

# 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> August: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**9.30am      St Paul's      Parish Mass      Rev'd Graham Theobald**

Organ Prelude: Elegy - George Thalben-Ball

Hymns: 553, 577, 556, 560

Readings: Hebrews 12.18-end, Luke 13.10-17

Communion: 'ii. Largo' from Trio Sonata No.2 in C Minor -  
J.S. Bach

Voluntary: Sun Dance - Bob Chilcott

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

**Collect** Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Week Ahead 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Monday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
		Meeting ID 967 8096 6787	Passcode 967885
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
		Meeting ID 967 8096 6787	Passcode 967885
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
		Meeting ID 967 8096 6787	Passcode 967885
	7.30pm	St Paul's	<b>Institution, Induction &amp; Licensing Service</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange Care Home	<b>Communion</b>
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee and Chat
		<i>Come along to chat, and relax with others</i>	

### 31<sup>st</sup> August: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**9.30am    St Paul's    Joint Parish Mass    Fr Sam and Rev'd Cara Smart**

### Ride & Stride 2025 - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm**. 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 28<sup>th</sup>, the service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> October Choir Singing Evensong at Portsmouth Cathedral - 5.45pm.

It can now be confirmed that the cost of the coach will be **£19.00 per person, £7.50 per child**, so please can I ask those of you coming to make your payments. The preferred method is by bank transfer to:

**St Paul's Parish Room Trust: Sort Code: 20 11 74 A/c No. 50764582 Ref: Portsmouth**

If you prefer to pay by cheque, the account name is as above or if by cash, please put it in an envelope marked **Choir Portsmouth** and put it in the parish room post box.

*Thank you.*

**A reminder**, the coach will leave Wokingham (Parish Room car park) at 10.00 am and leave Portsmouth at 7.45 pm. There are still a few seats available.

### **BOOKING NOW OPEN!**

MEETING WITH GOD THROUGH TREES:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mary.cassidy@spauls.org.uk) to reserve your place



Prayers

**The sick:** Tim, Chloe Zarb, Graham and Pat Reed, Jeff, Una Standen, Maureen, Rod, Michael Taylor, Sylv, Judy MacLennan

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

**Year’s Mind:** (25<sup>th</sup>) Myrtle Duffy; (26<sup>th</sup>) Keith Hopwood, Ena Price, Hilary Earls; (27<sup>th</sup>) Anthony Toombs; (30<sup>th</sup>) Rev’d Joseph Brown

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.

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

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