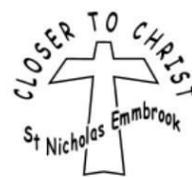


# Pews News

**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.

## **12<sup>th</sup> December: Third Sunday of Advent**

**8am St Paul's Low Mass Mthr Cara**

**9.30am St Paul's Parish Mass Fr Richard**

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-end, Luke 3.7-18

Hymns: 10, 7, 18, 5

Voluntary: *Chorale-Improvisation on 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme' (op 65),*  
by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**11am St Nick's Community Eucharist Fr Richard**

**Collect** O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Post Communion** We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

## The Week Ahead: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</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>
	1.15pm	St Paul's & Zoom	Meditation Group Meeting ID 757 5167 9882 Passcode: 1234
	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
<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>

### 19<sup>th</sup> December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b>	<b>Mthr Cara</b>
	Reading: Luke 1.39-45 Hymns: 21, 185, 187, 9		
<b>11am</b>	<b>St Nick's</b>	<b>Community Eucharist</b>	<b>Rev'd Jane Kraft</b>
<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols</b>		<b>Fr Richard</b>



### Charity Advent Calendar

We continue to pray for charities supported by the parish or individual parishioners. This past week we have revealed: No 5: Young People Counselling Service, Church Mission Society, WaterAid, Wokingham FoodBank, Soulscape (one of those chosen for financial support 2022-2024) and The Royal British Legion. Today's door opened for Church Homeless Trust *and* Church Urban Foundation.

Please do take a moment on your way out of church to look at the entries, and remember the daily reveals on the St Paul's *Facebook* page have links to the relevant websites.

## Notices

The PCC Standing Committee have spent the last 48 hours thinking through what changes we need to make in Church as a result of the rising Covid infection rate locally. We are trying to make a proportionate response, changing what can usefully be adjusted without affecting our core mission and worship. Most things aren't going to change, obviously, but we are putting in place the following things:

- 1) We have kept wearing masks in Church, more or less, but wearing a mask is now a legal duty, from today. This won't feel a big change for most people but it is the first thing we need to ensure.
- 2) Keep using handgel, moving carefully around Church, being aware of others.
- 3) We are not asking people to socially distance in Church - you can still sit with whoever you like - but we are going to encourage people to sit in alternate pews. A few people have said that they don't know what to do when someone comes and sit behind them so we are trying to avoid that scenario by alternating where people sit - but you can still sit next to whoever you want to.
- 4) We are only going to do face to face Church meetings when necessary and there is no option.
- 5) Louise and Vanessa will be working from home again, so you need to contact them if you want to access the Office.
- 6) We are pausing coffee and refreshments after Church and after Nine Lessons etc- why not invite a friend or someone new home instead?

If there are other things we could or should be doing please do let me know- thank you for your understanding around this whole conversation, and thank you for all you are already doing to care for each other.

*Fr Richard*

### **Meditation Group**

1.15-1.45pm Tuesday 14th  
December in St Paul's.

Come and be still, in the midst  
of Christmas preparations.

The **Advent Course** continues  
on Zoom on Tuesday evening  
at 7.15pm, when we will be  
looking at the prophecies of  
Isaiah as they relate to the  
coming of Jesus.

**The Children's Society** are collecting outside Tesco's  
on December the 15th. Please speak to Jean  
Vaughan if you would be able and willing to help.

Please can anyone with a **Children's Society  
Collection Box** return it to Jo Gulliford

There are plenty of **Christmas at St Paul's** flyers  
at the back of church, so do take one for yourself  
as a reminder of when everything is happening,  
and why not take a couple to put through your  
neighbours' doors too?

For all the honey lovers out there... Clive Taylor has some churchyard honey  
available at £6 a jar. Contact him on 07771 773349 or [taylorclive@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:taylorclive@yahoo.co.uk)



## Prayers

**The sick:** Angela; Phoebe; Beth and Roy Holmes; Peter Richardson; Patrick Rendell; Sue and Chris Brereton; Olivia; Anne and Terry Jack; Svetoslava Stankova; Rhea; Christine Field

**The Recently Departed:** Richard, Margaret Rees, Susan Rea ("*Ray*"), John Turner, Michael Hambleton, Virginia Blethyn, Ann Gaul

**Year's Mind:** (12<sup>th</sup>) Zonny Smith, Audrey MacLennan; (13<sup>th</sup>) Norah Styles, Frank Barker; (14<sup>th</sup>) Ruth Lea, Dixie Hebbs, Ronald English; (16<sup>th</sup>) Alice Self; (18<sup>th</sup>) Gordon Johnson, Patrick Keelty

**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
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**Vanessa and Louise are currently working from home, so please call or email if you need access to the office**