

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.

28th January: Candlemas

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
	Hymns: 33 (<i>omit * verses</i>), 338, 44, 391		
	Readings: Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40		
	Anthem: <i>O nata lux de lumine</i> , by Thomas Tallis		
	Voluntary: <i>Recessional on 'Shine, Jesus shine'</i> , by David Blackwell		
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Richard

Collect Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Week Ahead 29th January – 2nd February

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	10 Ashton Road	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
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat
		<i>Come along to chat, and relax with others</i>	

4th February: 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattway

Our two Christingle Services raised **over £1,420 for the Children's Society**, which is excellent! Thank you to everyone who helped with those services.

Ash Wednesday is on **14th February**.

There will be services in St Paul's at 10.30am and 8pm.

Notices

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

For members of the congregation joining the choir for Evensong at Bristol Cathedral - The coach will be leaving the Parish Room Car Park at 9.30 am. Evensong at 3.30 pm. Return Departure at 6.30 pm. If anyone needs to contact me, please email pri.treasurer@spauls.org.uk. Rhoda

On 4th February we will be commissioning our team of **Pastoral Visitors** in the morning services at St Paul's and St Nick's.

Our next **Parish Games Evening** will be on **Sunday 4th February** from 7pm in the Parish Rooms. BYO drinks and games and we will provide nibbles and entertainment!

We have our annual **Foodbank Collection** on 11th February.

Please can you bring things along that morning at both St Paul's and St Nick's.

St Nick's are hosting a **Taizé service** at 3pm on the 11th of February.

Please can you return any **palm crosses** from last year to the back of church so that they can be burned ready for Ash Wednesday.

Songs of Praise - Sunday 11th February 6.15pm

Would you like to choose your favourite hymn, reading or poem for a Songs of Praise evening? Is there a hymn, reading or poem that has a special significance for you? If you would be willing to say a few words about why the item is special, that would be even better. We would love to include them in this special service which is being held to raise funds for new hymnbooks. There are slips to fill in at the back of church – either put them in the box or through the Parish Rooms letterbox, or email Louise in the office with your choices by Sunday 4th February at the latest. If your item is chosen, we ask that you make a suggested donation of £20 to the fundraising.

Please do come along and join in the singing that evening. Refreshments in church afterwards. *Louise Turner and Lesley Ruddock*

You are invited to a **Quiet Day** to include:

- ✂ plenty of silence
- ✂ a service of the Eucharist
- ✂ talks by Fr Richard and Revd Becky Medlicott

...on the theme of **WHY STILLNESS**

Saturday 24th February, 10.00am to 4.00pm
St James Centre, Finchampstead RG40 4LU
For further information and booking, contact mary.cassidy@spauls.org.uk

There will be a session for people who have **joined the parish** in the last few years on the evening of the **3rd of March**- details to follow but consider yourself invited!

Prayers

The sick: Lynette Dooner, Judi Hattaway, Brian, Cara Smart, Phil Williams, Ailsa Harvey

The Recently Departed: Valda Hood-Chin, Dave Stares, Leanne Fuller, Julian Townsend (Hancock), Bryan Adams, June Stapley, Roy Thomson, Keith Yallop, Sheila Gambrell

Year's Mind: (29th) Henry Walker, Michael Dowling; (30th) John Alexander, Peter Wickham; (31st) Rev'd Henry Walter, Edward Price, Patrick Rendell; (1st) Charles Poole; (3rd) Joan Maddock

Light our darkness, O Lord,
and reveal the unspeakable
lest we forget the victims of our inhumanity.
Turn our hearts to repentance
and our actions to justice. 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

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