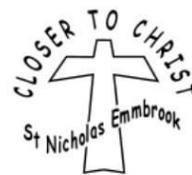


Pews News

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.

25th December: Christmas Day

8am **St Paul's** **Low Mass** **Fr Richard**

9.30am **St Paul's** **Christmas Day Eucharist** **Fr Richard**

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10, Luke 2.8-20

Voluntary: *Three settings of 'In dulci jubilo'* (BWV 368, 608 & 729), by J. S. Bach

Collect Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**



26th December: 1st Sunday of Christmas, St Stephen's Day

9.30am St Paul's Parish Mass

Fr Richard

Readings: Acts 7.51-end, Matthew 10.17-22

Hymns: 25, 22, 34, 39

Collect Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, 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, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Merciful Lord, we thank you for the signs of your mercy revealed in birth and death: save us by the coming of your Son, and give us joy in honouring Stephen, first martyr of the new Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

There will be no Morning Prayer either on Zoom or in Church between Christmas and New Year – we will be starting up again on Tuesday 4th January

2nd January: Epiphany

9.30am St Paul's Parish Mass

Mthr Cara

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6, Matthew 2.1-12

11am St Nick's Community Eucharist

Mthr Cara

Collect Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**





Thank you to everyone who has already worked so hard to clean our churches and ring the bells light candles and print orders of service and lead the singing in Church and run the livestream and sing carols in the market-place and ring other people and all of the other necessary jobs and joys which go into making Christmas in all three of our churches look so effortless- thank you. Thank you to those who come along to Church and those who join online.

We wish you a very happy Christmas from everyone in the parish, whatever you are doing, whoever you are with, however you feel.



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: Susan Rea, John Turner, Mike Hambleton, Virginia Blethyn, Ann Gaul, Winifred Winter, John, Jillian Lawrence, Gordon Douglas

Year's Mind: (25th) Charles Cornall, Stanley Crew, Elizabeth Palmer; (26th) Gerald Handsworth, Ian Ord-Hume; (27th) Deryn Dick, Lily Poole, Vic Dyer, Peter Haddrell; (29th) Thomas McNeish, Iain McIsaac, Gladys Dyer, Eric Watson, Geoffrey Eaton; (30th) Betty Arnold, Alicia Clegg; (31st) Annie Arnold, Martha Goddard; (1st) Jeanette Fineman

(2nd) Elsie Briggs, Hazel Jennings, Anita Mountain, Les Lovesey; (3rd) Leonard Strange; (4th) Vera Wicks; (6th) John Snell, Maria Lovesay, John Manson; (7th) John Smith, Florence Walker, Eva Liddiard, (8th) Annie Churchill, John Balfour

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.

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The office is closed from Friday 24th December to Tuesday 4th January

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Vanessa and Louise!