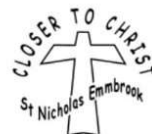


Pews News

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.

11th February 2018: Sunday Before Lent

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Rev'd Jane Kraft
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9			
Hymns: 343, 373, 357, 336		Setting: Mass of St Thomas, <i>Thorne</i>	
Gradual: Plainsong Alleluia		Anthem: Grant us thy peace, <i>F Mendelssohn</i>	
Voluntary: Fugue in A minor BWV 543, <i>J.S. Bach</i>			
10.00am	Woosehill	Communion	Mthr Julie
11.00am	St Nick's	Communion	Fr Patrick
5.30pm	Suffolk Lodge	Communion	Mthr Julie
6.15pm	St Paul's	Healing Mass	Fr Patrick

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Communion: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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: 12th – 17th February

Mon	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
Tues	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	2.00pm	Parish Rms	Welcome Club	Jackie Alexander
	5.30pm	Parish Rms	Pancake Party	
Wed	8.30am	Woosehill	Morning Prayer	
	10.30am	St Paul's	Ash Wednesday House Mass	Rev'd Roy Burgess
	8.00pm	St Paul's	Ash Wednesday Mass	Mthe Julie
	8.00pm	Woosehill	Ash Wednesday Service	Fr Patrick
Thurs	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Mthr Julie
	10.30am	West Oak	Communion	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
	10.30am	Kennet Ct	Communion	Fr Patrick
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	Stations of the cross	Mthr Julie
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Mthr Julie
			Churchyard Workparty	Andy Clark

18th February 2018: Sunday before Lent

8.00am St Paul's Low Mass Fr Patrick

8.45am Woosehill Methodist Communion

9.30am St Paul's Parish Mass Mthr Julie

Readings: Genesis 9.8-17, 1 Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15

Hymns: 67, 353, 407, 74 **Setting:** St Anne's Mass, *J Macmillan*

Gradual: Ad te levavi **Anthem:** God so loved the world, *J Stainer*

10.00am Woosehill Methodist Communion

11.00am St Nick's Communion Mthr Julie

6.15pm St Paul's Choral Evensong with 2018 Sermon

Alison Webster: *The Beatitudes and Being Well*

Our biblical vision is profoundly countercultural. Alison will explore what health and wellbeing look like through the lens of the beatitudes, and how this vision differs profoundly from what our society would have us believe. Alison Webster is the Deputy Director of Mission (Social Responsibility) for the Diocese of Oxford.

Responses: Smith **Psalm:** 119 v17-32 **Hymns:** 248, 76

Canticles: The Short Service, *O Gibbons* **Anthem:** Save us O Lord, *E Bairstow*

Notices

Now the New Year is well under way there are several leaflets for you to pick up so that you are up to date with what is going on this term:

1. Term Card (pink) with key dates for the term.
2. Sermon Series Leaflet (white) detailing the 6.15pm Evensong Sermons.
3. Lent Course dates and themes (green)
4. Live Lent Lenten readings and reflections. Please pay £2.50 for this.

Pancake Party

Tuesday 13th February
5.30 – 7.00pm

Last chance to sign up!
Activities for younger people. £2 per eating person. Please get your tickets from Becca today. Any offers of help for cooking or planning activities gratefully received.




#LIVELENT
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

During Lent the Tuesday evening bible study group will be following the Archbishop's Lent course. Individually we are able to join in by following the daily readings and reflections in the booklet #LiveLent. This runs alongside the course; we recommend you buy a booklet if you are coming to the course. If you do not plan to come to the Lent Course then this is a fantastic way to keep Lent. Booklets are for sale for £2.50 at the back of church or from the office.

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

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the 14th of Feb (a Wednesday). It is vitally important that everyone is in Church that day, both for your own keeping of a Holy Lent but also to make sure that we all journey through Lent together with a real sense of coherence and shared endeavour. If you are able, then I urge you to be at the 10.30am House Mass or the 8pm Liturgy of Ash Wednesday. The more you put into Lent and Holy Week the more you will be transformed and inspired by the great events of our salvation.

