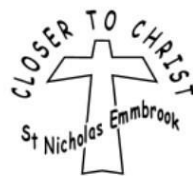


Pews News

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 in.

Socially distanced seating is available towards the back of the church.

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.

4th December: Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
		Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10, Matthew 3.1-12	
		Hymns: 12, 7, 6, 15	
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Richard

Antiphon for Advent 2: O key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel; that openest, and no man shutteth; and shuttest and no man openeth: Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house, and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

Collect O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Week Ahead 5th – 9th December

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
	4.30pm	Zoom	5678 Youth Club
		Meeting ID 822 9615 9100	Passcode 337378
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	7.15pm	Zoom	Bible Study
		Meeting ID 861 4762 3913	Passcode 70205
Wednesday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
	10.30am	17 Martins Drive	House Mass
	6.30pm	Parish Rooms	5678 Youth Club
		Upstairs	
Thursday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
Friday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat
		<i>Come along to chat, and relax with others</i>	

11th December: Third Sunday of Advent

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Rev'd Jane Kraft
		Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10, Matthew 11.2-11	
		Hymns: 10, 16, 18, 5	
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Jane Kraft

We are still looking for a **Health and Safety Officer**, to keep our policies updated and look out for concerns and problems. We also need more **volunteers to help run the concerts** we host in Church. If you are interested in green matters, you might like to join the new Deanery **Green Group**. We also need a **Treasurer for the Parish Rooms Trust**, which is a job which can be done in regular chunks rather than every day and would suit someone with an eye for figures and finance. Contact Louise in the office for more information on all of the above!

Notices

Book Sale TODAY

There will be a book sale in the Parish Rooms after the service today. All good quality, second hand books – and only £1 each! All proceeds to go to church funds

Thank you for all the lovely photos you have sent in for our **virtual Posada**. We can squeeze in a few more around the adventures of our own Mary and Joseph, so do please continue to email them to Louise in the office.

Can anyone with a **Children's Society collection box** please return it to Jo Gulliford. This is going to be the last year she will be taking them.
Thank you

Fr Richard will be giving a short **introduction to St Matthew's Gospel** over coffee in the Parish Rooms on Sunday 18th December.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

After the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6:15 pm on Sunday 18th December, the Social Committee will be providing mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Rooms. A few Donations of Stollen and a treat of some Home made Mince Pies would be most welcome. *Alan and Trish*

For anyone who was unable to attend the service organised by the Mothers' Union for the **16 Days of Activism** against gender-based violence, there are some copies of the order of service by the display at the back of church. Please feel free to take one home and perhaps use the prayers and reflections during the 16 days of the campaign.



Congratulations

to Paddy and Sarah on the birth of Alexander Michael Hancock King, born 1.42pm on Monday 28th November, 3.86kg.

Mother and baby doing wonderfully!

Prayers

The sick: Angela; Phoebe; Ailsa Harvey; Mike Dyer; Roy Holmes; Niki; Connor Broad; Sandra; Doreen; Alaister; Joss; Becky; Cara; Ann Day; Benjamin; Úna Standen; Jenny

The Recently Departed: Jeremy Ponting, Patricia Fowler, Wendy Durdin, Alan Povall

Year's Mind: (5th) Marion Townsend; (6th) Raymond Evans, Keith Begrie; (7th) David Holder; (8th) Sylvia Smith, Evelyn Nutley, Noelle Beaumont, Winifred Townsend, Roy Bennetts, Nena Lovesey; (9th) Walter Brant; (10th) Tom Kraft

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.

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
Rev'd Jane Kraft	01276 36402	revd.janekraft@btinternet.com	Rest Day Fri
Rev'd Judi Hattaway	0118 976 1197	judihattaway@mac.com	Rest Day Fri

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