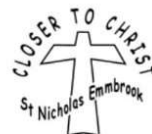


Pews News

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.

28th January 2018: Conversion of St Paul

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Patrick
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Patrick
	Readings: Acts 9.1-22; Matthew 19.27-30		
	Hymns: 155, 56, 360, 391	Setting: Mass of St Thomas, <i>Thorne</i>	
	Gradual: Oriel Alleluia	Anthem: Locus iste, <i>A Bruckner</i>	
10.00am	Woosehill	Communion	Fr Richard
11.00am	St Nick's	Eucharist	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
1.00pm	St Paul's	Baptism of Benjamin Orchard	
4.00pm	Woosehill	Messy Church	Fr Patrick
4.30pm	St Nick's	Christingle	Fr Richard
6.15pm	Woosehill	Evening Service	Fr Patrick

Collect: Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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.**

Communion: Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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: 29th January – 3rd February

Mon	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	7.15pm	St Paul's	Mass before PCC	
	8.00pm	Parish Rms	PCC	
Tues	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	8.00pm	Woosehill	Bible Study:	Patrick Mukholi
Wed	8.30am	Woosehill	Morning Prayer	
	10.30am	The Rectory	House Mass	Fr Richard
	8.00pm	Julie's	The Balloon Ride – 13 Brook Cl	
Thurs	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Patrick
	10.30am	West Oak	Communion	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
Fri	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	2.00pm	Parish Rms	Coffee and Chat	Susanna Allen
Sat	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.00am	St Paul's	Rosary	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Mthr Julie

4th February 2018: Candlemas

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

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

Hymns: 33 (omit * verses), 338, 44, 234 **Setting:** Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*

Gradual: Oriel Alleluia **Anthem:** O nata lux, *T Tallis*

10.00am	Woosehill	Communion	Fr Patrick
11.00am	St Nick's	See, hear, live!	Fr Richard
1.00pm	St Paul's	Baptism of Archie Scott	
6.15pm	St Paul's	Evensong and Benediction	

We are celebrating Candlemas on Sunday 4th February, which marks the end of Christmas in the Christian calendar. We focus on Jesus being presented to Anna and Simeon in the Temple, and Christ being shown to the world as the fulfilment of the prophets. Do bring your candle (and reclaim it at the end) in order to be a part of the procession of candles which highlights Jesus as the light of the World.

Notices

Christingle Service

Sunday 28th Jan; 4.30pm

Emmbrook Village Hall

The decorations have been put away and Christmas may feel long gone but come and join St Nick's and the local community for a Christingle celebration marking the end of Christmas. Bring back the festive feel and remember that the Light of the World is born.

Quiz Night

Saturday 3rd February; 7.00pm

Parish Rooms

Tickets £10 adults, £5 child, £25 family. Choice of fish, chicken or vegetarian & chips. Bring own drinks and nibbles. Either come as a team or join one on the night. Contact Geraldine Lea by Mon 29th Jan with numbers and supper choice. geraldine.lea@ntlworld. Janet Charlton

Messy Church

Sunday 28th Jan; 4.00pm

Woosehill



A family celebration of Candlemas involving Candle Making and Decorating. Especially good fun for primary school children.

The Balloon Ride

Wed 30th Jan; 8.00pm

13 Brook Close



Come on a virtual balloon ride and picture the church in 5 or 10 years' time. The steering team will put all our experiences together to outline our shared views. The more people who join in, the more complete our picture will be- we need your voice, your ideas, your insights to help shape the future of St Paul's.

Poster Design

We would really appreciate someone with an eye for design to help produce the Posters for Church events. All the printing is done from the office, but could you put together the poster? Please speak to Becca if you think could help.

Palm Crosses for Ash Wednesday

Please return your Palm Crosses for burning to produce the Ash for Ash Wednesday. Please put them in the baskets at the back of Church.

Geraldine Lea

Bible Study

Tuesday 30th January; 8.00pm

Woosehill Church

Exploring the Beatitudes

Two more weeks to study and discuss the Bishop of Oxford's vision for the diocese on the theme of the three Cs. After the popular Advent course we are giving another 2 weeks to explore this topic.



Pancake Party

Tuesday 13th February

5.30 – 7.00pm

Pancakes galore! Sweet, savoury, or a mixture...



