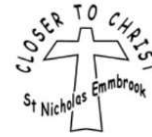


Pews News

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.

22nd April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
	Readings: Acts 4.5-12, John 10.11-18		
	Hymns: 119, 307, 282, 117 Anthem: Awake thou wintry earth, <i>J S Bach</i>		
	Setting: Mass of St Thomas, <i>Thorne</i> Gradual: Eastertide Alleluia		
10.00am	Woosehill	Communion Service	Fr Patrick
11.00am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Fr Richard
1.00pm	St Paul's	Baptism of Elsie Breadmore	
4.00pm	Woosehill	Messy Church	Doreen Murgatroyd
6.15pm	Woosehill	Evening Service	Fr Patrick

Collect: God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Post Communion: Lord of the harvest, you have fed your people in this sacrament with the fruits of creation made holy by your Spirit: by your grace raise up among us faithful labourers to sow your word and reap the harvest of souls; 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: 23rd – 28th April

Mon	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	7.30pm	Parish Rms	Mothers' Union	Ann Grice
	8.00pm	Parish Rms	PMC Prayers	Mary Cassidy
Tues	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	2.30pm	Parish Rms	Bible Study – Living Outside the Box	
	8.00pm	Woosehill	Bible Study – Living Outside the Box	
	8.00pm	Parish Rms	St Paul's APCM	
Wed	8.30am	Woosehill	Morning Prayer	
	10.30am	Liz's	House Mass – 10 Ashton Road	Fr Patrick
Thurs	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Patrick
Friday	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	11.00am	Alex Grange	Communion	Fr Richard
	2.00pm	Parish Rms	Coffee and Chat	
Sat	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.00am	St Paul's	Rosary	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Mthr Julie

29th April: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Richard
9.30am	St Paul's	Parish Mass	Fr Richard
Readings: Acts 4.5-12, John 10.11-18			
Hymns: 436, 296, 123, 112 Anthem: Tantum ergo, <i>D de Severac</i>			
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, <i>Thorne</i> Gradual: Eastertide Alleluia			
10.00am	Woosehill	Café Church	Fr Patrick
11.00am	St Nick's	Community Eucharist	Mthr Julie
2.00pm	St Paul's	Marriage of Samantha Charlton and James Reed	
6.15pm	St Paul's	Evening Prayer	Peter Wells

Fr Richard's Sabbatical

Fr Richard is away on sabbatical from the 6th May to 6th August. A sabbatical is intended as a period of rest and reflection, to 're-charge batteries' and take stock of all that is happening. Do read the article in the Spire to find out more about Richard's plans. The diocesan clergy conference starts on 30th April, so Richard is effectively away from then. During his sabbatical please contact the Church Wardens, Stewards, other clergy or the Parish Office who will direct you to the correct person. And do pray for Fr Richard as he takes this opportunity to pause and breathe.

Notices

St Nick's Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 22nd April; 12.30pm

Emmbrook Village Hall

Having signed up at the back of church, please remember to bring and share your food. Bring your own drinks.

Social Committee

St Pauls Mothers Union

Monday 23rd April; 7 30pm

Parish Rooms

All are welcome to join us to hear A Life Story by one of our members and to participate in the Mothers Union Wave of prayer.

Ann Grice

Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10th April – 15th May

2.30pm Carpenter Room

8.00pm Woosehill Church

Living Outside the Box: 50 Days of Easter

Looking at the Church's experience of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts after the resurrection. We will feed on spiritual food that gives power and strength for our Christian Journey and learn life transforming lessons.

Evaluation Form

Please take time to fill in the Bible Study Evaluation sheets at the back of the church or if emailed to you for the improvement of our Bible study. Two future courses will be determined from these responses.

Fr Patrick

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 24th April; 8.00pm

Parish Rooms

At this meeting we will need to elect or re-elect 2 churchwardens for St Paul's, 2 pro-wardens for St Nick's, up to 6 PCC members and 1 Deanery Synod member. If you are interested in any of these positions, there are nomination forms available at the back of church in St Paul's and at St Nick's, or please speak to a member of clergy, a churchwarden or myself. Completed nomination forms should be handed to one of these people before the meeting. Please consider whether you are called to stand, and also pray for the life and work of the PCC, its effectiveness, commitment and openness to the guidance of God.

