

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. **Anybody, of any age, who has been baptised in any Christian Church, is warmly invited to receive the Eucharist here.**

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.

We are a Church family committed to welcoming all those who come as God's precious and beloved child, whatever their age or race, sexuality or experience, background or confidence in Church. We only become the Church God is calling us to be when everybody is made welcome and everybody is freed to contribute and join in.

Welcome home.

15th March: Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
8.45am	Woosehill	Communion	Rev'd Catherine Bowstead
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
		Readings: Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42	
		Hymns: 379, 378, 62, 74	
		Antem: Ex ore innocentium, <i>J Ireland</i>	
		Gradual: Ad te levavi, <i>I Ord-Hume</i>	
		Setting: St Anne's Mass, <i>J Macmillan</i>	
10.00am	Woosehill	Morning Worship	Kim Tame
11.00am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
6.15pm	St Paul's	Choral Evensong & Sermon Series	Fr Richard &
		Canticles: The Short Service, O Gibbons	Piers Bickersteth
		Antem: Ex ore innocentium, <i>J Ireland</i>	
		<i>Timeless music, and a sermon to challenge and inspire</i>	

Collect Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Week Ahead: 16th – 21st March

Mon	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
Tue	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	12.30pm	Broad Street	Taverners	Chris Rutter
Wed	10.30am	Teri's	House Mass 17 Martins Drive	
Thurs	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	
	10.30am	Kennet Court	Communion	
	11.00am	West Oak	Communion	
Friday	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	2.00pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat and Stitch Together	Susanna Allen
Saturday	9.00am	St Paul's	Stations of the Cross	

22nd March: Mothering Sunday

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
Readings: Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41			
Hymns: The Lord's my shepherd, 264, 187, 186			
Anthem: The Secret of Christ, <i>G Knight</i>			
Gradual: Ad te levavi, <i>I Ord-Hume</i>			
Setting: St Anne's Mass, <i>J Macmillan</i>			
10.00am	Woosehill	Morning Worship	Fr Patrick
4.00pm	Woosehill	Messy Church	Fr Patrick
6.15pm	Woosehill	Evening Worship	Fr Patrick

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.

We do also have an electronic payment device situated on the table at the back of church. It is not possible to gift aid donations by this method, but all donations are of course very welcome! Thank you.

Notices

Sermon Series

Our 2020 special sermon series continues **today** at 6.15pm, when Rev'd Piers Bickersteth from Arborfield and Barkham will be speaking about the story of The Prodigal Son.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is currently due for revision and is open for applications from **1st March until 23rd March**. This is not a complete revision, so if you were entered onto the Roll last year, you do not need to reapply. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, application forms are available in church and can be obtained from a sidesperson or from me. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to speak to me, Fr Richard or a Churchwarden. *Teri Austen*

Lent Course

Our Lent course continues on **Tuesday**, 2.30pm in the Parish Rooms (upstairs in the Carpenter Room) and 8pm in Woosehill Church. We are following Bishop Steven's Lent course, 'Abundant Life', which reflects on the raising of Lazarus. Do come along even if you are unable to make it every week.

Palm Crosses

We will be making Palm Crosses **Tuesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April** at 60 Valley Crescent. It will be open house on Tuesday from 3.00pm until 10 pm or Thursday from 3.00pm until 7.30pm - drop in anytime for as long as you wish. Don't worry if you do not know how to make palm crosses as tuition will be given. If you can bring scissors that will be helpful (but not your best ones as the palms may blunt them). Everyone is very welcome. *Geraldine Lea (9786420)*

Advice from the Diocese concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19)

"The virus not been declared a pandemic and at present the risk in this country is assessed as 'moderate'. However, there are, of course some practical measures churches can take.

"Much of that is simply maintaining good hygiene including, for example, priests and servers washing their hands and using alcohol-based hand-sanitiser before Holy Communion.

"Although there is not currently Government advice suggesting churches should suspend the use of the Common Cup, parishioners with coughs and sneezes should certainly be encouraged to receive Communion in one kind only and to refrain from handshaking during The Peace.

"We also advise against the practice of 'intinction' – when the consecrated bread is dipped into the wine - as this could represent an infection transmission route."

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 April.
Thank you.

The sick: Alec Stubbings, Fr Ken, Eloise Aulds, Jonathan Pott, Sarah Ritchie, Angela, Richard, Colin Clark, Ken Johnson, Roger Osborne, Shirley and Colin Imray

The Recently Departed: Jan Cook, Hilary Jones

Year's Mind: (15th) David Organ; (17th) John Eves, Stanley Goodman;
(18th) Rev'd Tim Brookfield; (19th) Florence Butler; (20th) Charles Foy; (21st) Rhoda Gregory, Gill Clark, Audrey Bennetts

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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
Rev'd Judi Hattaway	976 1197	judihattaway@mac.com	Rest Day Fri

Churchwardens

David Ruddock	437 6104	david.ruddock@spauls.org.uk
Peter Wells	377 6351	peter.wells@spauls.org.uk

The Parish Office: Closed on Wednesdays

Church Administrator

Louise Cole	979 2122	church.office@spauls.org.uk	10.00am – 1.00pm
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Parish Rooms Administrator

Vanessa Hemmi	979 2122	parish.rooms@spauls.org.uk	12 noon – 2.30pm
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