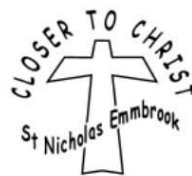


Pews News

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 March: Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am	St Paul's Parish Mass	Canon John Edwards
	Hymns: 64, 73, 62, 76	
	Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25	
	Anthem: <i>O Saviour of the world</i> , by Arthur Somerville	
	Voluntary: <i>Chorale Prelude on Herzliebster Jesu</i> (op. 122, no. 2), by Johannes Brahms	
11am	St Nick's Community Eucharist	Canon John Edwards

Collect Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Week Ahead 4th – 8th March

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	Morning Worship & Prayer Service
	<i>Lent Discussion Group has been cancelled</i>		
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
	12 noon	St Paul's	Stations of the Cross
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat
		<i>Come along to chat, and relax with others</i>	

10th March: Mothering Sunday



8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard

We will be making **posies for Mothering Sunday** on Friday 7th March at Coffee & Chat
Flowers supplied - contributions of foliage very welcome.

Notices

Important Update on Finance

Our short 'giving' campaign started last week, when we heard from our Treasurer, Lyn Austen, as well as Fr Richard. Crucial facts about the challenges we are facing have been sent out by Bertie and are also available at the back of church (pink sheets). *Do please give it some thought and feel free to speak to either Lyn or Fr Richard if you have any questions at all.*

There is a **Mothers' Union meeting** on Thursday 7th March at 12.30pm in the Carpenter Room in the Parish Rooms. This is principally a social gathering so all are very warmly invited to join us. Bring along some lunch, sandwiches etc and we will provide tea, coffee and biscuits. If you would like to know more, please speak to me. *Teri Austen*

Don't forget next week is **Mothering Sunday**. There will be flowers for mums and grandmums and even better, Esther and Erin are organising a **cake sale** to raise funds for Church. Please bring cash or a card – cake donations also welcome on the day.

As in previous years **Easter Lilies** can be purchased in memory of loved ones or as a donation to the cost. The cost is £3.00 per lily. Donations and names by Sunday 24th March. Donations can be left at the Parish Office. *Sue Davenport*

Music for Springtime

The next performance in our organ recital series will be on **Sat 9th March at 11.30am**. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the St Paul's church organ restoration.

Swiftly followed by...

Lent Lunch

The Mothers Union & Social Committee invite you to Lunch in the Parish Rooms from **12.30pm on Saturday 9th March**. Donations to our 3 Charities. Sign up at the back of the Church or contact: Trish/Co Chair Social Committee trishgatland@hotmail.co.uk

Electoral Roll

A revision of the Electoral Roll is due before the APCM this year, commencing from 3rd March 2024 until 31st March 2024, all applications to be received between these dates. If you reside in the parish or are a regular attendee at church you are eligible to apply for admission to the Roll. Application forms may be obtained from the sides persons, the Parish Office or Teri Austen. Anyone wishing to take an official post within the church, such as sidesperson, must have his or her name on the Electoral Roll. Likewise, anyone wishing to stand for election to the PCC or Deanery Synod must have had his or her name on the Roll for at least six months prior to the election and be an 'actual communicant' (Rule 54i of the Church Representation Rules). If you already have your name on the Electoral Roll, you do not need to apply afresh this year but, if your details have changed, please fill in a new application form. *Teri Austen*

Prayers

The sick: Lynette Dooner, Brian, Cara Smart, Ailsa Harvey, Alan Harrison, Jane Kraft, Mark, Colin Armitage, the Spooner family

The Recently Departed: Derek Cann, Scott Graham

Year’s Mind: (3rd) John Christie; (5th) Herbert Smith; (6th) Charlotte Walter, Jean Beaven, (7th) Ethel Dixon, Paula Billington, Roberto Ciabattini, Patrick Shortt; (8th) John Benson, Elizabeth Doney; (9th) Henrietta Newberry, Margaret Barry, June Wells

Spirit of God, strong as the wind and gentle as the dove,
blow into our hearts and fill them with Your love
that we may be born anew and know life in all its fullness.

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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David Ruddock	01344 837135	david.ruddock@spauls.co.uk	
Deputy Churchwarden			
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Parish Rooms Administrator			
Vanessa Hemmi	0118 334 2668	parish.rooms@spauls.co.uk	

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