

# Pews News

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



## 1 February 2026: Candlemas

8am	St Paul's	BCP Mass	Fr Sam
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish All Together Mass	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway

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 or put it through the Parish Rooms letter box marked 'Choir Winchester'. Thank you. [rhoda297@gmail.com](mailto:rhoda297@gmail.com)
- ¶ **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

<b>Organ prelude</b>	<i>Offertoire sur l'antienne: Lumen ad revelationem gentium</i>	Guilmant
<b>Opening hymn</b>	211	When the candles are lighted on Candlemas Day

## Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## First reading

Malachi 3.1-3

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

## Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be

opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**Offertory hymn** 436 Angel voices ever singing

**Communion hymn** 284 Virgin-born we bow before thee

**Anthem** *When to the temple Mary went* Eccard

### **Post-communion prayer**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Final hymn** 339 Christ whose glory filled the skies

**Voluntary** *Fugue sur l'antienne: Lumen ad revelationem gentium* Guilmant

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### **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 Boncey, Peter Ansell, Adrian Talbot, Tatiana, Kate, Ulrike Lamb, Jane, Ron

**Recently departed** Sylvia Smith, Marilyn Burrett, Rev'd David Webster, Pauline Whitfield

**Year's mind** (1<sup>st</sup>) Charles Poole; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Muriel Brabyn, Pauline Newell, Cyril Fuller; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Joan Maddock; (4<sup>th</sup>) Ethel Slade, Geoffry Cox, William Jackson; (5<sup>th</sup>) Margaret Jervis, Stephen Freer; (6<sup>th</sup>) Kate Cann; (7<sup>th</sup>) John Harris, Sheila Tucker, Jan Cook

**Baptism** Jude Armitage, being baptised at St Paul's on 1<sup>st</sup> February

## This week

<b>Monday</b>	8.30am 5.15pm	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	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	West Oak	Communion
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
<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*

## 8 February: 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass <i>Genesis 1.1-2.3, Matthew 6.25-34</i>	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Sam
3pm	St Nick's	Taizé Service	

## Contacts

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