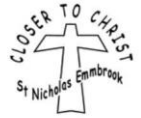


Pews News

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



3 May 2026: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

- ¶ **The funeral of John Ellerbeck** will take place in St Paul's on Friday 8 May at 3pm. All are welcome to the service and to refreshments afterwards in the Parish Rooms.
- ¶ **Coffee and Chat** on Friday will be open from **1.30 to 3.30pm**
- ¶ **Taizé Service** Our next Taizé Service will be held on Sunday May 10, 3pm in Emmbrook Village Hall. All are welcome to this peaceful, reflective service. led by Susannah and Vernon. There will be tea, cake and fellowship afterwards. Do come along if you can.
- ¶ **Be Still** A service of quiet reflection will take place at Woosehill Church on Sunday May 10 at 6.30pm. A chance to be still in the presence of God and one another, with candles, silence, bible readings and music. All are very welcome.
- ¶ **Christian Aid Coffee Morning** Woosehill Church will again hold a book stall at the coffee morning on Saturday 16 May and welcome your contributions of books in good condition. These can be given to Teri Austen next Sunday or brought to the stall on the morning of the 16th.
- ¶ **Tombola** We will be running a Tombola and a small raffle at the Christian Aid Coffee Morning and would be very grateful for any contributions which can be given to Liz Gallagher or Teri Austen. Many thanks
- ¶ **Office Holiday** The office will be closed from 11-15 May. Any items for the next 2 weeks of Pews News need to be received by Wednesday please.

- ¶ **Mass to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Fr John Connell's Ordination**
Saturday 18 July, 2pm at Newport Cathedral. The choir has been invited to take part in the service and members of our congregation are invited to the service. A coach is being organised to leave Wokingham (Parish Rooms car park) at 9.15am and leave Newport at 4.45pm. As always, the cost is governed by the number of people travelling, so it could range from £25 to £38. There will be a sign-up list at the back of church or contact rhoda297@gmail.com
- ¶ **Reading Phoenix Choir** are coming to St Paul's at 7.30pm on Saturday 9 May for "Live for the Moment", a concert that will include works by William Harris, Felix Mendelssohn, Anton Bruckner, John Tavener, Thomas Morley and some excellent works by the 21st century's choral composers. The concert is in aid of Dementia UK. Tickets (£15 for adults) are available on the door or online.
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9.30am Parish Mass

Organ prelude

Chant de Mai (op. 53, no 1) - Jongen

Opening hymn

142 Christ the Lord is risen again!

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

First reading

Acts 7.55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Gospel

John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father

except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Offertory hymn 387 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion hymn 383 I come with joy, a child of God

Anthem *The strife is o'er* - Ley

Post-communion prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Final hymn 152 Now is eternal life

Voluntary *Pièce pour grand orgue (W. 28)* - Jongen

In need of our prayers Jeff, Anne Kingston, Chris Townsend, Peter Ansell, Graham and Pat Reed, Una Standen, Tatiana, Chloe Zarb, Christopher McKinley, Paul, Chris, Jon North, Judy MacLennan, Noranna Burston, Leslie Townsend, Susie, Karen

Recently departed John Ellerbeck, Colin Lewin

Year's Mind (25th) Jack Wakeman; (27th) Robin Fowler, Joseph Hayes; (28th) Leonard Green, Arthur Holmes, Bruce Jackson; (29th) Bill Wallace; (30th) George Burgh; (1st) Eva Greenwood, Gladys Welch, Hilda Humphreys, Ethel MacDonald, Roger Osborne; (2nd) Fred Snell, Janet Hamilton, Lucy Windsor, Howard Lunn

Baptism Emily Brooks

This week

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning 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	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	17 Martins Drive	Morning Worship & Prayer
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
Thursday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	West Oak	Communion
	5.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer
Friday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange	Communion
	1.30-3.30pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat
	3pm	St Paul's	Funeral of John Ellerbeck

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

10 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass <i>Acts 17.22-31, John 14.15-21</i>	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Sam
3pm	St Nick's	Taizé Service	Susannah & Vernon Riley

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