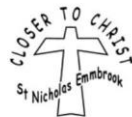


Pews News

St Paul's Church, Wokingham
St Nicholas' Church, Emmbrook



30 November 2025: Advent Sunday

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
6.15pm	St Paul's	Advent service of music and readings	Fr Sam

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.

Notices

- ¶ **Christmas publicity** If you are able to deliver some of our Christmas service postcards, please get in touch with Louise in the office to arrange collection either from the office or the back of church and to make sure we don't duplicate roads.
- ¶ **The Mothers' Union** invite you a service at St Paul's for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence on Thursday 4 December at 10am led by the Rev Jane Kraft.
- ¶ **Meditation Group** is at 4-5pm on Thursday 4 December in the Parish Rooms (Rapsey Room). Meditation will start 4.15pm. Do come and join us. Any questions, please email Susannah: meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk
- ¶ **The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** is on Sunday 21 December at 6:15pm. The social committee will be providing refreshments after the service, including mulled wine and mince pies. Gifts of mince pies would be greatly appreciated. We would also welcome some help with setting up large tables at 5pm – please let Alan or Trish know if you are able to help with this.

¶ **Yeldall Manor** is a Christian-based residential drug and alcohol recovery centre near Twyford for men struggling with addiction . Over the past few years we have been sending small gifts for the men to receive at Christmas. If you would like to contribute, a list of appropriate items can be found on this week's Bertie email. Each item should be wrapped individually with a post-it note indicating the contents so that they can put the stockings together. Teri Austen is happy to take the gifts to Yeldall Manor; please let her have them by Sunday 14 December.

9.30 Parish Mass

Opening hymn

5 Hark! A herald voice is calling

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading

Isaiah 2.1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 24.36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one

will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Offertory hymn

8 Hills of the north, rejoice

Communion hymn

13 O child of promise, come

Anthem

O come, O come Emmanuel Parker/Shaw

Post-communion prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn

20 The Lord will come and not be slow

Voluntary

Toccata (from Variations on 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland') Bedard

For our prayers

In need of our prayers: Tim, Chloe Zarb, Graham and Pat Reed, Jeff, Una Standen, Susan Kritzinger, James Walker, Adrian Talbot, Manny, Susan Melhuish, Becks, Vaughan Lovesey, Judi Hattaway, Anne Kingston, Andy Hennigan, Samantha Houghton, Ruth Dellow, Joan Lewthwaite, Ulrike Lamb, Donna Jackson

Recently departed James Murgatroyd, Bryan Watson, Philip Leathwhite, Christine Graham, Agnes Zammet, Margaret Barton

Year's mind (30th) John Broom, Molly Burrett, Mary Baldock; (1st) John Standen; (2nd) Mabel Wyatt, Linda Henderson, Virginia Blethyn; (5th) Marion Townsend; (6th) Raymond Evans, Keith Begrie

Gift Aid

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.



This week

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
	7.15pm	Zoom	Bible Study
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Wednesday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	17 Martins Drive	Morning Worship & Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
Thursday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	West Oak	Communion
	4pm	Parish Rooms	Meditation Group
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
Friday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange	Communion
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat

Morning Prayer on Zoom uses Meeting ID 967 8096 6787 Passcode 967885

7 December: Advent 2

8am	St Paul's	BCP Mass	Fr Sam
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass <i>Isaiah 11.1-10, Matthew 3.1-12</i>	Rev'd Cara Smart
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway

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This week, the office in the Parish Rooms is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 12 noon.

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