

Pews News

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



25 January 2026: Conversion of St Paul

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.

Notices

- ¶ **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 or Alan Harrison. See Bertie email for BACs payment details. Help would be appreciated with setting up the hall at 5.30pm.
- ¶ **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.
- ¶ **Evensong at Winchester Cathedral** Monday 16 February, Leave Parish Rooms 10.30am. The cost of the coach to Winchester is £16 for adults, £7.50 for children. See Bertie email for BACs payment details. If you prefer to pay by Cheque or Cash, either give it to Rhoda at church on a Sunday morning or put it through the Parish Rooms letter box marked 'Choir Winchester'. Thank you. rhoda297@gmail.com
- ¶ **Prayer list** 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.
- ¶ **Palm crosses** Please put any palm crosses from last year into the basket at the back of church so that they can be burnt ready for Ash Wednesday.

9.30am Parish Mass

Organ prelude

Be thou faithful unto death (from "St Paul") Mendelssohn

Opening hymn

205 We sing the glorious conquest

Collect

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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

Acts 9.1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was

restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gospel

Matthew 19.27-end

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Offertory hymn

270 Christ is made the sure foundation

Communion hymn

272 In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer

Anthem

Holy is the true light Harris

Post-communion prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn

313 Who are these, like stars appearing

Voluntary

Processional Mathias

For our prayers

In need of our prayers Jeff, Anne Kingston, Andy Hennigan, Chris Townsend, Judy MacLennan, Vince Pearson, Pauline Whitfield, Donna Jackson, Fran Waterkeyn, Anne and Alf Hellings, Susan Gearie, Raymond Boncye
Recently departed Sylvia Smith, Marilyn Burrett, Rev'd David Webster

Year's mind (25th) Arnold Goyder; (26th) Pauline Blogg; (27th) Mary Marlon, Rachel Henle; (29th) Henry Walker, Michael Dowling; (30th) John Alexander, Peter Wickham, Barbara Wood; (31st) Rev'd Henry Walter, Edward Price, Patrick Rendell

This week

Monday	8.30am 5.50pm	Zoom St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	8.30am 10.30am 5.15pm	Zoom 10 Ashton Road St Paul's	Morning Prayer Morning worship & prayer Evening Prayer
	8.30am 5.15pm	Zoom St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
	9am 11.30am 1.45pm	St Paul's Alexandra Grange Parish Rooms	Morning Prayer Communion Coffee & Chat

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

1 February: Candlemas

8am	St Paul's	BCP Mass	Fr Sam
9.30am	St Paul's	All Together Mass <i>Malachi 3.1-5, Luke 2.22-40</i>	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway

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