

# Pews News

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



## 4 January 2026: Epiphany

8am	St Paul's	BCP Mass	Fr Sam
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	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.

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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.

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### 9.30am Parish Mass

Organ prelude *Prelude on 'Af høiheden oprunden er'* Gade

### Opening hymn

We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star:  
O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
king for ever, ceasing never  
over us all to reign: *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, all men raising,  
worship him, God most high: *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb: *Refrain*

Glorious now behold him arise,  
king and God and sacrifice.  
Heaven sings: 'Alleluia';  
'Alleluia,' the earth replies: *Refrain*

### Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### First reading

Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### Gospel

Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then,

opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.'

<b>Offertory hymn</b>	67 As with gladness men of old
<b>Communion hymn</b>	68 Bethlehem, of noblest cities
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Nativity Carol</i> Rutter

### **Post-communion prayer**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

<b>Final hymn</b>	69 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning
<b>Voluntary</b>	<i>March of the Magi</i> Varley Roberts

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### **For our prayers**

**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** (4<sup>th</sup>) Vera Wicks; (6<sup>th</sup>) John Snell, Maria Lovesay, John Manson, John Henderson; (7<sup>th</sup>) John Smith, Florence Walker, Eva Liddiard; (8<sup>th</sup>) Annie Churchill, John Balfour; (9<sup>th</sup>) Albert Penton, Sian Spurgeon, (10<sup>th</sup>) Beatrice Huntingford, Colin Austin

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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.



## This week

<b>Monday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	7.15pm	Zoom	Bible Study Meeting ID 838 7693 1293 Passcode 254711
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	17 Martins Drive	Morning Worship & Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	West Oak	Communion
	4pm	Parish Rooms	Meditation Group
<b>Friday</b>	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat

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

## 11 January: Baptism of Christ

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 3.13-17	Revd Cara Smart
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Revd Judi Hattaway

## Contacts

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

### Safeguarding

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