

Pews News

St Paul's Church, Wokingham
St Nicholas' Church, Emmbrook



Welcome to this house of prayer. 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 free to contribute and join in.

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). Welcome home.

12th November: Remembrance Sunday

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
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9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
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Hymns: 417, I vow to thee my country, 466, 294, 488, 489

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

Anthem: *Eternal Rest* (Whitborn)

Voluntary: 'St Anne' Fugue in E flat (BWV 552), by J. S. Bach

11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
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Collect Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Post Communion Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Week Ahead 13th – 18th November

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
	5pm	Zoom	9 to 5 Youth Club
		Meeting ID 822 9615 9100	Passcode 337378
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	1.15pm	St Paul's	Meditation Group
	7.15pm	Zoom	Bible Study
		Meeting ID 838 7693 1293	Passcode 254711
Wednesday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
	10.30am	17 Martins Drive	Morning Worship & Prayer
	6.30pm	Parish Rooms Upstairs	9 to 5 Youth Club
Thursday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
	11.30am	West Oak Care Home	Communion
Friday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat

19th November: 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Mthr Cara
	Hymns: 449, 484, 419, 499		
	Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30		
	Anthem: <i>O thou who camest from above</i> (Stopford)		
	Voluntary: <i>Allegro maestoso and Fuga from Sonata no 2 in C</i> , By Felix Mendelssohn		
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Jane Kraft
6.15pm	St Paul's	Choral Evensong & Sermon Series	Fr Richard

Notices

Meditation Group Tuesday 14th November,
St Paul's Church.
Arrive from 1pm for 1.15pm start.
Susannah meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk

Please note that the
church office is closed until
Monday 27th November

Help needed for asylum seekers

We are looking for people who can volunteer to support English Language teaching, in person on Mondays and Thursdays and also people who feel confident enough to sit with people and help them fill out benefit application forms and apply for accommodation. The aim is to begin offering support from St Nicholas' Church in Earley, which a view to scaling up and out to other churches as and if necessary. In addition, we are looking at accommodation options for those people being evicted from hotels with no or little notice. One option is to ask for short-term community hosts (who we would want to register with Sanctuary Hosting or Refugees at Home) who are able to offer a spare room.

If you would like to know more, if you feel you can help with practical support in the week, including teaching English or if you can offer a spare room, please speak to Fr Richard, who will put in touch with Liz Jackson, Associate Archdeacon.

The **Social Committee** do an amazing job of serving tea and coffee, preparing loads of amazing meals, organising events and making sure that no-one goes away hungry. There are a couple of vacancies at the moment on what is a popular and practical and enjoyable group to be part of. Please speak to Alan Harrison, Trish Gatland or Fr Richard if you would like to find out more.

Churches Together in Wokingham are running a stall at the **Wokingham Winter Carnival** on Sunday 26th November 2023 from 11am to 5pm.

Last year we gave away 800 Christingle packs with a Christian booklet inside. There was huge demand for the packs and they went quickly so this year we are planning to give away 1,000. We need volunteers to help with the stall on the Sunday (11 – 5) and to help with preparing the bags on Saturday 25th Nov, 9:30-11:30 at Wokingham Baptist Church. If you can offer a couple of hours on either day to help, please call or message Victor Freeney on 07747 642073 or email victor_freeney@hotmail.com

If you think you would benefit from some company on Christmas Day, or you know someone who would, the **Link Visiting Scheme** would love to hear from you. To refer someone for our lunch, to volunteer or to donate, visit www.linkvisiting.org/christmas or call 0118 9798019

Prayers

The sick: David, Micah, Elma Kallenbourne, Simon, Lynette Dooner

The Recently Departed: Fred Palmer, Natalie, Mary Kelly, Robert

Year's Mind 12th Nov: (12th) Stan Smith, Christina Jordan; (13th) Dorothy Beeny, Michael Sargeant; (14th) May Winter, Rex Blamires; (15th) Jean Gemmell; (16th) Wilfred Fildes; (18th) Jane Joyce, Amy Charity, Ken Nightingale

Lord God,

We come to you as the source of all comfort, asking that you send your Spirit to surround and uphold all those who are grieving, all those who are suffering, all those in fear, and all those in captivity.

May the arms of comfort and compassion, overwhelm the arms of war. 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 (part-time)	0118 901 4365	cara.smart@spauls.co.uk	Rest Days Mon,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

Churchwardens

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The office in the Parish Rooms is closed until Monday 27th November