

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. You are welcome to receive the bread and the wine, or, if you prefer, to take the bread only.

Communion can be received either at the altar rail or in your pew. Please tell the priest if you need a gluten-free wafer. If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing please come forward with everyone else and keep your head bowed at the rail. If you would like to receive communion or a blessing in the pew, please tell one of the welcomers (the people wearing name badges).

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.

6th August: Feast of the Transfiguration

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
		Readings: Psalm 97, Luke 9.28-36	
		Hymns: 343, 178, 433, 443	
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Canon John Edwards

Collect Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Week Ahead 7th – 11th August

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
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>	

13th August: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Mthr Cara
		Readings: Isaiah 6.1-10, Luke 1.46-55	
		Hymns: 366, 358, 185, 186	
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Richard

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for the **Church in Madagascar**- we were able to send £525 to support the work of the Church there, which is an excellent outcome and will make a real difference to life and ministry there.



White Gift Aid envelopes are available in each pew for visitors. If you're a UK tax payer we can reclaim the tax on the amount you donate, but please remember to fill in your name and address on the envelope. Our QR code can be used for making donations, with the option of Gift Aid. Thank you.

Notices

Meditation Group Tuesday 8th August at St Paul's Church.

Arrive from 1pm for 1.15pm start.

Susannah meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk

August Highlight!

During August we will be having a mini-sermon series, based on the Christlike Church we are called to be here in the diocese of Oxford. The diocese has thought and prayed a lot over the past few years, as well as listening to local churches, and from those conversations have come up with 5 different things that we can focus on as a church. All of these fall under us being 'Contemplative, Compassionate, Courageous', but more than that, can give us a focus and help us reflect on who we are as people of St Paul's and St Nick's, and how we inhabit our calling here in Wokingham and Emmbrook.

Do come along to services in church or on the livestream, and if you're away on holiday then have a fantastic time secure in the knowledge that we plan to circulate the readings and sermons so you have something to look forward to on your return!

The sermon series will be:

Aug 13th- Introduction and Fighting Inequality

Aug 20th- Nurture of new disciples and New Congregations

Aug 27th- Young people and protecting the Environment

Please do talk about these after coffee, and let Richard or Cara know if there's something in particular that has struck you and that you'd like opportunity to think about more.

Organ recital

The first of Chris Cipkin's series of organ recitals – 'Music for a Summer Evening' – will be on Sunday 20th August at 6.15pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 21st October 2023

WHY? Quiet Day at St Mary's Winnersh
Details to follow....

September 9th 2023 - Ride & Stride

This is the annual event to raise money for both the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust and St Paul's Parish. We need **Walkers** and **Riders** who are sponsored to visit churches in Berkshire and we need a team of **Welcomers** in the church to greet people visiting St Paul's Church. Let me know if you can take part in this event - If you can't, please sponsor those who are. Andrew Harte - rideandstride@spauls.org.uk

Prayers

The sick: Alan, Jeannie Rendell, Douglas

The Recently Departed: Eve Siggins, John Clines, Margaret Castle, Brian Patmore, Phil Paine

Year's Mind: (7th) Marilyn Hartley, Malcolm Armstrong-Irving; (8th) Walter Edmed; (9th) Evgeny Synytskiy; (10th) Meg Corfe; (11th) May Snell, Kathleen Chafen, Lesley Watson; (12th) Paul Rogers, Frankie Phillips-Jones

Lord, you are a God who sets the captives free. Your Spirit searches restlessly for those in despair, that they may find the life you are calling them to. We pray for those who are being trafficked and callously put to work in our region. May we who are blinded by the shallow distractions of daily life, feel the fear of the cornered and be roused to action. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Live streaming

Please note that most acts of worship at St Paul's are 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, 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 Judi Hattaway	0118 976 1197	judihattaway@mac.com	Rest Day Fri
Rev'd Jane Kraft	01276 36402	revd.janekraft@btinternet.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**