Lesley Ruddock, PCC Secretary

Parish Walk

Sunday 29th April;

There will be a walk as usual, weather permitting. If you have a favourite spring walk that you think might be suitable, do get in touch with us this week so we can organise it. Meet in the church carpark to

Electoral Roll

There is a list of names of those on the Electoral Roll on the noticeboard in the porch, but I am also in possession of a copy with full details. If you have applied to be added to the Roll over the past year, please could you check if your name is on the list in the porch. If you have changed your details over the past year, please could you also check that I have recorded them correctly on the full list which I hold. Thank you.

Teri Austen

8am Discussion

Notes from the meeting held after the 8am service last week are available at the back of church. Thank you to all those who took part.

Skittles Evening

Saturday 5th May

Parish Rooms

Session 1: 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Session 2: from 6.00pm

Pizza meal 5.00 – 6.00pm and included in both sessions.

Booking is essential so please sign up at the back of church for the session you would like to come to and with dietary requirements. *Social Committee*

Confirmation

We are planning the confirmation course for the autumn in preparation for the Confirmation Service at St Paul's on the evening of the 21st of October with Bishop Andrew of Reading. We already have a number of names of both teenagers and adults who would be interested in being confirmed, but there may well be other people out there who would like to know more or like to go on the list. If so, can you either speak to Becca in the Parish Office or one of the clergy?

A reminder: at St Paul's and St Nick's the expectation is that people will be in Year 8 or older when they are confirmed.

Woosehill Quiz Night

Sat 12th May; 6.45pm

Parish Rooms

Thinking caps on!!

Fish/Sausage/Veggie and chips will be served around 8pm. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Everyone welcome. Please bring friends and family, teams of 8, bring a whole team or join friends once you get there. The cost is a mere £10 per person. Names, money and food options to Lynne. Last orders 29th April. *Lynne 07969 379114*

Spire Update

The new subscription system is up and running. To help it run smoothly, please don't take copies of The Spire for other people unless you have registered with the editors as a person who is responsible for a known distribution list as this is confusing. Thank you. *Jane Clark*

Grave Talk

Sunday 13th May; 11.15am

It's not easy to talk about death and dying is it? Yet, we *are* an Easter people and death is a certainty in life. There will be an opportunity for conversation over coffee, 11.5am to 12.15pm, to share experience, to raise questions and to share concerns. This will be a very gentle session with no pressure to join in. Everyone is welcome - if you'd like to know more please ask one of the clergy. We will be using the Grave Talk cards that you can find at www.gravetalk.org We look forward to seeing you.

Rev Kate Harrison's Installation

Sunday 1st July; 4.30pm

Rev Kate Harrison will be installed as the Vicar of St Marks, Hamilton Terrace, London NW8 9UT. The family extend an invitation to the congregation of St Paul's and St Nicholas to attend this auspicious occasion. If you'd like to go please contact David Harrison at dpharrison71@gmail.com so that appropriate catering arrangements may be made.

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 closed every Wednesday.

Louise is on leave this week, so the office will be open 10.00am – 1.00pm

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 May. Thank you.

Our Swedish Link Parish, Vaxjo: We did not succeed in getting a new parish pedagogue in place when we tried last Autumn, and so we're trying again. Pray that we get a good person this time.

Those being baptised today: Elsie Breadmore

The sick: Fr Ivor, Fr Roy, Vince Pearson, Jeanette, Carlotta Glendine-Chandler, Alfred Augustus King, Harry and Laura, Herbert Taylor, Martin, Elma Kallenborn, Graham Reed, Tom North.

The Recently Departed: Jennifer Manning, John Cullinane, Roberto Ciabattini, Gill Clark, Linda Gascoigne, Carine Zubke, Edna Priest.

Year's Mind: (22nd) Robert Clark, George Wilus, Annette Slade; (23rd) Margaret Ellison; (24th) Josephine Lambkin, Douglas Lambkin; (25th) Ian Croucher, Ray Harrison; (28th) Leonard Green, Arthur Holmes.

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.