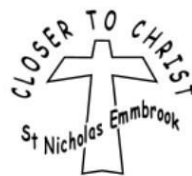


Pews News

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 August: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am St Paul's Low Mass *By extension*

9.30am St Paul's Parish Mass **Rev'd Jane Kraft**

Organ Prelude: *Ave Maria von Arcadelt* - Frank Liszt

Hymns: 388, 284, 282, 573

Readings: Revelation 11.19-12.6,10, Luke 1.46-55

Communion: *Salve Regina (op. 67, no. 1)* - Gabriel Fauré

Alleluia: Per te Dei Genitrix - Thomas Tallis

Voluntary: *La Glorification (Suite Mariale, op. 65, no. 4)* -
Paul de Maleingreau

11am St Nick's Community Eucharist **Rev'd Judi Hattaway**

Collect Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Week Ahead 18th – 22nd 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>	

24th August: 10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Rev'd Graham Theobald
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway

Ride & Stride 2025

This year's Ride and Stride 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
WELCOMERS – 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.

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



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



Janet and David Charlton invite you to join them in the Parish Rooms after church today to celebrate their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** – there will be cake and fizz!

Music for a Summer Evening – TODAY, 6.15pm

Come and hear music by Bach, Rheinberger, Guilment and others inspired by travel and holidays away from home, performed by our brilliant organist Christopher Cipkin. Admission is free – there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Paul's organ maintenance fund. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

Fr Sam's Institution and Induction, and Cara's Licensing

The service for Fr Sam's Institution and Induction as Rector of the Parish, and Cara's Licensing as Associate Minister for Woosehill Church will be taking place at St Paul's Church on Thursday 28th August at 7:30. Everyone is welcome to attend and to join us for light refreshment in the Parish Rooms after the service. The pews near the front of church will be reserved, so apologies if a mayor, or visiting clergy, or a member of Sam's and Cara's families have taken 'your spot'.

Please note that we have a large number of guests attending so the car park will be very busy. There will be some additional parking available at the Masonic Hall (just down the road towards town on the left), otherwise you will have to use Holt Lane, Jubilee Avenue or the Station Car Park. Or for some of you it may be prudent to get a lift or walk to church.

P.S. If you don't get a chance to talk to Fr Sam or Cara on the 28th, the service on Sunday 31st will be a joint affair for all three churches celebrating at 9:30 in St Paul's with Fr Sam and Cara both presiding. So come along and continue the chat after that service.

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

If any of you would like to come with us, we would love to have your support. The 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 is a sign-up sheet at the back of church or you can email Rhoda at rhoda297@gmail.com.

BOOKING NOW OPEN!

MEETING WITH GOD THROUGH TREES:

Wednesday 17th September 2025 10:15am to 3.30pm

St James Centre, Finchampstead RG40 4LU

A guided **Quiet Day**, led by Susannah Riley

Come and explore your relationship with God through trees, in nature, poetry, art and the Bible. Email mary.cassidy@spauls.org.uk to reserve your place

Prayers

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

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

Year's Mind: (17th) Mary Boshier; (18th) Pauline Peddy; (19th) Violet Giddings, Jean Temple; (20th) Monica Organ; (21st) Eileen Fuller; (22nd) Roderick Piercy, Ian Fletcher; (23rd) John Castle

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through 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.

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