Pews News

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

8 November 2026: Remembrance Sunday

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

- **Choral Evensong** 6.15pm next Sunday. Following our sermon series on the Seven Deadly Sins, the Rev'd Canon John Paton will be preaching about forgiveness. The service will be followed by refreshments.
- **Help needed I**f anyone would be willing to organise the refreshments for evensong next week, please contact Teri - teri@theaustens.uk
- **Sacristy Fund** Thank you to everyone who has already contributed so generously to our Sacristy Fund appeals for Candlemas and Pentecost this year. As anticipated the Sacristy cupboard is nearly bare again so it's time to launch the Remembrance-tide appeal to top up the fund. Would you, members of the congregation and visitors please consider making a contribution to the fund? This will help to ensure that we have our usual Advent wreath and altar candles ready for Christm as, plus all the consumables used at every Eucharist at St. Paul's and St. Nick's. There is a sign up sheet with what is needed at the back of church. Donations may be made using one of these:
  - the electronic card reader
  - OR online transfer - Account Name: PCC ST PAULS (the precise name required by the bank); Account Number: 8068 3752; Sort Code: 20-11-74; Ref Sacristy
  - OR cash (in an envelope marked Sacristy fund, please) *Many thanks!*

- **Climate Conversation: Sustainable Food** by Rosella Peretto and Thomas Franks on 17 November at Holme Grange school either in the theatre or the Oak Room, near the school reception. Tickets are available free of charge from eventbright or via https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/122305
- **Meditation group** this month is on Thursday 12 November, 4 for 4.15pm, in the Rapsey Room, St Paul's Parish Rooms. We usually have someone manning the main door until 4.10. All welcome. Any questions, please email meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk

9.30am Parish Mass

Organ prelude *Saints Epitaph for Peace - Bryan Kelly*

Opening hymn 533 O God our help in ages past

Collect
Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

First reading Wisdom 6.12-16
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Gospel Matthew 25.1-13
'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other

bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Gradual hymn I vow to thee my country

Offertory hymn 502 Judge eternal throned in splendour

Communion hymn 385 Just as I am without one plea

Anthem *Set me as a seal upon your heart* - René Clausen

Post-communion prayer
God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Final hymn 434 And did those feet in ancient time

National Anthem 623 God save our gracious King

Voluntary *'St Anne' Fugue in E flat (BWV 552ii)* - Johann Sebastian Bach

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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, 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, Peter Cullinane, Yiangos Michael, Colin

Recently departed Barbara Fowle, Andrew Borthwick

Year’s Mind (8th) Michael Hickey; (9th) Margaret Williams, Winifred Jacklin, Stan Hopwood; (10th) Frederick Ashbrook, Ronald Southgate, Lee Bollen, Alethea Foster; (11th) Annie Biddle, Llewellyn Barter-Austen, (12th) Stan Smith, Christina Jordan; (13th) Dorothy Beeny, Michael Sargeant; (14th) May Winter, Rex Blamires

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 House Mass Evening Prayer
Thursday	8.30am 4.15pm 5.15pm	Zoom Rapsey Room St Paul's	Morning Prayer Meditation Group Evening Prayer
Friday	9am 1.45pm	St Paul's Parish Rooms	Morning Prayer Coffee & Chat

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

15 November: Second Sunday before Advent

8am	**St Paul's**	**BCP Mass**	**Fr Sam**
9.30am	**St Paul's**	**Parish Mass** *Zephaniah 1.7,12-18, Matthew 25.14-30*	**Fr Sam**
11am	**St Nick's**	**Community Eucharist**	**Mthr Cara**
6.15pm	**St Paul's**	**Choral Evensong**	**Fr Sam**

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