

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 August: 7th Sunday after Trinity

8am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Rev'd Canon John Edwards
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Rev'd Canon John Edwards
Organ Preludes: <i>Meditation on 'Carlisle'</i> - Charles Callahan <i>Water-Colour (from Three Miniatures)</i> - Norman Cocker			
Hymns: 237, 499, 456, 440			
Readings: Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21			
Communion: <i>Air from Suite no. 3 in D major (BWV 1068)</i> - Johann Sebastian Bach			
Voluntary: <i>Trumpet Tune in D major</i> - Philip C. Tordoff			
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Becky Medicott

Collect Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever **Amen**

The Week Ahead 4th – 8th August

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Meeting ID 967 8096 6787	Passcode 967885
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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Thursday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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	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>	

10th August: 8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Bishop Mary
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Roy Burgess

Saturday, 11th October Choir Singing Evensong at Portsmouth Cathedral - 5.45pm

Once again the choir will be singing Evensong at a cathedral and if any of you would like to come with us, we would love to have your support.

A coach will leave Wokingham (Parish Room car park) at 10.00 am and leave Portsmouth at 7.45 pm.

The cost will be no more than £25.00 per adult, hopefully less, £7.50 per child – cost depends on numbers. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church or you can email Rhoda at rhoda297@gmail.com.



White Gift Aid envelopes are available in each pew for visitors. If you're a UK tax payer we can reclaim the tax on the amount you donate, but please remember to fill in your name and address on the envelope. Our QR code can be used for making donations, with the option of Gift Aid. Thank you.

Notices

Thank you so much to all volunteers who made visitors to the Art Exhibition welcome over the past fortnight through some or all of these actions: poured teas and coffees; brought, cut and served delicious cakes, cookies and tray bakes; moved tables and chairs in and out of the kitchen; washed and dried endless plates and mugs; and ... kept smiling! It was much appreciated by the Art Society members, the visitors and me! I hope you enjoyed the exhibition while you were there. Final figures are not yet available, but donations in excess of £400 had been received by the middle of the past week. *Mary Cassidy*

Ride & Stride 2025

It's not long now before this year's Ride & Stride Day to raise money for **Berkshire Historic Churches Trust**. This year it will take place on **Saturday 13th September**.

We need:

PARTICIPANTS – Could you walk, ride or cycle between some churches in Wokingham, Reading or anywhere else in our county? You can do as few or as many as you like. It is a great opportunity to visit some of the churches in and beyond our area.

WELCOMERS – Anyone who has participated knows that it is nice to be greeted when you arrive at a church and to have someone to speak to there. Could you help by spending an hour in St Paul's on the day to welcome any visitors to our church?

SPONSORS – If you cannot participate, please sponsor the people Riding & Striding for St Paul's. As well as raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust, half of the money raised is returned to St Pauls.

It would be really good to have some new cyclists taking part from St Paul's. So, if you have a bike, please think about being a participant. A number of other churches organise groups of walkers who visit churches together, rather than taking part as individuals, and a few have a cycle group as well.

If you can take part as a Rider or Strider (either on your own or as part of a group), or be in the church as a Welcomer, please speak to, or contact, Andrew Harte:

rideandstride@spauls.org.uk

Lucky Numbers is a monthly draw supporting our parish church fund for restoration and renewals work on St Paul's church building. Each share in the draw costs £2 per month and the total number of shares is unlimited, so you can apply for as many as you wish. Should you wish to take part, and enjoy the chance of being a winner, please contact Tony Roberts or Liz Gallagher at St Nick's or Mary Cassidy at St Paul's. Tony Roberts can also be contacted by phone on 0118 9795351 or 07810 643770.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as St Paul's representative. It is not an onerous task, as the draw alternates between St Nicholas' and St Paul's, and currently Tony takes care of the renewals and reminders. If you think this is something you could take on, do have a chat with Mary Cassidy. Thank you.

Prayers

The sick: Tim, Chloe Zarb, Graham and Pat Reed, Jeff, Una Standen, Margaret Carver, Rev'd Ann Gibbs, Maureen

Recently departed: Christine, William Botwright, (baby) Millie Vella, Gerald Harvey, Margaret Morsman

Year's Mind: (3rd) Phil Paine; (4th) Norman Prior, Patricia Besley, Amar Phull, Mary Osborn; (5th) Rev'd John Sturges; (7th) Malcolm Armstrong-Irving, Marilyn Hartley; (8th) Walter Edmed; (9th) Evgeny Synytskiy, Douglas Stuckey

O God of all hope and peace,
we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.
Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine.
We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.
Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Mthr Cara Smart (part-time)	0118 901 4365	cara.smart@spauls.co.uk	Rest Days Mon,Sat
Rev'd Judi Hattaway (part-time)		judihattaway@mac.com	Rest Day Fri
Rev'd Jane Kraft (part-time)		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**