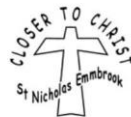


# Pews News

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



## 17 May 2026: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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
6.15pm	St Paul's	Choral Evensong & Sermon Series	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

- ¶ **Choral Evensong** today at 6.15pm. We will continue our theme of the Seven Deadly Sins, with Sarah Edwards (Executive Director of JustMoney Movement) preaching about Greed.
- ¶ **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 is a sign-up list at the back of church or you can contact me at [rhoda297@gmail.com](mailto:rhoda297@gmail.com)
- ¶ **South Coast Macmillan Mighty Hike** I have signed up to walk the distance of a marathon along the Brighton coast on 13th June to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. I'm doing it as part of a team with two of my sister-in-laws as unfortunately like so many others we have close friends and family who have had to battle cancer. If anyone would like to sponsor me I would be very grateful either by good old fashioned sponsor form in church or via my justgiving page. *Alice Buddin*

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## 9.30am Parish Mass

**Organ prelude**

*Prologue on 'Ascension' - Willan*

**Opening hymn**

171 Hail the day that sees him rise

**Collect**

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**First reading**

Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Gospel**

John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I

came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**Offertory hymn** 176 The head that once was crowned with thorns

**Communion hymn** 177 The Lord ascendeth up on high

**Anthem** *If ye love me, keep my commandments - Wilby*

**Post-communion prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Final hymn** 506 Let all the world in every corner sing

**Voluntary** *Grand chœur pour l'Ascension (Solemnis haec festivitas) - Marty*

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**In need of our prayers** Jeff, Anne Kingston, Chris Townsend, Peter Ansell, Graham and Pat Reed, Una Standen, Tatiana, Chloe Zarb, Christopher McKinley, Jon North, Judy MacLennan, Leslie Townsend, Gillian Fitzwilliam, Adrian Talbot, Christine Havercan, Clive Boys, Margaret Carver

**Recently departed** John Ellerbeck, Colin Lewin

**Year's Mind** (17<sup>th</sup>) John Ruddock; (18<sup>th</sup>) Dulcie Carter, John Prince; (19<sup>th</sup>) Daphne Ruddock, Ted Weaver; (21<sup>st</sup>) Karl Duchnitzski, Ernest Tattersdill

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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
	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
	11.30am	Alexandra Grange	Communion

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

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## 24 May: Pentecost

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b> <i>Acts 2.1-21, John 7.37-39</i>	<b>Fr Sam</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>St Nick's</b>	<b>Community Eucharist</b>	<b>Fr Sam</b>

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