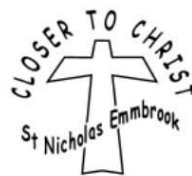


Pews News

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.

11th December: Third Sunday of Advent

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10, Matthew 11.2-11 Hymns: 10, 16, 18, 5 Voluntary: <i>Overture to the Oratorio "St. Paul"</i> , by Felix Mendelssohn (arr. W. T. Best)	Rev'd Jane Kraft
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Jane Kraft

Antiphon for Advent 3: O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us and tarry not.

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 12th – 16th December

Monday	8.30am	Zoom Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Morning Prayer Passcode 024453
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	1.15pm	St Paul's	Meditation Group
	7.15pm	Zoom Meeting ID 861 4762 3913	Bible Study Passcode 70205
Wednesday	8.30am	Zoom Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Morning Prayer Passcode 024453
	10.30am	17 Martins Drive	House Mass
	6.30pm	Parish Rooms Upstairs	5678 Youth Club
Thursday	8.30am	Zoom Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Morning Prayer Passcode 024453
	11.30am	West Oak Care Home	Communion
Friday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange Care Home	Communion
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat
<i>Come along to chat, and relax with others</i>			

18th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16, Matthew 1.18-end Hymns: 21, 185, 187, 9	Fr Richard
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
6.15pm	St Paul's	Nine Lessons & Carols	Fr Richard & Rev'd David Hodgson

Take home your free Winter **Pathways** magazine today. Features include a useful piece on improving your resilience and an expert's view of what Jesus might do if *he* were chancellor. An article on reconciliation will help anyone seeking to love their neighbour when that is challenging. There's also a guide to finance in our diocese and how that money helps our churches and schools to thrive.

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

Meditation Group

Tuesday 13th December St Paul's Church.
Arrive from 1pm for 1.15pm start.

Susannah

meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk

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*

Christmas Flowers

I am planning to prepare the Church for Christmas on Friday 23rd December, meet at 10.00 a.m. Flowers will be supplied but contributions of foliage and help would be very much appreciated and any donations people wish to make.
Sue Davenport

BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR THE LENT RETREAT

The parish retreat is set to take place at St Columba's House in Woking from **6pm on Friday 3rd to 2.30pm on Sunday 5th March 2023**

Further information and a booking form are available on the parish website:

<https://spauls.co.uk/lent-retreat-2023/>

PARISH GIVING SCHEME UPDATE

60% of our regular givers have now transferred over to the Parish Giving Scheme, which is really great news! That does however leave quite a few donors who are still using envelopes or giving by standing order. The benefits to the parish through using the PGS scheme are very significant, not just the reduction in workload and administration, so please, if you haven't yet joined, do consider it and talk to Lyn. He would be very happy to answer any questions you may have ... and give you an application form!

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; Margaret Newman; Dinah

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

Year’s Mind: (11th) Alfred Windsor, Joanne Platt, Jillian Lawrence; (12th) Zonny Smith, Audrey MacLennan; (13th) Norah Styles, Frank Barker; (14th) Ruth Lea, Dixie Hebbs, Ronald English; (16th) Alice Self; (17th) Patrick Keelty

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship
might echo in these walls
and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in mission,
that the hope within
might be the song we sing,
and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation
draw us together in service,
that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.

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