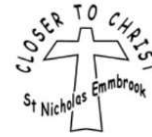


# Pews News

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



The Parish of St Paul, Wokingham

**Welcome** in the name of Jesus Christ to this house of prayer, especially if you are with us for the first time today. We invite anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion to come to God's altar, regardless of age. Please tell the priest if you need a gluten-free wafer. If you'd prefer to receive a prayer of blessing please come forward with everyone else and keep your head bowed at the rail.

## 12<sup>th</sup> August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Rev'd Jane Kraft
	<b>Readings:</b> 2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33; Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2; John 6.35,41-51		
	<b>Hymns:</b> 178, 341, 295, 186 <b>Setting:</b> Mass of St Thomas, <i>Thorne</i>		
10.00am	Woosehill	Communion	Fr Richard
11.00am	St Nick's	See! Hear! Live!	Mthr Julie
1.00pm	Baptism of Cherry Robinson		
5.30pm	Suffolk Lodge	Communion	Mthr Julie
6.15pm	St Paul's	Said Evening Service	Fr Richard

**Collect:** O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.**

**Post Communion:** Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Welcome to Orla Noyes:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

White Gift Aid envelopes are available in each pew for visitors. If you're a UK tax payer we can reclaim the tax on the amount you donate, but please remember to fill in your name and address on the envelope. Thank you.

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## The Week Ahead: 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Mon</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	2.00pm	Parish Rooms	<b>Welcome Club</b>	Jackie Alexander
<b>Wed</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	10.30am	Liz's	<b>House Mass – 10 Ashton Road</b>	Mthr Julie
<b>Thurs</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	9.30am	St Paul's	<b>Low Mass</b>	Fr Richard
	10.30am	West Oak	<b>Communion</b>	Mthr Julie
	10.30am	Kennet Court	<b>Communion</b>	Fr Richard
<b>Friday</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	2.00pm	Parish Rms	Coffee and Chat	Susanna Allen
	2.00pm	Parish Rms	Stitch Together	Margaret Davies
<b>Sat</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	9.00am	St Paul's	<b>Rosary</b>	
	9.30am	St Paul's	<b>Low Mass</b>	Fr Richard
	3.00pm	St Paul's	<b>Wedding of Victoria Capel and Ben Crane</b>	

## 19<sup>th</sup> August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Mthr Julie
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
	<b>Readings:</b> 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58		
	<b>Hymns:</b> 366, 456, 339, 413 <b>Setting:</b> Mass of St Thomas, <i>Thorne</i>		
10.00am	Woosehill	Communion	Methodist
11.00am	St Nick's	See! Hear! Live!	Fr Richard
6.15pm	St Paul's	Said Evening Service	Mthr Julie

### Fr Richard writes:

It is brilliant to be back in the parish and catching up with what has been going on and hearing how people are and to be thinking and planning for the term to come. A Sabbatical is a really important opportunity and it has been really rewarding and enjoyable and, I think, significant both for myself and for the parish. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity. Thank you for your support. Thank you for being appropriately friendly and warm and lovely when we bumped into each other in Morrison's or Broad Street. Thank you to everybody who stepped up and did more and took on extra responsibility and kept everything going while I was off, and to those who supported them in turn.

# Notices

## **Blessing of Bags**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

### **Morning Service in each church**

Keep the date to start the new school year remembering that God is with you at home and work and wherever you go. Remember to pray for the children who are facing a change in school. Bring your work or school bag with you to receive God's blessing as people start afresh at work or school.

## **Grave Talk**

**13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August; 10.30am**

### **13 Brook Close**

Following on from the success of the previous Grave Talk sessions, two further sessions will be run at the above times at Julie and Keith's for those unable to make the previous sessions. Do let Keith know if you'd like to come, or just turn up. There will be a separate course run in the autumn to explore ideas raised in greater depth. Watch out for more details nearer the time.

*Keith Mintern*

## **Sabbatical News**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September; 8.00pm**

### **Woosehill**

I'm organising an evening to talk about what I did in my Sabbatical, and how it has shaped me, and how it might impact on the life of the parish- do please put the date in your diary now, and do come along with your questions and ideas!

*Fr Richard*

## **Confirmation Service**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October; 6.15pm**

### **St Paul's**

Last call for confirmation candidates; please speak to a member of clergy. *Everyone*, please put the date in diary to support candidates in their journey of faith.

## **Beating the Bounds; Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

'Beating the bounds is an ancient custom still observed in some parishes. Under the name of the Gangdays the custom of going a-ganging was kept before the Norman Conquest. A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, to share the knowledge of where they lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the lands.' (Source Wikipedia). Our parish first celebrated this ancient ceremony five years ago and a repeat is planned for Saturday 20th October. As the full walk is around ten miles in length it will, as before, be split into two walks of similar length and will finish with a joint picnic of all walkers and supporters. Exact details are to follow, but do keep the date free and commit to coming.

