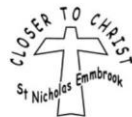


Pews News

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



20 September 2026: Trinity XVI

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	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

- ¶ **Choral Evensong** at 6.15 this evening will feature the next in our sermon series on the Seven Deadly Sins. Fr Peter Day, Vicar at Christ Church Reading, will be preaching about Wrath. The service will be followed by refreshments
- ¶ **Rochester Cathedral, Saturday 26 September, Evensong.** The cost is £25 for adults, £10 for children. BACs details: St Pauls Parish Room Trust, Sort Code 20 11 74, A/c No. 50764582, ref Rochester. rhoda297@gmail.com
- ¶ **Harvest Lunch** Sunday 4 October, 12.30pm Adults £14 Children £6 Family £35. Please sign up at the back of church. Payment details for church account on back page, Ref: HARVEST. Further info from the Social Committee Chairs: Alan: al_harrison@hotmail.co.uk Trish: trishgatland@hotmail.co.uk
- ¶ **The Parish Bazaar** will be held on Saturday 7 November, 12noon - 3.00pm. Draw tickets are on sale now from Liz Gallagher and Teri Austin
- ¶ **Ride & Stride** Andrew will be at the back of church today to collect any remaining sponsorship money, or you can pay using BACS (details on back page), Ref "Ride n Stride". Payment by end of October would be appreciated.
- ¶ **Choral Scholarship** We are now welcoming applications for the choral scholarship scheme at St Paul's. Do share the information with anyone you know who might be interested: it's a really great opportunity.
spauls.co.uk/choralscholarships/

¶ **Confirmation** On 15 November, there will be a confirmation service at St John's Crowthorne, celebrated by the Bishop of Reading. If you have not been confirmed (and are in Year 7 or older) and would like to be, please let Fr Sam know. There will be preparation classes starting in October, times TBC.

9.30am Parish Mass

Organ prelude

Trio in D minor (BWV 583) - Bach

Opening hymn

487 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Jonah 3.10-4.11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Gospel

Matthew 20.1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Offertory hymn

556 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Communion hymn

371 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Anthem

Ave Verum - Stopford

Post-communion prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn

445 Bright the vision that delighted

Voluntary

Prelude in G (BWV 568) - Bach

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, Jenny Perris,

The Blanshard Family, Fran, Thomas & family, Camille, Natasha, Andy, Samantha, Ruthie, Anne & Christine Harrison

Year's Mind (21st) Michael Wells, John Dibb; (23rd) Roger Sawdon;
(24th) Philip Short, Margaret Krafft; (26th) Jean Shipperley, Cyril Luxton

Banns of Marriage: Stuart Brooks and Joanne Gough

This week

Monday	8.30am 5.15pm	Zoom St Paul's	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday	9am 5.15pm 7.15pm	St Paul's St Paul's Zoom	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Bible Study Meeting ID 838 7693 1293 Passcode 254711
Wednesday	8.30am 10.30am 5.15pm	Zoom 17 Martins Drive St Paul's	Morning Prayer Morning Worship & 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

27 September: St Michael & All Angels

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass <i>Genesis 28.10-17, John 1.47-end</i>	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Sam

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