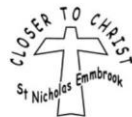


Pews News

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



4 October 2026: Harvest

8am	St Paul's	BCP Mass	Fr Sam
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	By Extension

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

- ¶ **Meditation group** this month is on Thursday 8 October, 4 for 4.15pm in the Parish Rooms (Rapsey Room). All welcome. Any questions, please email Susannah meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk
- ¶ **Quiet Day** Revd Jane Kraft will be leading a parish Quiet Day at St James Church Centre, Finchampstead on Saturday 17 October. The focus of the addresses will be on three Marys in the New Testament: Mary Magdalene, Mary a friend of Jesus and Jesus's mother Mary. All are welcome. Precise start and end times will be confirmed soon, but our usual pattern will be followed: Coffee and welcome around 10am, addresses and quiet reflection until lunchtime, followed by another address and celebration of the Eucharist to end the day. Hot drinks will be available all day; please bring your own lunch. To reserve a place, please email mary.cassidy@spauls.org.uk
- ¶ **Climate Conversations** Coming up at Holme Grange School's Caudwell Hall:
13 October: Heat Pumps and Solar Panels - Andy Clark
17 November: Sustainable food - Rossella Peretto
8 December: In our hands: Our climate future - Prof Chris Merchant
Free tickets, all bookable at Eventbrite.
- ¶ **The Parish Bazaar** will be held on Saturday 7 November, 12noon - 3pm. Draw tickets are on sale now from Liz Gallagher and Teri Austin.

- ¶ **Coffee & Chat** raised an impressive £547.79 for Macmillan Cancer Support at their coffee afternoon.
 - ¶ **The parish office is closed this week.**
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9.30am Parish Mass

Organ prelude

Prelude on 'East Acklam' (op. 60, no. 4) - Francis Jackson

Opening hymn

355 Come, ye thankful people, come

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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. Amen

First reading

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel

Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have

prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Offertory hymn

356 For the fruits of his creation

Communion hymn

512 Like a mighty river flowing

Anthem

The heavens are telling (from The Creation) - Joseph Haydn

Post-communion prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Final hymn

358 We plough the fields and scatter

Voluntary

Festal Voluntary (op. 87) - Flor Peeters

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 and Margaret Boys, Margaret Carver, Liz Spencer, Judi Hattaway, Michael Froude, Hannah Bull & baby George, The Blanshard Family, George & Wilfred McEnhill

Year's Mind (4th) Ken Teare, Fay McNulty, Bill Purvis, Reginald Carter; (6th) Rosina Carter; (7th) Annabelle Slade, Coral Purt; (8th) Robert Naish, Natalie Bowden; (9th) Frances Holmes, Alastair Jacklin, Maureen Pearson, Florence Hancock; (10th) Mary Glendenning, Joan Short, Thomas Cope

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 10 Ashton Road St Paul's	Morning Prayer Morning Worship & Prayer Evening Prayer
Thursday	8.30am 11.30am 4.15pm 5.15pm	Zoom West Oak Rapsey Room St Paul's	Morning Prayer Communion Meditation Group 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

11 October: Trinity XIX

9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass <i>Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14</i>	Fr Sam
11am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Sam
3pm	St Nick's	Taizé Service	

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