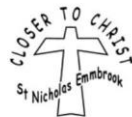


# Pews News

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



## 21 December 2025: Advent 4

8am	St Paul's	BCP Mass	Fr Sam
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
6.15pm	St Paul's	Nine Lessons & Carols	Fr Sam

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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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### Notices

- ¶ **The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** is this evening at 6:15pm. The social committee will be providing refreshments after the service - gifts of mince pies would be greatly appreciated.
  - ¶ We will be making (many!) **Christingles** in the Parish Rooms from 9.30am on Christmas Eve. All welcome - coffee, biscuits and mince pies will be supplied to help us along.
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### 9.30 Parish Mass

#### Opening hymn

14 O come, O come, Emmanuel!

#### Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### First reading

Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little

for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

### **Gospel**

Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### **Offertory hymn**

29 A great and mighty wonder

### **Communion hymn**

218 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

### **Anthem**

*Zion hears the watchmen's voices (from Cantata 140)* J. S. Bach

### **Post-communion prayer**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Final hymn**

11 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

### **Voluntary**

*Fugue in C minor (BWV 549ii)* J. S. Bach

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

**Recently departed** Margaret Barton, Frank Vitel, Adam Henry

**Year’s mind** (21<sup>st</sup>) Katherine Beckett, Bernadette Doyle; (22<sup>nd</sup>) Mary Ellison, Dorothy Trimmer, Robin Barns; (23<sup>rd</sup>) Nina Peggs, Ian Field; (24<sup>th</sup>) William Allison, Peter Shepherd, Ellen Kingston; (25<sup>th</sup>) Charles Cornall, Stanley Crew, Elizabeth Palmer; (26<sup>th</sup>) Gerald Handsworth, Ian Ord-Hume; (27<sup>th</sup>) Deryn Dick, Lily Poole, Vic Dyer, Peter Haddrell, Fiona Anderson, Fr Roy Holmes, Paul Weaver

**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**

<b>Wednesday</b>	3pm	St Paul’s	Christingle Service
	5pm	St Paul’s	Christingle Service
	9pm	St Nick’s	First Mass of Christmas
	11pm	St Paul’s	Midnight Mass

**25 December: Christmas Day**

8am	St Paul’s	BCP Mass	Fr Sam
9.30am	St Paul’s	All Age Mass <i>Hebrews 1.1-4, John 1.1-14</i>	Fr Sam

**28 December: Christmas 1**

9.30am	St Paul’s	Parish Mass <i>Hebrews 2.10-18, Matthew 2.13-23</i>	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick’s	Community Eucharist	Fr Sam

## Contacts

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*This week, the office in the Parish Rooms is open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 12 noon, then closed for Christmas until Monday 5th January.*

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