Activities for younger people. £2 per eating person. Please get your tickets from Becca in the office by Sun 11th Feb. Any offers of help for cooking or planning activities gratefully received.

GIFT AID declaration

If you are a UK taxpayer, then St Paul's Church is able to reclaim the tax on your donations under the Gift Aid scheme. If you would like to help **your** Church reclaim this tax from HMRC, then it is vital that you complete a pre-printed and personalised Gift Aid form. In addition, the latest HMRC rules suggest that all declarations should be reconfirmed on a regular basis. Please let me know if you have:

1. Previously completed a Gift Aid form **BEFORE 2011**
2. Moved house and **NOT** completed a form showing your new address

Also, if you have completed a Gift Aid form, (or think you may have completed one), and you are no longer a UK taxpayer then tell me so that your declaration can be removed. All donations are very much appreciated for the running of our Church. Any addition, such as monies reclaimed from the taxman, really do help in paying the day to day financial commitments of the Parish.

If you have any queries please contact one of us. *Jerome & Tina Selwyn-Smith – Stewardship Team (0118 979 2819)*

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

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

The Parish Office

Church Administrator

Becca Lamey	979 2122	church.office@spauls.org.uk	10.00am – 12.30pm
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Parish Rooms Administrator

Louise Cole	979 2122	parish.rooms@spauls.org.uk	12.30pm – 2.30pm
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Please note that the parish office is now closed every Wednesday, but open on Fridays.

Being a Christ-like Church

Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous

Saturday 3rd March 2018

10:00-14:00

Green Park Conference Centre, Reading, RG2 6GP

Following on from the excellent *'Being the people of God today'* conference the diocese is organising a day conference to consider what the three Cs mean for our church. The last day had a significant impact on the planning of several events and from it grew Coffee and Chat. Although this is a diocesan planned day, it is intended that it will inspire our work here at St Paul's.

Bishop Steven, Bishop of Oxford, will be there to help us explore how we can carry forward the emerging vision for the diocese within our Churches.

This event is not intended for clergy – in fact they're only allowed to attend if they bring people from their church with them!

The conference will include three presentations and workshops which will help us to:

- engage with the diocesan vision (*a Christ-like church*) and values (*contemplative, compassionate, courageous*);
- learn about changes to the social landscape that are anticipated by 2025;
- creatively explore the implications for our mission in the light of these social changes and the diocese's vision and values;
- provide opportunities to feed back on the initial work of the diocesan focus groups, particularly in the areas of 'discipleship' and 'growing the local church'.

If you are interested then do speak to Mary, Becca or Susanna about the last day. And let Becca know in the office who will reserve a place for you on the day.

(Lunch and refreshments provided.)



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 at the start of February. Thank you.

The plight of Syrian refugees on the border between Syria and Lebanon - where they are suffering from snow storms and flooding - 15 have frozen to death in recent weeks. There is also bombing in the north on the Turkish border and the Church in North Syria has asked for prayer.

PMC: The process of the Balloon Rides and the wisdom of the Steering Group as we consider the future journeys of our Churches.

Those being Baptised this week: Benjamin Orchard

The sick: Fr Ivor, Fr Ken, Fr Roy, Carine Zubke, John Griffin, Hilary Ruddock, Edna Priest, Gunther, Linda Gascoigne, Colin Lee, Vince Pearson, Patricia.

Families needing out prayers: Jill and family

The Recently Departed: Jean Proctor, Clara Edwards, Kathleen Lee, Bernice Brace, Rosemary Machado, Sheila Garland, Bette Cobden, Brian Lloyd.

Year's Mind: (29th) Henry Walker; (30th) John Alexander; (31st) Henry Walter, Edward Price; (1st) Charles Poole.

Please pray for the charities we support and the work they do to help our community and wider world. Our charities are currently Soulscape, USPG and Children's Society.

Please do use these subjects in the course of your daily prayers alongside those individuals for whom we pray.

Monday	Schools; for families, children, headteachers, staff and governors
Tuesday	Wokingham hospital; nursing homes; patients, staff and carers
Wednesday	Churches of our Parish; our shared fellowship and mission and for PMC
Thursday	Refugees and those without a fixed address
Friday	Churches Together in Wokingham; their projects and witness
Saturday	Town Borough Council; Councillors and Mayors and decision makers