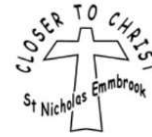


Pews News

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.

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	

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 22

Office Hymn: 54

Canticles: Fauxbourdons, *I Ord-Hume*

Anthem: O nata lux, *T Tallis*

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Communion: Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he 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: 29th January – 3rd February

Mon	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	7.30pm	Parish Rms	Churchyard Planning Meeting	
Tues	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	8.00pm	Woosehill	Bible Study	Fr Patrick
Wed	8.30am	Woosehill	Morning Prayer	
	10.30am	Teri's	House Mass – 17 Martins Drive	Rev'd Roy Burgess
Thurs	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.15am	St Paul's	First Steps	
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	Rev'd Jane Kraft

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>	
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

Welcome to Benjamin Orchard:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

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.

Notices

Bible Study

Tuesday 6th February; 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.



#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.

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.



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

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.

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

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.

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.

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 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.

Those being Baptised this week: Archie Scott

The sick: Fr Ivor, Fr Roy, Linda Gascoigne, Vince Pearson, Patricia, Mary Taylor.

Families needing our prayer: Carine Zubke

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

Year's Mind: (4th) Ethel Slade, Geoffry Cox; (5th) Margaret Jervis; (6th) Kate Cann; (7th) John Harris, Sheila Tucker; (9th) Evelyn Tucker; (10th) Rose Knapp, Stan Giddings.

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.

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

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The Parish Office

Church Administrator

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Parish Rooms Administrator

Louise Cole 979 2122 parish.rooms@spauls.org.uk 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Please note that the parish office is now closed every Wednesday, but open on Fridays.
