

# Pews News

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



## 18 January 2026: Epiphany 2

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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	Choral Evensong and Benediction	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

- ¶ **Organ Recital** Saturday 24 January 5pm. Come and hear music inspired by an interstellar theme for Epiphany, performed by Christopher Cipkin. Free entry – there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Paul's organ maintenance fund. Refreshments will be served in church after the performance.
- ¶ **Quiz Night** Saturday 7 February 6.30 for 6.45 in the Parish Rooms. Adults £15, students £10, family £45. Choice of: Fish/Chicken/Sausage/Veggie & chips. Bring your own drinks and glasses. To book please contact Trish Gatland ([trishgatland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trishgatland@hotmail.co.uk)) or Alan Harrison ([al\\_harrison@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:al_harrison@hotmail.co.uk)). Payment by cash or BACS: Account Name PCC St Pauls, Sort Code: 20-11-74 Account no: 80683752. Ref: Quiz. Help would be appreciated with setting up the hall at 5.30pm.
- ¶ **Evensong at Winchester Cathedral** The choir will be singing Evensong at Winchester Cathedral at 5.30pm on Monday 16 February and if anyone would like to join us, we should love to have your support. A coach will be leaving the Parish Rooms at 10.30am, returning at 7.45pm. The cost will be between £16 and £25, depending on numbers and will be confirmed later. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church or you can email Rhoda at [rhoda297@gmail.com](mailto:rhoda297@gmail.com).

- ¶ **Taizé service** The next St Nick's Taizé Service will be on Sunday 8 February, 3pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to this peaceful, reflective service, led by Susannah and Vernon. There will be tea, cake and fellowship afterwards.
- ¶ Names added to our **prayer list** will now remain on the list for 3 Sundays. If you would like someone to stay on the list after that, you are very welcome to add their name again, either by contacting the parish office or by writing their name in the 'For our prayers' list in St Paul's.

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## 9.30am Parish Mass

**Organ prelude** *Chorale Fantasia on 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern'* Buxtehude

**Opening hymn**

447 Children of the hevenly King

**Collect**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First reading**

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord<sup>\*</sup> and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my<sup>\*</sup> God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of<sup>†</sup> Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gospel**

John 1.29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent

me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed\*). He brought Simon\* to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

#### **Offertory hymn**

76 Songs of thankfulness and praise

#### **Communion hymn**

77 The race that long in darkness pined

#### **Anthem**

A New Year carol Britten

#### **Post-communion prayer**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Final hymn**

498 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

#### **Voluntary**

Chorale Prelude on 'Dundee' Parry

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#### **For our prayers**

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

**Recently departed** Phyllis Baker, James Walker, Sylvia Smith

**Year's mind** (18<sup>th</sup>) Doreen Burgess, Mary Wing; (20<sup>th</sup>) Arthur Higgs, Frederick Bentley, Beryl Thome, John Lea; (21<sup>st</sup>) Sheila Gambrell; (23<sup>rd</sup>) Rev'd Thorndike Shaw; (24<sup>th</sup>) Lillian Woods, Harold Townley

## This week

<b>Monday</b>	8.30am 5.50pm	Zoom St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening 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
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am 5.15pm	Zoom St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	9am 1.45pm	St Paul's Parish Rooms	Morning Prayer Coffee & Chat

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

## 25 January: Conversion of St Paul

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass Acts 9.1-22, Matthew 19.27-end	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Sam

## Contacts

### Clergy

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### Parish Office

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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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