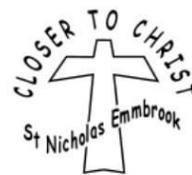


Pews News

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 and wear a mask throughout the service if you are able to. We are asking people to sit in alternate pews.

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.

19th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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| 9.30am | St Paul's Parish Mass | Mthr Cara |
| | Reading: Luke 1.39-45 Hymns: 21, 185, 187, 9 Voluntary: <i>Fuga sopra Magnificat (BWV 733)</i> , by J. S. Bach | |
| 11am | St Nick's Community Eucharist | Rev'd Jane Kraft |
| 6.15pm | Nine Lessons and Carols | Fr Richard |

Collect God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Week Ahead: 20th – 24th Dec

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| Monday | 8.30am | Zoom Meeting ID 753 2006 4518 Passcode 024453 | Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday | 9am | St Paul's | Morning Prayer |
| | 6.15pm | St Paul's | 'Pure Christmas' <i>For those who find Christmas hard or need some stillness</i> |
| | 7.15pm | Zoom Meeting ID 850 7789 8397 Passcode 876240 | Advent Course |
| Wednesday | 8.30am | Zoom Meeting ID 753 2006 4518 Passcode 024453 | Morning Prayer |
| Thursday | 8.30am | Zoom Meeting ID 753 2006 4518 Passcode 024453 | Morning Prayer |
| Friday | 9am 3pm & 5pm 9pm 11pm | St Paul's St Paul's Junior School Playground St Nicholas St Paul's | Morning Prayer Crib Service Midnight Mass Midnight Mass |

25th December: Christmas Day

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| 8am | St Paul's | Low Mass | Fr Richard |
| 9.30am | St Paul's | Christmas Day Eucharist | Fr Richard |

Charity Advent Calendar

We continue to thank God and pray for the many charities supported by the parish and individual parishioners. This past week we have opened the calendar doors for: First Days, For Life Thailand, Christian Aid, Wokingham Grub Club, Shelter, The Children's Society, and today ... The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). There is more information on the Calendar and web links can be found on St Paul's Facebook page.

In the lead up to Christmas we will be focussing on The Barnabas Fund, Yeldall Manor, The Link Visiting Scheme, Embrace the Middle East and, on Christmas Eve, the new charity for 2022-2024, **HomeStart Wokingham District**



Notices

Bearing in mind the rising Covid infection rate locally, we are putting in place the following things:

1. Wearing a mask in now is now a legal duty.
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 sits 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 making very minor changes to what happens in worship- there will be less processing in Church and we will again read the Gospel from the Chancel Step rather than the centre of the aisle.
5. We are only going to do face to face Church meetings when necessary and there is no option.
6. Louise and Vanessa will be working from home again, so you need to contact them if you want to access the Office.
7. We are pausing coffee and refreshments after Church and after Nine Lessons etc- why not invite a friend or someone new home instead?

All of the main services will be livestreamed and the key thing in all of this is to make sure that we are caring for and supporting everyone.

1. if you need help accessing the Livestream or the service orders please speak to Louise in the Office.
2. If you would like someone to ring you regularly please let the Rector know.
3. if you are not going to be able to get to Church over the next weeks but would like Communion at home please let Richard know that too.

Above all, whatever the next weeks bring, let's keep supporting each other and praying for each other and travelling together- one people, one Church, one pilgrimage into the heart of the one God.

Church Cleaning for Christmas

is happening on Monday the 20th of December at 10am. Do please come along if you are free because there is plenty to do after the last few years have made it so hard to clean.

There will be a working party to arrange the **Christmas flowers** on Thursday 23rd

December at 10am. Help in arranging would be much appreciated, together with any foliage that can be supplied.

Flowers are supplied.

We have an ace team in place to help with the 3pm **Crib Service** on Christmas Eve but would still like a couple of extra helpers with that, and also with the 5pm Service. Do please let Louise know if you can help

Prayers

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

The Recently Departed: Margaret Rees, Susan Rea, John Turner, Mike Hambleton, Virginia Blethyn, Ann Gaul, Winifred Winter, John, Jillian Lawrence, Gordon Douglas

Year's Mind: (19th) Sarah David, Douglas Burton; (20th) Fanny Walker, Richard Billington, Lorraine Harvey, Mary Harvey, Rafe Hattaway, Sheila Jupp; (21st) Katherine Beckett; (22nd) Mary Ellison, Dorothy Trimmer, Robin Barns; (23rd) Nina Peggs, Ian Field; (24th) William Allison, Peter Shepherd; (25th) Charles Cornall, Stanley Crew, Elizabeth Palmer

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

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| 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 is closed from Friday 24th December to Tuesday 4th January

Merry Christmas from Vanessa and Louise!