*Colin Weedon*

## **Diamond Wedding Celebration**

Father Ivor and Margaret will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August. This comes to give thanks to God for their long marriage and to assure them of our prayers and love as this wonderful day is celebrated. Following the 9.30 Parish Mass on the *following* Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August everyone is invited to the Parish rooms where a toast will be raised to Margaret and Ivor and a cake cut. Please do join us if you are able!

**St. Paul's Bazaar**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November; 12.00 noon**  
**Parish Rooms**

Lunches, Teas, Cakes, Games, Tombola, Grand Draw, Books and more.

Please put the date in your diaries. The theme this year is Literary Characters. If you are able to help in any way or have any brilliant ideas please let Liz Gallagher or Louise in the office know. Thank you.

*Liz Gallagher*

**Wokingham Art Exhibition**

I would like to thank all those who served refreshments in the Parish rooms during the Art Exhibition. The home-made cakes and scones were especially appreciated.

We were fortunate that the weather allowed customers to sit outside and enjoy their tea. All proceeds were in aid of Church funds and we raised about £700. Thanks to all those who cooked such delicious fare, and to those who served it.

*Jenny Ellerbeck*

**Ride & Stride 2018**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

The annual sponsored event in aid of the county's church buildings is now less than a month away. Those wishing to take an active part on foot or on two wheels can obtain more details and sponsor forms from me (although all are also available on the Berkshire Churches Trust website). As usual we hope to have St Paul's manned throughout the day so if you are able to volunteer for an hour or so between 10am and 6pm please let me know.

*Chris Townsend*

**Reading Pride Service**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August; 7.30pm**

**Reading Minster**

A Christian service, open to all, with a special focus on LGBT+ people, to celebrate Pride week in Reading. Drawing on the theme of 'Love Unites', the service will offer a safe, supportive space for you to reflect on your spiritual journey as we give thanks for the love and life we celebrate together. No matter who you are, where you have come from, or where your journey will take you, you will receive a warm welcome.

**Storage Trollies**

J club no longer need the trollies used to store their equipment. There are two units, with trays and on wheels, typical of 'school trays'. If any other church group, or church member has a use for them then please speak to Louise in the office. Thank you.

**September Opportunities**

Is there something you've been thinking you'd like to try? The new school year when many groups start up again after the summer is a great time to join in with something new. Have you been wondering about serving, singing, bell ringing? Could you commit afresh to helping with the coffee, cleaning the church, flower arranging? Have you ever wondered what some of the notices are advertising – coffee and chat, the Taverners? Do get in touch with a member of clergy or a group organiser if you'd like to find out more.

# Prayers

Please note that the prayer list for the sick is updated the first week of each month. If you wish to keep a name on the prayer list please let the office know by the start of September. Thank you.

**Those being baptised:** Cherry Robinson

**Those being married:** Victoria Capel and Ben Crane

**The sick:** Vince Pearson, Martin, Tom North, Anthony Dean, Geraldine Lea, Neil Lovesey, Elma Kallenborn, Adrian Brierley.

**The Recently Departed:** Jack Barrett, Malcom Armstrong-Irving.

**Year's Mind:** (12<sup>th</sup>) Paul Rogers; (14<sup>th</sup>) Fredrick Henle, Margaret Bryan; (15<sup>th</sup>) Alexander Glendenning, Elizabeth Churchill; (17<sup>th</sup>) Mary Boshier; (18<sup>th</sup>) Pauline Peddy.

**Those travelling and away this summer:** That they may have good times, relax and refresh themselves and return safely.

**Young People** receiving A-level results this Thursday, and GCSE results next Thursday. Give them wisdom as they make decisions about their futures.

**The Parish Prayer:** God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Fr Richard Lamey	327 9116	rector@spauls.org.uk	Rest Day Sat
Fr Patrick Mukholi	977 3397	patrick.mukholi@spauls.org.uk	Rest Day Mon
Mthr Julie Mintern	327 7839	julie.mintern@spauls.org.uk	Rest Day Fri
Rev'd Judi Hattaway	976 1197	judihattaway@mac.com	Rest Day Fri

## Churchwardens

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**The Parish Office:** Closed on Wednesdays

Church Administrator

Louise Cole                      979 2122    church.office@spauls.org.uk    10.00am – 2.00pm

**Please not the change in office hours which are slightly shorter until Vanessa starts as Parish Rooms administrator on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please bear with Louise while she does both Parish and Church administrator jobs. It may be wise to call the office before dropping in. Thank you.**

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