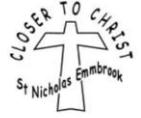


# Pews News

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



## 1 March 2026: Second Sunday of Lent

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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 | 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

- ¶ **Meditation Group** is the Rapsey Room on Thursday from 4-5pm.
- ¶ **Mothers' Union** Our next MU meeting is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm when Fr Sam will reveal to us his *Desert Island Discs*. Please could you let me know if you wish to join us so that we can organise an appropriate venue to accommodate everyone. Men are also very welcome to join us! *Teri Austen*
- ¶ **The World Day of Prayer service** is at All Saints' Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ¶ **Lent Lunch** in the Parish Rooms from 12.30-2.30pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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: [trishgatland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trishgatland@hotmail.co.uk) or [al\\_harrison@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:al_harrison@hotmail.co.uk)
- ¶ **Electoral Roll** Revision of the Electoral Roll for 2026 will be from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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*
- ¶ **Mothering Sunday posies** Help required on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10am onwards to make Mothering Sunday posies. Flowers are provided although any foliage would be welcome. If you are able to help please contact Sue Davenport on [davenport.se@outlook.com](mailto:davenport.se@outlook.com)

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## 9.30am Parish Mass

### Opening hymn

83 All ye who seek a comfort cure

### Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First reading

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### Gospel

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear



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## This week

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|------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 8.30am  | Zoom             | Morning Prayer                            |
|                  | 5.15pm  | St Paul's        | Evening Prayer                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9am     | St Paul's        | Morning Prayer                            |
|                  | 5.15pm  | St Paul's        | Evening Prayer                            |
|                  | 7.15pm  | Zoom             | Lent Bible Study                          |
|                  |         |                  | Meeting ID 838 7693 1293<br>Passcode 2547 |
| <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                                 |
|                  | 4pm     | Rapsey Room      | Meditation Group                          |
|                  | 5.15pm  | St Paul's        | Evening Prayer                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9am     | St Paul's        | Morning Prayer                            |
|                  | 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*

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## 8 March: Third Sunday of Lent

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|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>9.30am</b> | <b>St Paul's</b> | <b>Parish Mass</b><br><i>Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42</i> | <b>Fr Sam</b>              |
| <b>11am</b>   | <b>St Nick's</b> | <b>Community Eucharist</b>                              | <b>Rev'd Judi Hattaway</b> |

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## Contacts

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