

# 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.

## 24<sup>th</sup> December: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**9.30am**     **St Paul's**     **Parish Mass**     **Fr Richard**  
Hymns: 21, 185, 187, 9  
Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16, Luke 1.26-38  
Anthem: *Jesus Christ the apple tree* (Elizabeth Poston)  
Voluntary: *Fugue on the Magnificat (BWV 733)*, by J. S. Bach

<b>3pm &amp; 5pm</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Christingle Service</b>	<b>Fr Richard</b>
<b>9pm</b>	<b>St Nick's</b>	<b>First Mass of Christmas</b>	<b>Rev'd Colin James</b>
<b>11pm</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>Fr Richard</b>

**Collect** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day

8am      St Paul's      Low Mass      Fr Richard

9.30am      St Paul's      Christmas Day Eucharist      Fr Richard

Hymns: 34, 22, 32, 26

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7, Luke 2.1-14

Anthems: *Bulalow* (Burton), *Up good Christen folk* (arr. Woodward)

**Collect** Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Post Communion** God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



## 31<sup>st</sup> January: First Sunday of Christmas

9.30am      St Paul's      Parish Mass      Fr Richard

Hymns: 25, 22, 34, 39

Readings: Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Luke 2.15-21

11am      St Nicholas      Community Eucharist      Fr Richard

**Collect** Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Notices

The office is now closed until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Vanessa and Louise!*

There will be no Morning Prayer either on Zoom or in Church between Christmas and New Year – we will be starting up again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

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

### **Parish Lunch 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Put it in your diary now and look out for further details in the New Year!

There are some small books of reflections for the **12 Days of Christmas** at the back of Church- why not pay £2 for 2 and buy one for someone else?

**Rosemary Carpenter** passed away peacefully at home on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023. Before moving from Wokingham to Devon with her husband David Carpenter, Rosemary had been deeply involved in the life of St Paul's for many years. During that time she spent many years teaching at The Holt School, was a member of the Mothers Union, the PCC, and was also part of St Nicholas' Church too. Her memory of those activities, along with all the people that she knew were very precious to her and she always regarded them fondly. She will be missed. Her funeral took place at St John's Church, Bovey Tracey, Devon on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Huge thanks to everyone who has done so much to make Christmas such a joy – cleaners, postcard deliverers, flower arrangers, bellringers, musicians .. and everyone who has visited care homes and welcomed people coming to church for our Christmas services.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas, whatever you are doing, whoever you are with and however you are feeling.



## 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, Cara Smart

**The Recently Departed:** Rosemary Carpenter, John Hemmi, John Warren, Audrey Williams, Margaret Fielden, Malcolm Wicks

**Year's Mind:** (24<sup>th</sup>) William Allison, Peter Shepherd; (25<sup>th</sup>) Charles Cornall, Stanley Crew, Elizabeth Palmer; (26<sup>th</sup>) Gerald Handsworth, Ian Ord-Hume; (27<sup>th</sup>) Deryn Dick, Lily Poole, Vic Dyer, Peter Haddrell, Fiona Anderson, Fr Roy Holmes, Paul Weaver; (29<sup>th</sup>) Thomas McNeish, Iain McIsaac, Gladys Dyer, Eric Watson, Geoffrey Eaton; (30<sup>th</sup>) Betty Arnold, Alicia Clegg; (31<sup>st</sup>) Annie Arnold, Martha Goddard; (1<sup>st</sup>) Jeanette Fineman; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Elsie Briggs, Hazel Jennings, Anita Mountain, Les Lovesey; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Leonard Strange; (4<sup>th</sup>) Vera Wicks; (6<sup>th</sup>) John Snell, Maria Lovesay, John Manson; (7<sup>th</sup>) John Smith, Florence Walker, Eva Liddiard

### 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
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**The office in the Parish Rooms is now closed until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.**