

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.

1st March: First Sunday of Lent

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
8.45am	Woosehill	Communion	Fr Patrick
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard

Readings: Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

Hymns: 64, 339, 382, 67

Anthem: Remember, remember not Lord our offences, *H Purcell*

Gradual: Ad te levavi

Setting: St Anne's Mass, *J Macmillan*

10.00am	Woosehill	Morning Worship and First Communion of Erin Donohoe	Fr Patrick
11.00am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Richard
6.15pm	St Paul's	Solemn Evensong followed by Music for Meditation	Fr Richard

Collect Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Week Ahead: 2nd – 7th 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	Rev'd Roy Burgess
	4.30pm	Parish Rooms	Stitch Together	Margaret Davies
Thurs	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Mary Cassidy
	11.00am	West Oak	Communion	Mary Cassidy
Friday	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	2.00pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat	Susanna Allen
Saturday	9.00am	St Paul's	Stations of the Cross	

8th March: Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am St Paul's Low Mass Fr Richard

9.30am St Paul's Parish Mass Fr Patrick

Readings: Romans 4.1-5,13-17, John 3.1-17

Hymns: 414, 333, 434, 407

Antem: God so loved the world, *J Stainer*

Gradual: Ad te levavi, *I Ord-Hume*

Setting: St Anne's Mass, *J Macmillan*

10.00am Woosehill Morning Worship Fr Richard

11.00am St Nick's Community Eucharist Fr Patrick

6.15pm St Paul's Healing Mass Fr Patrick

Calm, reflective, opening ourselves to the healing Christ

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

Time for Lent: Music for Meditation

As part of our observation of Lent this year, Solemn Evensong **tonight at 6.15pm** will conclude with an extended time for prayer and meditation. This will be enhanced by a specially chosen programme of organ music around the theme of 'repetition', featuring:

Litanies Jehan Alain

Spiegel im Spiegel Arvo Pärt

Passacaglia & Fugue in C minor
Johann Sebastian Bach

Lent Course

This year we will be following Bishop Steven's Lent course, 'Abundant Life', which reflects on the raising of Lazarus. There will be two sessions every Tuesday during Lent, 2.30pm in the Parish Rooms (upstairs in the Carpenter Room) and 8pm in Woosehill Church. Everyone very welcome.

Stations of the Cross

This will take place in St Paul's at 9am every Saturday during Lent



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World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and will be celebrated at Norreys Evangelical Church on **Friday 6th March**. The service will start at 11am and all are welcome. If you have any questions about the service, please speak to Liz Gallagher, Jean Vaughan or Teri Austen.

#LiveLent

The Church of England has produced a free app for Lent which offers daily reflections on the theme of Creation. There are also prayers and daily actions for children and families – available from www.churchofengland.org or from your usual app store!

Lent Lunch

12 noon to 2pm on **Saturday 14th March** in the Parish Rooms - a simple meal of soup and bread with fruit. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to come so we have an idea of numbers. Donations to the Lent Appeal.

Sermon Series

Our 2020 special sermon series continues on **Sunday 15th March** at 6.15pm, when Rev'd Piers Bickersteth from Arborfield and Barkham will be talking about 'the Prodigal'.

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 - drop in anytime for as long as you wish. On Thursday it will be similar but will have to finish at 7.30pm.

Do not worry if you do not know how to make palm crosses as tuition will be given along with tea/coffee and biscuits. If you can bring scissors that will be helpful (but not your best ones as the palms may blunt them). This is a fun social time and you are very welcome. For further information please contact me (tel. 9786420). *Geraldine Lea*

Pathways Magazine

The latest edition of Pathways magazine (featuring our very own Paul Armitage!) is available for collection at the back of church. Do take one home with you!

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 March. 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: (2nd) Sidney Priest; (3rd) John Christie; (5th) Herbert Smith; (6th) Charlotte Walter; (7th) Ethel Dixon, Paula Billington, Roberto Ciabattini

We pray for Erin as she takes her First Communion today, that this will be a key moment in her lifelong journey as a faithful disciple of Christ.

We pray for quick relief from flood waters across the UK and protection for those whose homes and livelihoods are under threat as the bad weather continues. Give wisdom to those who make decisions about how to protect those who are vulnerable in future years. Let this also be an opportunity for community spirit to flourish and help the church to respond well to those who are affected and in need of support.

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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Foodbank Collection Days

We will be collecting items for the Foodbank **today and next Sunday (8th March)**. Their current needs are:

Hot dogs	Shaving Foam
Tinned peas	Tinned carrots
Size 4 nappies	Disposable razors
All-purpose cleaner	Washing-up liquid
Washing powder/liquid (small packs)	
Toothbrushes (adult & children)	

PLEASE – no soup, baked beans, pasta, tea or biscuits

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed for a week from Friday 6th March so any Pews News notices for the next two weeks must be received by the end of Tuesday 3rd. Thank you!

Spire Magazine

The March edition of The Spire is now available from the back of church.

There are still a number of people who appear not to have paid their annual subscription! If you have been paying monthly in the wall box, would you mind please letting me know so that I can take you off the list? Otherwise, prompt payment would be appreciated 😊

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*

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.”

Say hello to Sam Mortimer...

Sam is training for ordination in the Oxford Diocese Local Ministry Program. Originally from Reading, he studied Physics at Southampton University and has a PhD in Applied Chemistry from Grenoble University, France. He now works in marketing for 3M in Bracknell. He has been a Licensed Lay Minister for 11 years, serving as Congregational Leader for All Saints, a Church Plant in Warfield Parish, from 2008 to 2015. During that time, he developed a school assembly ministry, exploring the interaction of Science and Faith and drawing his own illustrations. With two friends he organised a “prayer cycle” round the Woodhurst Park area prior to the planting of the Encounter Church congregation and in 2018 he started a “Skype” prayer meeting with colleagues at 3M UK.



Sam’s wife Sarah is also an ordinand and they have three grown-up sons. They enjoy theatre, concerts, cinema and long walks. Additionally, Sam runs (occasionally), plays badminton (badly) and cycles (keenly).

Sam is going to be on placement with us in Lent, broadening his sense of the Church of England and asking questions about why we do the things we do and how it helps us to come close to God. Do look out for him and make him welcome!

LGBTI+ Chaplaincy Service

Our four bishops recently set clear expectations of inclusion and respect towards LGBTI+ people, their families and friends. Since then, they have continued to receive many requests for guidance and support. A new chaplaincy recently announced by the Diocese, begins its work in the hope and expectation that LGBTI+ people, and those close to them, are no longer left feeling on the margins of the Church.

More information about the LGBTI+ Chaplaincy Service can be found on the website at oxford.anglican.lgbt

AbstiLent 2020

I am going to support Yeldall Manor residents in their abstinence, by giving up chocolate, cakes and biscuits for Lent. If you would like to support me then do visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Susannah-Riley or you could join me. Please email Sue Hedger for further details: suehedger@yeldall.org.uk Thanks, *Susannah Riley*