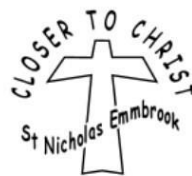


Pews News

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.

17th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am	St Paul's Parish Mass	Fr Richard
	Hymns: 10, 7, 6, 18 Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end, John 1.6-8, 19-28 Anthem: <i>Zion hears the watchmen's voices</i> , by J. S. Bach Voluntary: <i>A fugal flourish on 'Personent Hodie'</i> , by Philip Moore	
11am	St Nick's Community Eucharist	Fr Richard
6.15pm	St Paul's Nine Lessons & Carols	Fr Richard

Collect O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Week Ahead 18th – 22nd December

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 753 2006 4518	Passcode 024453
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
	10am	St Paul's	Crib Service
	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>	

24th December: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
	Hymns: 21, 185, 187, 9		
	Readings: Luke 1.26-38		
3pm & 5pm	St Paul's	Christingle Service	Fr Richard
9pm	St Nick's	First Mass of Christmas	Rev'd Colin James
11pm	St Paul's	Midnight Mass	Fr Richard

Notices



Teddy Sutton has a new brother!

Many congratulations indeed to Pippa and John and Teddy on the safe arrival of Thomas James Sutton on the 13th of December 2023. At the time of going to press Pippa and Thomas are still in Hospital but hoping to come home very soon. We note with gratitude the level of planning which went into providing the ideal sermon illustration for Christmas Day. It is a level of commitment which sets a high bar for everyone else and which makes sure that this is such a good Church family to belong to.

9 Lessons and Carols

TODAY 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.

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

We will be making **Christingles** in the Parish Rooms from 10am on Saturday 23rd December. Do please come along and help!



There are some small books of reflections for the **12 Days of Christmas** at the back of Church - pay £2 for 2 and buy one for someone else who would enjoy it.

We still have some **Christmas service postcards** to deliver. 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!

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, Judi Hattaway, Bryan Adams, Leanne Fuller, Micah, Brian

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

Year's Mind: (17th) Patrick Keelty, Colin Wood; (18th) Gordon Johnson; (19th) Sarah David, Douglas Burton; (20th) Fanny Walker, Richard Billington, Lorraine Harvey, Mary Harvey, Rafe Hattaway, Sheila Jupp; (21st) Katherine Beckett, Bernadette Doyle; (22nd) Mary Ellison, Dorothy Trimmer, Robin Barns; (23rd) Nina Peggs, Ian Field

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

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**The office in the Parish Rooms is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
from 9.30am to 12 noon**