Fr Richard

Foodbank; Sunday 18th February

The Foodbank is over whelmed with food gifts at Harvest. We have decided to replace our Harvest gifts to them with a collection now, when food stocks are running low. Please bring your gifts to church next Sunday for collection during the service. In particular they would like disposable razors, shaving foam, washing up liquid, small packs of easing powder/gel, size 4, 5 and 6 nappies or pull ups.

Transport Help Please

One of the ladies who currently has Home Communion would like to come to the 9.30 Service occasionally. She lives in the Berkshire Care Home, on the Barkham Road. If you are able to help please contact Keith Mintern on 327 7839.

Church Cleaning

Saturday 17th February; 10.15am

Now that we have finished with candles in church for a while, it seems a good time to remove the wax from the pews and the floors and have a general clean through. Please could I, therefore, ask for some willing volunteers to magically appear at the above time. *Teri Austen*

Choral Evensong and Sermon

Sunday 18th February; 6.15pm



The first sermon in the series of 2018: The Beatitudes. Following the theme of the Bishop of Oxford's vision for the diocese, we will be challenged about various aspects of The Beatitudes. Next week Alison Webster will preach on The Beatitudes and Being Well.

Mosque Open Day

Sunday 18th February

This is a good opportunity to find out more about the Muslim faith and how they worship. Two Mosques are open: Reading Mosque, Cumberland Road Masjid, 31 Cumberland Road, RG1 3LB is open from 12pm – 5pm and Maidenhead mosque, Holmanleaze, SL6 8AW is open from 2pm – 4pm.

Afternoon Lent Course

Thank you to those who have asked about Tuesday afternoon Lenten study sessions. The material will be the same as for the evenings at Woosehill. The first of these will take place on February 20th, at 13 Brook Close Emmbrook, 2.30 - 4pm. All welcome.

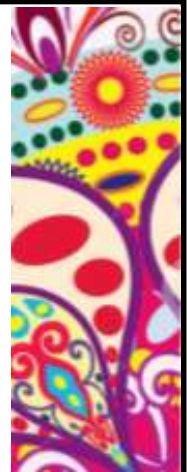
Soulscape Curry Night

Monday 5th March, 7.30pm

The Taramind Tree

£20 per ticket for starter, meat and vegetation dishes, rice, naan. Come and meet others or book a table for a group. For details and tickets contact:

contact@soulscape.org.uk



Festival of Prayer

Saturday 7th July

An inspiring day at Rippon College, Cuddesdon to step back from life and explore prayer and spirituality. There are many and varied workshops to chose from as well as time and space to pray.

More details at

<https://www.brffonline.org.uk/festival-of-prayer/> Go alone or take a friend and

make some space to be Comtemplative.

David Pether will be playing for a

lunchtime organ recital on the historic Father Willis Organ at Reading Town Hall on Monday 19 February at 1pm. The programme, which will last about 50

minutes, includes music by Bach, Reger, Nystedt, Hopkins, Bourgeois and Faulkes. Tickets £5. Available from Reading Arts,

0118 960 6060, www.readingarts.com or at the door.

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 March. Thank you.

The sick: Fr Ivor, Fr Roy, Linda Gascoigne, Vince Pearson, Patricia, Mary Taylor, Hilary Ruddock, Mary Cassidy, Ted Weaver.

Families needing our prayer: Carine Zubke

The Recently Departed: Kathleen Lee, Bernice Brace, Rosemary Machado, Sheila Garland, Bette Cobden, Brian Lloyd, Robin Woodhead, Murial Baylis, Arthur Carpenter.

Year's Mind: (12th) Andrew Boshier, Ian MacLennan; (13th) Bernard Doney, Ron Alexander; (14th) Frank Dowland; (15th) Peter Bowden; (16th) Alice Barry, Evelyn Thompson; (17th) J. Mortimer Hayes.

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.

We are now deep into the third year of the PMC process through which we are being gently transformed as a Church, learning more about God and more about the Church God is calling us to become. Part of that is working out our particular vocation as a Church. The recent 'Balloon rides' that everyone was invited to are part of that sense of discernment. We are building on those, and on conversations at PCC, and on the whole PMC adventure, to put together a Missional Vocation Statement for St Paul's. (St Nick's are ahead of the game and have already completed theirs). This should be a single sentence which people can remember saying what God is specifically calling us to as a Church. If you would like to add anything to the ideas we have, please speak to Fr Richard or Mary Cassidy.

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.