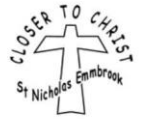


Pews News

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



02 August 2026: Trinity IX

8am	St Paul's	BCP Mass	Canon John Edwards
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Canon John Edwards
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	<i>By extension</i>

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

- ¶ This year celebrates the **150th Anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union** and, to mark this anniversary, St Paul's branch is planning to take a small part in the 9.30am service on Sunday 9 August, followed by lunch in the parish rooms. We should be pleased if members of the congregation would join us for lunch on this day, particularly if you would like to know more about the work of the Mothers' Union. There will be no charge for the lunch, but a donation to the MU charities would be appreciated. In addition, we are delighted that Rev Jane Kraft, who is a Diocesan Member of the Mothers' Union, will be conducting the service. 9 August is doubly appropriate, as we also remember on this day, Mary Sumner, the lady who inspired this movement in 1876.
Please RSVP by 1 August to teri@theaustens.uk
- ¶ **Organ Recital Sunday 16 August** Christopher Cipkin will be giving a recital on theme of 'Anniversaries, Birthdays and Commemorations', covering 300 years of music from England and North America by Burney, SS Wesley, WT Best, Darke, Carter, Bédard, and Groom te Velde. There will be a retiring collection for the organ fund. Refreshments will be served at the end of the concert.
- ¶ **Ride & Stride 2026** It's not long now before this year's Ride & Stride Day to raise money for **Berkshire Historic Churches Trust**. This year it will take place on **Saturday 12th September**. The Berkshire Historic Churches Trust raises money to help maintain the structure and fabric of churches across Berkshire,

through the provision of grants towards repairs and renovations. Ride & Stride is the annual fundraising event for all of the Historic Churches Trusts across the UK. We need:

PARTICIPANTS – Could you walk, ride or cycle between some churches in Wokingham, Reading or anywhere else in our county? You can do as few or as many as you like. It is a great opportunity to visit some of the churches in and beyond our area.

WELCOMERS – Anyone who has participated knows that it is nice to be greeted when you arrive at a church and to have someone to speak to there. Could you help by spending an hour in St Paul's on the day to welcome any visitors to our church?

SPONSORS – If you cannot participate, please sponsor the people Riding & Striding for St Paul's. As well as raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust, half of the money raised is returned to St Paul's.

It would be really good to have some new cyclists taking part from St Paul's. So, if you have a bike, please think about being a participant. A number of other churches organise groups of walkers who visit churches together, rather than taking part as individuals, and a few have a cycle group as well.

If you can take part as a Rider or Strider (either on your own or as part of a group), or be in the church as a Welcomer, please speak to, or contact, Andrew Harte (email: rideandstride@spauls.org.uk)

9.30am Parish Mass

Organ prelude

Largo, allegro, aria and two variations - Michael Festing
(arr. G. Thalben-Ball)

Opening hymn

487 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Isaiah 55.1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for

David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Gradual hymn

550 Oft in danger, oft in woe

Gospel

Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.'

Offertory hymn

456 Dear Lord and father of mankind

Communion Music

Adagio for a mechanical organ (WoO 33, no. 1)
- Ludwig van Beethoven

Post-communion prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn

478 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Voluntary

March (op3, no. 5) - Carl Maria von Weber (arr. W. T. Best)

In need of our prayers Jeff, Anne Kingston, Chris Townsend, Peter Ansell, Graham and Pat Reed, Una Standen, Tatiana, Chloe Zarb, Leslie Townsend, Adrian Talbot, Clive Boys, Margaret Carver, Liz Spencer, Dominic Charlton, Judi Hattaway, Michael Froude

Recently departed Fr Tony Kemp, Patrick McElroy

Year's Mind (2nd) Gordon Spencer, Malcolm Hardiman, Frank Woolliams; (3rd) Phil Paine; (4th) Norman Prior, Patricia Besley, Amar Phull, Mary Osborn; (5th) Revd John Sturges; (7th) Malcolm Armstrong-Irving, Marilyn Hartley; (8th) Walter Edmed

Banns of marriage Aiden Durkin and Jenna Benbow

This week

Monday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Thursday	8.30am 11.30am	Zoom West Oak	Morning Prayer Communion
Friday	9am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer
	1.45pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat

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

09 August: Trinity X & MU 150th Anniversary

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass <i>Ephesians 3.14-24, Matthew 5.13-16</i>	Rev'd Jane Kraft
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Helen Charlton

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