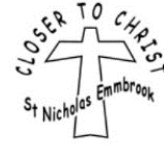


# Pews News

**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.

## 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Anthem:** 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*

**Collect** Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Week Ahead: 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Mon</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Tue</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	10.30am	Teri's	<b>House Mass</b> 17 Martins Drive	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
<b>Thurs</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	9.15am	St Paul's	First Steps	
	1.15pm	St Paul's	Meditation Group	Susannah Riley
<b>Friday</b>	8.30am	St Paul's	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
	2.00pm	Parish Rooms	Coffee & Chat	Susanna Allen
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00am	St Paul's	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	

### 15<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Readings:</b> Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42			
<b>Hymns:</b> 379, 378, 62, 74			
<b>Anthem:</b> Ex ore innocentium, <i>J Ireland</i>			
<b>Gradual:</b> Ad te levavi, <i>I Ord-Hume</i>			
<b>Setting:</b> 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 & Piers Bickersteth

Canticles: The Short Service, O Gibbons

Anthem: Ex ore innocentium, J Ireland

*Timeless music, and a sermon to challenge and inspire*

**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

## 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.00

## Lent Lunch

12 noon to 2pm on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.15pm, when Rev'd Piers Bickersteth from Arborfield and Barkham will be talking about 'the Prodigal'.

## Parish Office Closure

The church office will be closed until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. (Still open for Parish Rooms business during the usual times).

## 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*

## Palm Crosses

We will be making Palm Crosses **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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*

## Spire Magazine

The March edition of The Spire is now available at 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 the office know so that I can take you off the list? Otherwise, prompt payment would be appreciated 😊

# 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:** (8<sup>th</sup>) John Benson, Elizabeth Doney; (9<sup>th</sup>) Henrietta Newberry, Margaret Barry, June Wells; (11<sup>th</sup>) Gladys Ingleson; (12<sup>th</sup>) George Eggleston, Raymond Chipper; (13<sup>th</sup>) Beatrice Bowden, Desmond Kelly, Rev'd Arthur Lloyd-Davies, John Cullinane; (14<sup>th</sup>) James Bowden

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.

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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
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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## **Meditation Group**

Whilst many think of meditation as an Eastern practice, meditation, or contemplation, has been an important part of Christian spirituality from the beginning. There are many different ways to meditate, but they share the desire to become one with God in silence. Meditation offers both spiritual and physical benefits.

We are starting a regular meditation group on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 1.15-1.45pm in the Walter Chapel in St Paul's. The first meeting will be this coming **Thursday, March 12th**. We will start with a reading from the Bible or other Christian source. This will be followed by about 20 minutes in silence, ending with a short prayer.

If you would like to learn more, please come and join us.

Or, if this is all new to you and you would prefer to chat beforehand, then please contact me by email: [meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk](mailto:meditationgroup@spauls.org.uk)

Or you can visit <https://www.christian-meditation.org.uk/index.php/how-to-meditate/how-to-meditate2> (Whilst the group is not linked with the World Community of Christian Meditation, this link has useful information about meditation).

Although meditation sessions are held in a Christian context, members of other faiths, or none, are very welcome to join us. *Susannah Riley*

## **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.”

## Organ Repair

It seems incredible that it is now 25 years since our Victorian organ was moved to St Paul's from its previous home in Shepherds Bush, where it had been dormant since 1962. At the time of the relocation, the instrument was cleaned and all obvious faults repaired, giving St Paul's a reliable "new" instrument on a relatively tight budget.

With regular use since the restoration, some wear and tear has become apparent, particularly to two of the manual keyboards. The mortises on which the individual keys pivot are now very worn and loose, so that some keys are able to move from side to side almost as far as they travel up and down. In the worst cases, they catch against each other and it is possible to play two notes simultaneously by pressing on only one key. This is also accompanied by a good deal of rattling!

Unfortunately, this is not something which can be fixed in situ, so the console must be partially dismantled and the organ rendered unplayable for a short while. On Monday 2 March, all three keyboards will be removed by our regular organ tuner, Andrew Cooper, and sent away to Derbyshire for restoration by a company which specialises in refurbishing keyboards.

It is hoped that the work can be completed in less than two weeks, so that we are only without the organ for one Sunday. In the meantime, the church piano will be given a chance to shine. *David Pether*

## 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!