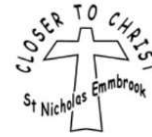


Pews News

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.

17th December: Third Sunday in Advent

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

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

Hymns: 466, 11, 6, 7 **Setting:** St Anne's Mass, *J McMillan*

Gradual: Judah and Jerusalem **Anthem:** Jesus Christ the apple tree, *E Poston*

Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'Wachet auf', *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

10.00am	Woosehill	Communion	Methodist
11.00am	St Nick's	Communion	Fr Richard

6.15pm St Paul's Nine Lessons and Carols

A candlelit service celebrating Christmas with readings and music. Offers of mince pies and mulled wine to Margaret Davies or just bring them along.

7.30pm Woosehill Christmas Carols

Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion: We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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: 18th – 23rd December

Mon	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
Tues	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
Wed	8.30am	Woosehill	Morning Prayer	
	10.30am	Teri's	House Mass – 17 Martin Drive	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
	6.30pm	Alexandra Grange	Carol Singing	Choir
Thurs	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Rev'd Jane Kraft
	10.30am	West Oak	Communion	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
	10.30am	Kennet Court	Communion	Fr Patrick
	10.30am	St Paul's	Crib Service	Mthr Julie
	3.00pm	Dickens Court	Carol Service	Mthr Julie
	7.00pm	St Paul's	The Holt School Christmas Service	
Fri	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	11.00am	Alexandra Grange	Communion	Fr Richard
	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	Fr Patrick
	10.00am	Parish Rms	Christingle Making	Jena Vaughan
	10.00am	St Paul's	Christmas Flowers	Sue Davenport

24th December: Fourth Sunday in Advent

8.00am St Paul's Low Mass Mthr Julie

9.30am St Paul's Parish Mass Mthr Julie

Readings: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Revelation 12.1-5a; Mark 1.21-28

Hymns: 10, 185, 187, 9 **Setting:** St Anne's Mass, *J McMillan*

Gradual: Judah and Jerusalem **Anthem:** Alma Mater Redemptoris, *G P da Palesrina*

Voluntary: Gregorian Prelude on 'Rorate Caeli', *Jeanne Demessieux*

10.00am Woosehill Communion Fr Patrick

11.00am St Nick's Communion Rev'd Judi Hattaway

3.00pm St Paul's Christingle Fr Richard

4.00pm Woosehill Crib Service Fr Patrick

5.00pm St Paul's Christingle Fr Richard

11.00pm St Paul's Midnight Mass Fr Richard

11.30pm Woosehill Midnight Mass Fr Richard

Notices

PMC 'BABY JESUS' PEBBLES

Been wondering what these notices have been about? Collected some pebbles and not sure why? Join us this week distributing/hiding these little gifts for residents in the Matthews Green area – talk to Mary Cassidy, Teri Austen or Mthr Julie before you leave today!

Advent Course: Session 3

Tuesday 19th December; 8.00pm

Woosehill Church

Exploring the Beatitudes

Based on the new vision of the diocese, come and explore what it means to be Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous.

Carol Singing with Woosehill

Wednesday 20th December; 7.30pm

Please come and join us for carols outside Morrisons, Woosehill for just one hour.

Crib Service – help needed

Thursday 21st December; 10.30am

We are in urgent need of a pianist to play the 5 carols at the crib service. Please contact Mthr Julie asap if you can help.

Christingle Making

Saturday 23rd December; 10am

Join the fun and make Christingles in the Parish Rooms. No experience necessary. All ages welcome. Mince pies, Christmas music as the excitement of Christmas builds...

Advent Mission Collection

Save time! Save trees! Kickstart our mission fundraising! Support our parish charities! “Buy” (for a generous donation) one of the recycled cards at the back of St Paul’s church, write a message, sign it and stick it on the board to greet members of our church family this Advent. Don’t forget to look at the cards on the board each Sunday too. Your donations will support **Soulscape**, **The Children’s Society** and **USPG**. There will be a retiring collection for our three charities at the end of the morning and evening services TODAY. Copies of USPG's latest Transmission magazine and Prayer Diary are available from the table at the back of church.

Christmas Leaflet Delivery

There’s still plenty of opportunity to get fit before Christmas by delivering a bundle of Christmas Leaflets. They are at the back of church – please help yourself and deliver some!

Unique Christmas Presents

Here is your opportunity to give a unique Christmas present to a friend this year. At the back of the left-hand block of pews you will find some genuinely retro vases, jugs etc. If you would like one to lovingly bestow upon your nearest and dearest, please help yourselves. Anything left is going to the dump before the Christingle services, as we need the room! *Teri Austen*

Christmas Flowers; Saturday 23rd December; 10.00am

We will be meeting to prepare the Church for Christmas. Flowers are provided but foliage is always very much appreciated. All help very welcome. *Sue Davenport*

New Year's Service

Sunday 31st December; 6.15pm

St Paul's

Why not begin your New Year celebrations in or house of prayer? We will be giving thanks for 2017 and commend the New Year to God in a short New Year's Service.

2018 Evensong Sermon Series

Living out the Beatitudes

18th Feb, 18th Mar, 20th May, 17th June, 15th July, 16th Sept, 21st Oct 2018

Please put the dates in your diary for next year. Any offers of help with refreshments would be welcomed by Margaret Davies, from individuals or church groups.

Coffee Rota Please email me, jennyellerbeck@talktalk if you have not received next year's rota or phone me 0118 978 3470 for a printed copy. Thank you.

Jenny

Readers and Intercessors Rota The Rota for 2018 is currently being drawn up. If you do not wish to continue on the rota or if you wish to be added to either list, please could you let David Ruddock know as soon as possible. New names are very welcome, especially Intercessors. Tel: 0118 437 6104 or email David.ruddock@spauls.org.uk.

Prayers

Our twin parish in Vaxjo, Sweden: Pray for their journey through Advent towards Christmas and that they may minister to those around them.

The sick: Ruth Boys, Helen Mukholi, Fr Ivor, Glenn Wass, Fr Ken, Fr Roy, Carine Zubke, Audrey Bennetts, Ted Weaver, Malcolm Armstrong-Irvine, Claire-in-Jesus-Christ, Samantha Harrington, John Griffin, Philip, Janet, June Vogel, Linda, Hilary Ruddock, Elma Kallenborne, Anthony Dean, Edna Priest.

The Recently Departed: John Iddon, John Webb, Don Saunders, Renee Nightingale, Paul Kiermasz, Michael Sargeant, Kathleen Welch, PC James Dixon, David Holder.

Year's Mind: (18th) Gordon Johnson; (19th) Sarah David, Douglas Burton; (20th) Fanny Walker, Richard Billington, Lorraine Harvey, Mary Harvey, Rafe Hattaway; (21st) Katherine Beckett; (22nd) Mary Ellison; (23rd) Nina Peggs, Ian Field.

David Holder's funeral is to be held in church on Monday 18th December at 1pm. The service will be followed by his burial and refreshments in the parish rooms.

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

The Parish Office opening hours Mon – Thurs 10.00am – 12.30pm

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