

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.

10th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
	Hymns: 12, 16, 15, 5		
	Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11, Mark 1.1-8		
	Anthem: <i>A tender shoot has started up</i> , by Otto Goldschmidt		
	Voluntary: <i>Organ Trio on 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme' (op. 100, no. 4)</i> , by Gustav Merkel		
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway

Collect O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Week Ahead 11th – 15th December

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
	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	House Mass
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>	

17th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
	Hymns: 10, 7, 6, 18 Readings: John 1.6-8, 19-28		
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Richard
6.15pm	St Paul's	Nine Lessons & Carols	Fr Richard

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

We still have a lot of **Christmas postcards** to deliver, 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!

9 Lessons and Carols

Sunday 17th December at 6:15 pm.
The social committee will be providing refreshments after the service, including mulled wine and mince pies. Gifts of mince pies would be greatly appreciated.

Coffee & Chat has been cancelled on Friday 29th December.

We will be making **Christingles** in the Parish Rooms from 9.30am on Saturday 23rd December.
Do please come along and help!



Christmas Flowers

I am planning to arrange the Christmas Flowers on Saturday 23rd December at 10.00 a.m. If anyone is able to come along to help can they please let me know on 01189 786554 so that I can order the flowers.
Any foliage is much appreciated.
Sue Davenport

The next **deanery green gathering** will be in the Parish Rooms on Sunday 21st January 2024 at 2pm. Put it in your diary now and look out for more information nearer the time.

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, Wendy Gooding, John Fiddes

The Recently Departed: Rosemary Carpenter, Sheila Frale, John Hemmi, Edna Rowland, Mary Kelly, John Warren

Year's Mind: (10th) Tom Kraft; (11th) Alfred Windsor, Joanne Platt, Jillian Lawrence; (12th) Zonny Smith, Audrey MacLennan; (13th) Norah Styles, Frank Barker; (14th) Ruth Lea, Dixie Hebbs, Ronald English; (16th) Alice Self

Prince of Peace, in a world filled with turmoil,
grant us the tranquility that only your peace can bring.
Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and harmony in our
relationships and communities. 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 open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
from 9.30am to 12 noon**