

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.

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.

5th February: 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Mthr Cara
		Readings: Corinthians 2.1-12, Matthew 5.13-20	
		Hymns: 345, 285, 441, 408	
		Voluntary: <i>Allegro assai vivace</i> , from Sonata no. 1 in F Minor, by Felix Mendelssohn	
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway

Collect Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever **Amen**.

The Week Ahead 6th – 10th February

Monday	8.30am	Zoom Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Morning Prayer Passcode 024453
	4.30pm	Zoom Meeting ID 822 9615 9100	5678 Youth Club Passcode 337378
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	7.15pm	Zoom Meeting ID 838 7693 1293	Bible Study Passcode 254711
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
Friday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange Care Home	Communion
	2.15pm	Berkshire Care Home Care Home	Service
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat <i>Come along to chat, and relax with others</i>

12th February: 2nd Sunday before Lent

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Rev'd Jane Kraft
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass Hymns: 377, 401, 276, 436	Rev'd Miles Welborn
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway

Notices

Please can return any palm crosses from last year to the back of church so that they can be burned ready for Ash Wednesday.

There are a number of key roles which are not filled at the moment, or which we know are going to be vacant soon. This is a golden moment, perhaps, for someone who has been coming to Church for a while and is not sure how to get more involved to step up, or for someone to change jobs, or add something to their week. The key things are that asking for more details is not the same as being committed to do it- and that you can also chat to a friend and suggest that they might think about something.

PCC Roles: the PCC is the Committee which runs the church, essentially, in terms of planning, oversight, priorities, accountability and support. We know that we will need a **PCC Secretary** from April, and we will need a **Churchwarden**, and also **3 PCC Members**. It is a great way to find out more about the Church and to make an impact on what we do and who we are. Being a PCC Member is not a huge commitment- obviously, being Secretary or Warden or bigger jobs, but we are an effective, warm and encouraging group and we welcome new ideas and opinions. We also need a **Safeguarding Manager** (who would work with Chris Barker and the Clergy to make sure that we are doing everything we should be to make sure everyone is safe) and a **Health and Safety Officer** (who would enjoy writing risk assessments) and a **Treasurer for the Parish Rooms Trust** (which would suit someone who is comfortable with finances and could do the job whenever they wanted to, say two hours a week).

Another two roles we are looking for are: a **Concert Verger** to help organise, support and oversee musical concerts and Christmas Services, and a **Verger for Funerals** who will be available during the week to support that vital ministry. (This last role can be paid). Again, if you would like to find out more, please speak to a member of the Clergy.

On Friday, 17th February 2023 the choir will be singing Evensong at Chichester Cathedral at 5.30pm and once again it would be lovely to have members of the congregation join us. A coach will be leaving the Parish Rooms car park at 10.30 am and leave Chichester at 8pm, arriving back in Wokingham around 9.30 pm. The cost is £25.00 per adult and £7.50 per child. There will a sign-up sheet at the back of church or you can email Rhoda at prr.treasurer@spauls.org.uk.

As this event is only a matter of a few weeks away, please sign up as soon as possible but by Sunday, 29th January at the latest; payment in advance would be appreciated. If you would like to make a direct payment, please would you make it to the Parish Rooms bank account: **St Paul's Parish Room Trust - Sort Code: 20 11 74 - A/c No: 50764582**

If you would prefer to pay by cash or cheque, you can either give it to Rhoda on a Sunday or put the money in an envelope, marked CHICHESTER and drop it in to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made payable to: **St Paul's Parish Room Trust.**

Prayers

The sick: Angela; Peter, Benjamin, Hugo, Abbos

The Recently Departed: Clifford Cranston, Roy Holmes, Chris Smith, Muriel Pullin, Joyce Oswell, Patrick Rendell

Year’s Mind: (5th) Margaret Jervis, Stephen Freer; (6th) Kate Cann, (7th) John Harris, Sheila Tucker, Jan Cook; (9th) Evelyn Tucker, Michelle Dorey; (10th) Rose Knapp, Stan Giddings

Uphold, O Lord, all those who suffer for their faith.
May they know you as a rock to stand on
And a light to guide the way.
May their hearts be filled with grace
And their voices be raised in song.
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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

Churchwarden

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

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Parish Rooms Administrator

Vanessa Hemmi	0118 334 2668	parish.rooms@spauls.co.uk
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The office in the Parish Rooms is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
from 9.30am to 12 noon