

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.

3rd December: Advent Sunday

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
	Hymns: 3,11,14,9 Readings: Mark 13.24-end, Isaiah 64.1-9 Anthem: <i>This is the truth sent from above</i> , by R. Vaughan Williams Voluntary: <i>Rhapsody on 'Helmsley'</i> , by William Lloyd Webber		
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Richard
6.15pm	St Paul's	Advent Service of Words and Music	Fr Richard

Collect Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Week Ahead 4th – 8th December

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518 Passcode 024453	
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
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
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange Care Home	Communion
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat
		<i>Come along to chat, and relax with others</i>	

10th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Mthr Cara
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway

Yeldall Manor is asking for SMALL items such as stationery, books, pocket games, men's clothing (i.e. scarves, gloves - no socks), quality men's toiletries, confectionery, and other stocking fillers. Please wrap the items individually, with a post-it note indicating the contents. I am willing to take them to the centre if people get them to me by **Sunday 17th December**. For those who don't know about Yeldall Manor, it is a Christian community centre in Hare Hatch which accommodates and supports men undergoing rehabilitation for drug and alcohol addiction. *Teri Austen*

Notices

Meditation Group meets on Tuesday 5th December. Please note this is one week earlier than usual 2nd Tuesday of month. 1 for 1.15pm. St Paul's Church. All welcome, no previous experience needed. Do get in touch if you would like to know more. Susannah Riley Meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk

We have lots of **Christmas postcards** to deliver again this year, to tell everyone about our Christmas services. If you are able to deliver to a few roads, please get in touch with Louise Cole in the office to arrange collection either from the office or the back of church and to make sure we don't duplicate roads!

The Mothers' Union branches of St Paul's and All Saints' are holding a joint service dedicated to the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** on **Tuesday 5th December** at All Saints' Church, starting at 10am. Everyone is invited to this service and there will be refreshments to follow. If you have any queries, please speak to Teri Austen or Jean Vaughan.

Free to a good home!

We have a part used bag of smokeless coal that we can't use now we have a log burner. Would anyone like it?
David & Lesley Ruddock

The **Games Evening** on 10th December has been postponed until the New Year.

Wednesday Youth Group will now not be meeting until next term.

Please don't forget to let Liz Gallagher know if you are planning to go to St Nick's for their **Patronal Festival Lunch** on the 10th of December after the 11am service.

The Choir are singing in the **Market Place** on Saturday the 9th at about 10.30- do pop by, do offer your support, do join in!

Saturday 3rd February 2024 – Choir singing Evensong at Bristol Cathedral

As always, it would be lovely to have members of the congregation join us for the day. A coach will leave Wokingham at 9.30 am and leave Bristol at 6.30 pm arriving back at 8.00 pm approx. Cost: £27.50 per adult, £7.50 per child. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church or you can email Rhoda at prt.treasurer@spauls.org.uk.

As this event is only two months away, numbers are needed as soon as possible, and payment in advance would be appreciated, please, as a deposit has to be paid when booking the coach. If you would like to make a direct payment, please would you make it to the Parish Room bank account:

St Paul's Parish Room Trust - Sort Code: 20 11 74 - A/c No: 50764582

Reference: Choir Bristol

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 **BRISTOL** and drop it in to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made payable to: **St Paul's Parish Room Trust.**

Prayers

The sick: Lynette Dooner, Tara Roach, Una Standen, Elly Stott, Mary Carney

The Recently Departed: Robert, Rosemary Carpenter, Sheila Frale, John Hemmi, Edna Rowlands, Mary Kelly

Year's Mind: (5th) Marion Townsend; (6th) Raymond Evans, Keith Begrie; (7th) David Holder; (8th) Sylvia Smith, Evelyn Nutley, Noelle Beaumont, Winifred Townsend, Roy Bennetts, Nena Lovesey; (9th) Walter Brant

God of hope,
be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond,
be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together,
be with us in our worship and our praying together,
be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond,
our God of hope.

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 open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
from 9.30am to 12 noon**