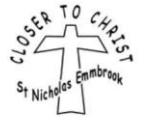


# Pews News

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



## 28 December 2025: Christmas 1

9.30am

St Paul's

Parish Mass

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

- ¶ **Parish Lunch** Sunday 11 January 12.30 for 1pm start. Adult £14, child £6, family £35. Please book your place by signing up at the back of church.  
BACs: Account Name: PCC St. Pauls, Ref: Lunch, Sort Code: 20-11-74, Account no: 80683752. We also need volunteers to set up the tables after morning coffee. Please let Trish or Alan know if you are able to help.
  - ¶ **Coffee and Chat** is back this Friday – 2pm in the Parish Rooms.
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### 9.30 Parish Mass

**Organ Prelude**

*Noël IX D'Aquin*

**Opening hymn**

51 Unto us a boy is born

**Collect**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First reading**

Hebrews 2.10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the

congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **Gospel**

Matthew 2.13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

### **Offertory hymn**

48 Silent Night, holy night!

### **Hymn**

42 O little town of Bethlehem

### **Communion**

*O Jesulein süß (Christmas Suite) Halls*

**Post-communion prayer**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Final hymn** 56 While Shepherds watched their flocks by night

**Voluntary** Noël VI D'Aquin

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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** Frank Vitel, Adam Henry, Phyllis Baker

**Year’s mind** (29<sup>th</sup>) Thomas McNeish, Iain McIsaac, Gladys Dyer, Eric Watson, Geoffrey Eaton; (30<sup>th</sup>) Betty Arnold, Alicia Clegg; (31<sup>st</sup>) Annie Arnold, Martha Goddard; (1<sup>st</sup>) Jeanette Fineman; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Elsie Briggs, Hazel Jennings, Anita Mountain, Les Lovesey; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Leonard Strange

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**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.



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**This week**

<b>Friday</b>	9am	St Paul’s	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange	Communion
	2pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat

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**4 January: Epiphany**

<b>8am</b>	<b>St Paul’s</b>	<b>BCP Mass</b>	<b>Fr Sam</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Paul’s</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b> <i>Isaiah 60.1-6, Matthew 2.1-12</i>	<b>Fr Sam</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>St Nick’s</b>	<b>Community Eucharist</b>	<b>Fr Sam</b>

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*The office in the Parish Rooms is now closed until Monday 5th January.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Vanessa and Louise!*