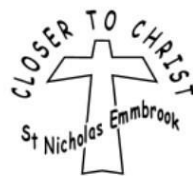


# Pews News

**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.

## 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
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9.30am	St Paul's	Christmas Day Eucharist	Fr Richard
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Hymns: 34, 22, 32, 26

*Sleigh bells across the snow*, by Malcolm Archer

**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.**



The office is now closed until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Vanessa and Louise!

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 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Coffee and Chat will be continuing over the Christmas holidays so do come along on Friday from 1.45-4pm if you fancy some friendly company and a hot drink



## 1<sup>st</sup> January: First Sunday after Christmas

9.30am    St Paul's    Parish Mass    Fr Richard

Hymns: 25, 22, 34,  
*In dir ist Freude (BWV 615)*, by J. S. Bach

**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.**

**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.**

## 8<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany

8am    St Paul's    Low Mass    Fr Richard

9.30am    St Paul's    Parish Mass    Fr Richard

Hymns: We three kings, 47, 48, 49



## Notices

### JANUARY LUNCH

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 12.30 for 1pm  
Adult £12.50/Child £6/ Family £32  
Sign up at the back of church ASAP

Payment by cash or BACs:

Account Name: PCC St Pauls  
Sort Code: 20-11-74  
Account no: 80683752  
Ref: Lunch


More information from Trish or Alan:  
trishgatland@hotmail.co.uk  
al\_harrison@hotmail.co.uk

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2.30pm on Sunday  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Further information and a booking form  
are available on the parish website:  
<https://spauls.co.uk/lent-retreat-2023/>

Just a reminder that if you find you have bought more presents than you actually needed to give, they would be very welcome as raffle prizes. All contributions to Mary Cassidy please.



Huge thanks to everyone  
who has done so much to make  
Christmas such a joy – cleaners,  
postcard deliverers, flower arrangers,  
bellringers, musicians .. and everyone  
who has sent crib photos, sung carols in  
the market place, visited care homes and  
welcomed people coming to church for  
our Christmas services.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas,  
whatever you are doing, whoever you are  
with and however you are feeling.

## Prayers

**The sick:** Angela; Phoebe; Ailsa Harvey; Mike Dyer; Roy Holmes; Niki; Connor Broad; Sandra; Doreen; Alaister; Joss; Becky; Cara; Benjamin; Úna Standen; Jenny; Margaret Newman; Dinah; Mark

**The Recently Departed:** Alan Povall, Rosaleen Waddell, Sheila Hill, Clifford Cranston

**Year's Mind:** Bernadette Doyle; (25<sup>th</sup>) Charles Cornall, Stanley Crew, Elizabeth Palmer; (26<sup>th</sup>) Gerald Handsworth, Ian Ord-Hume; (27<sup>th</sup>) Deryn Dick, Lily Poole, Vic Dyer, Peter Haddrell, Fiona Anderson; (29<sup>th</sup>) Thomas Mc Neish, Iain McIsaac, Gladys Dyer, Eric Watson, Geoffrey Eaton; (30<sup>th</sup>) Betty Arnold, Alicia Clegg; (31<sup>st</sup>) Annie Arnold, Martha Goddard; (1<sup>st</sup>) Jeanette Fineman; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Elsie Briggs, Hazel Jennings, Anita Mountain, Les Lovesey; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Leonard Strange; (4<sup>th</sup>) Vera Wicks; (6<sup>th</sup>) John Snell, Maria Lovesay, John Manson; (7<sup>th</sup>) John Smith, Florence Walker, Eva Liddiard

God of love, Father of all,  
the darkness that covered the earth  
has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh.  
Make us a people of this light.  
Make us faithful to your Word  
that we may bring your life to the waiting world.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

### Churchwarden

Peter Wells	0118 377 6351	peter.wells@spauls.co.uk
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### Deputy Churchwarden

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### Deputy Warden for Mission and Spirituality

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### Church Administrator

Louise Cole	0118 979 2122	church.office@spauls.co.uk
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### Parish Rooms Administrator

Vanessa Hemmi	0118 334 2668	parish.rooms@spauls.co.uk
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