

Pews News

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



22 February 2026: First Sunday of Lent

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Rev'd Cara Smart
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

- ¶ **Foodbank** We will be collecting items for the Foodbank during the 9.30am service on Sunday 1st March. If you would like to donate something, these are the items most needed at present: breakfast cereal, tinned cold meat, tinned fruit, tinned carrots, men's deodorant, conditioner, anti-bacterial cleaner.
- ¶ **Mothers' Union** Our next Mothers' Union meeting is on Thursday 5th March at 2pm and we have invited Fr Sam to reveal to us his *Desert Island Discs*. Depending on numbers, we will meet either in the Carpenter Room or in the church. Please could you let me know if you wish to join us so that we can organise an appropriate venue to accommodate everyone. *Teri Austen*
- ¶ **Lent Lunch** in the Parish Rooms from 12.30-2.30pm on Saturday 7th March. We will be serving soup, bread and cheese. There is no charge for the food, but we are asking for donations to our 3 Charities. Please sign up at the back of the church or contact: Trish trishgatland@hotmail.co.uk or Alan al_harrison@hotmail.co.uk
- ¶ **The World Day of Prayer service** is at All Saints' Church on Friday 6th March, starting at 10am. This year's service has been written by the women of Nigeria and will be presented by the combined churches in Wokingham.
- ¶ **Electoral Roll** Notice is hereby given that revision of the Electoral Roll for 2026 will be from Sunday 1st March and end on Sunday 29th March. Application forms for those not already on the Roll will be available during that period. If you have any questions, please speak to me, Fr Sam or a Churchwarden. *Teri Austen*

9.30am Parish Mass

Opening hymn

88 Forty days and forty nights

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel

Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the

test." 'Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Offertory hymn 488 Immortal love for ever full

Communion hymn 491 Jesu grant me this I pray

Anthem *Thou knowest, Lord* - Purcell

Post-communion prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn 102 Take up thy cross the Saviour said

Voluntary *Fantasia in C minor (BWV 537i)* - Bach

For our prayers

In need of our prayers Jeff, Anne Kingston, Chris Townsend, Peter Ansell, Dennis Weaver, Graham and Pat Reed, Una Standen, Keith Mintern

Recently departed Paul Alner

Year's mind (22nd) George Smith; (23rd) Connie Tyre, Olive Greening; (24th) Paul Limbert, Keith Kewley; (25th) John Hardy-Wrigley, Kathryn Carol, Barbara Whittaker, David Carpenter; (27th) Edith Walter, John Carter, Rev'd Harrison Thornton, Robert Holder; (28th) Donald Ord-Hume

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

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
	7.15pm	Zoom	Lent Bible Study
			Meeting ID 838 7693 1293 Passcode 2547
Wednesday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	10 Ashton Road	Morning Worship & Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
Thursday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
Friday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange	Communion
	12 noon	St Paul's	Stations of the Cross
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat

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

1 March: Second Sunday of Lent

8am	St Paul's	BCP Mass	Fr Sam
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass <i>Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17</i>	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Sam

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