 4518 Passcode 024453
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Meeting ID 753 2006 4518 Passcode 024453
	11.30am	West Oak	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat <i>Come along to chat, and relax with others</i>

### 5<sup>th</sup> December: Second Sunday of Advent

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b>	<b>Mthr Cara</b> Reading: Luke 21.25-36
<b>11am</b>	<b>St Nick's</b>	<b>Community Eucharist</b>	<b>Mthr Cara</b>
<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	



On All Saints' Day we used the sermon to think about how we see the Kingdom of God and who helps us to recognise it. The thoughts we captured on paper are now displayed in the prayer corner. Do go and have a look, to see how our congregations experience God at work in the community, in the Church and in their lives.

## Notices

Today we are opening the first of our **Charity Advent Calendar** doors

We pray today for **USPG, United Society Partners in the Gospel**, the mission agency which has, since its foundation in 1701, been partnering churches and communities worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.

On 30 November Christians around the world are taking part in a 24-hour global wave of prayer. To join, there is no need to register. You can get involved via zoom or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/USPGglobal>

The **Advent Course** continues on Zoom on Tuesday evening at 7.15pm, when we will start to look in more detail at the prophecies of Isaiah as they relate to the coming of Jesus.

### **Love came down: a choral nativity**

7.30pm Saturday 4 December

Eleutherios is proud to present a festive programme of choral music, charting the familiar nativity story in a series of musical images. We'll open the covers of these triptychs to reveal the glories of music by Sheppard, Handl, Howells, Tabakova, and others, telling the Christmas story through inspiring sequences of sound.

<https://www.eleutherios.uk/love-came-down>

The whole list of **Christmas Services** will be out soon but the big change we have decided on is that we won't be hosting the Christingle Services at St Paul's on Christmas Eve because it feels too much of a Covid risk to have two full Churches of people at 3 and 5, from all different schools and backgrounds. Instead we are going to be presenting the Christingle Story in local Schools and then having an outdoor Crib Service in St Paul's Junior School Playground, at 3pm and 5pm, so do please come along to that. All of the other Christmas services are predicted to go ahead at the moment, changes in rules and rising infection rates permitting

**Wokingham Choral Society** is presenting a concert of Christmas carols on the theme of "Around the World with Christmas" on Saturday 11th December at 6.30pm at St Paul's Church. Families are very welcome - there will be audience participation! There will be a retiring collection for two local good causes - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wokingham, Mayor's Own, Scout Group and First Days Children's Charity. Admission will be by concert programme and only available in advance.

Please see [www.wokingham-choral-society.org.uk](http://www.wokingham-choral-society.org.uk) for further details.

# Prayers

**The sick:** Angela; Phoebe; Beth and Roy Holmes; Peter Richardson; Sue and Chris Brereton; Olivia; Patrick Rendell; The Karenza family

**The Recently Departed:** June Goulbourn, Christopher Varco, Richard, Margaret Rees, Susan Rea

**Year's Mind:** (28<sup>th</sup>) Alice Weaver, Alice Cornall, (baby) Alice Rutter, Ted Fitzgibbons; (29<sup>th</sup>) Grace Bavin; (30<sup>th</sup>) John Broom, Molly Burrett, Mary Baldock; (1<sup>st</sup>) John Standen; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Mabel Wyatt, Linda Henderson

**The Parish Prayer:** God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Live streaming

Please note that most acts of worship at St Paul's are now live streamed. Although cameras are focused on those leading worship, please be aware that your image may be captured and streamed. If you would like further information on where to sit, please ask the sidespeople as you arrive.

## Clergy

Fr Richard Lamey	0118 327 9116	rector@spauls.co.uk	Rest Day Sat
Mthr Cara Smart	0118 901 4365	cara.smart@spauls.co.uk	Rest Day Sat
Mthr Jane Kraft	01276 36402	revd.janekraft@btinternet.com	Rest Day Fri

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**The office in the Parish Rooms is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 12 noon**