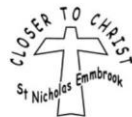


Pews News

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



23 August 2026: Trinity XII

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

- ¶ **Mothers' Union Meeting** The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Thursday 3 September at 2.30pm when we have invited a speaker from Yeldall Manor to come and talk to us about their organisation. Yeldall Manor is a local Christian-run establishment with an excellent success rate of supporting and rehabilitating drug and alcohol- addicted men. This should be an interesting and inspiring talk. The meeting will be in the hall in St Paul's Parish Rooms and all are invited. Please speak to me if you would like more information. *Teri Austen*
- ¶ **Choir singing Evensong at Rochester Cathedral Saturday 26 September 3.15pm.** As ever, the choir would really appreciate members of the congregation joining us and a coach is being organised. It will leave Wokingham at 9.15am, arriving in Rochester at approx. 11.15am and leave Rochester at 5.30pm, arriving back in Wokingham at 7.30pm approx. The cost will be somewhere between £22 and £30 for adults, £10 for Children. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church or you can email Rhoda at rhoda297@gmail.com
- ¶ **Pews News** Please send any items for Pews News in the next 2 weeks to the office by the end of this coming Wednesday, 26 August.

¶ **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 12 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 - You can do as few or as many churches as you like. It is a great opportunity to visit some of the churches in and beyond our area.

Welcomers - Could you help by spending an hour in St Paul's on the day to welcome any visitors to our church?

Sponsors - As well as raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust, half of the money raised is returned to St Pauls.

If you can take part in any way, please contact Andrew Harte:

rideandstride@spauls.org.uk

9.30am Parish Mass

Organ prelude

Percy Whitlock - Folk Tune (from 'Five Short Pieces')

Opening hymn

553 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Gradual hymn

577 Thine for ever! God of love

Gospel

Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Offertory hymn

386 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Communion Music

Ralph Vaughan Williams - Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

Post-communion prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn

560 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Voluntary

Sir Edward Elgar - Imperial March

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, Hannah Bull & baby George, Andy Hennigan, Samantha Horton, Thomas Hoffman & family, Ruth Dellow

Year's Mind (23rd) John Castle; (25th) Myrtle Duffy; (26th) Keith Hopwood, Ena Price, Hilary Earls; (27th) Anthony Toombs, Antonio Itta

This week

Monday	8.30am 5.15pm	Zoom St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday	9am 5.15pm	St Paul's St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am 5.15pm	Zoom St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Thursday	8.30am 5.15pm	Zoom St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Friday	9am 11.30am 1.45pm	St Paul's Alexandra Grange Parish Rooms	Morning Prayer Communion Coffee & Chat

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

30 August: Trinity XIII

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass <i>Jeremiah 15.15-21, Matthew 16.21-28</i>	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Sam

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