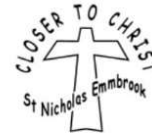


Pews News

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.

19th November: 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am St Paul's Low Mass Fr Richard

8.45am Woosehill Methodist Communion

9.30am St Paul's Parish Mass Mthr Julie

Readings: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Hymns: 499, 338, 306, 475 **Setting:** Mass of St Thomas, *Thorne*

Gradual: Celtic Alleluia **Anthem:** A Clare Benediction, *J Rutter*

10.00am Woosehill Morning Service Doreen Murgatroyd

11.00am St Nick's Eucharist Fr Richard

6.15pm St Paul's Choral Evensong with 2017 Sermon Mthr Julie

Responses: Reading **Psalm:** 89 vv 19-37 **Hymns:** 407, 477

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A major, *H Sumsion*

Anthem: View me Lord, *R Lloyd*

So Great A Cloud of Witnesses: the Rev'd Canon Joanna Collicutt.

Joanna is the Oxford Diocesan Advisor for the Spiritual Care of Older People and the Karl Jaspers Lecturer in psychology of religion and spirituality at Ripon College Cuddesdon. She also ministers in a west Oxfordshire parish.

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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: 20th – 25th November

Mon	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	7.00pm	St Paul's	Mass before PCC	
	8.00pm	Parish Rms	PCC Meeting	
Tues	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	12.30pm	Parish Rms	Taverners	Keith Mintern
Wed	8.30am	Woosehill	Morning Prayer	
	10.30am	Teri's	House Mass – 17 Martin Drive	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
Thurs	8.30am	St Paul's	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Fr Patrick
Fri	11.00pm	Alexandra Grange	Communion	Fr Patrick
	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
		St Paul's	16 Days of Activism	Jean Vaughan

26th November: Christ the King

8.00am	St Paul's	Low Mass	Mthr Julie
9.30am	St Paul's	PMC Celebration Mass	Fr Richard
Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end			
Hymns: 345, 352, 456, Christ Triumphant			
Setting: Mass of St Thomas, <i>Thorne</i> Gradual: Celtic Alleluia			
Anthem: Lift up your heads, <i>W Mathias</i>			
10.00am	Woosehill	Morning Service	Rev'd Judi Hattaway
11.00am	St Nick's	Eucharist	Mthr Julie
4.00pm	Woosehill	Messy Church	Doreen Murgatroyd
6.15pm	Woosehill	Evening Service	Fr Patrick

PMC: Conversation and Cake

Sunday 26th November

Over coffee after the 9.30am Mass

Join us for conversation and cake, about PMC and what it means for St Paul's and God's Kingdom here in Wokingham.



Notices

The Children's Society Young Carers Vouchers

TODAY; 9.30 Mass

We shall be collecting vouchers/gift cards during the 9.30am service for the Young Carers supported by the Children's Society.

The Children's Society

Jill and John Griffin



So Great a Cloud of Witnesses TODAY, 6.15pm

The sermon in the 2017 series is at evensong. Do come and hear the Rev'd Canon Joanna Collicutt on who has inspired her.



Faith Pictures: Session 3

Woosehill Church

Tuesday 21st November; 8pm



Traveller's Tales: beginning to think about our own stories.

There will be an *additional* afternoon session on **Tues 21st Nov, 2.30 – 4pm** at 13 Brook Close. All welcome - any query please ring Mthr Julie.

Messy Church Woosehill Church

Sunday 26th November; 4pm

Particularly suitable for families and children. Come and explore the theme of the month with craft, music, stories and finish with tea for the children.



16 Days of Activism

Mothers Union; Saturday 25th November

The MU are hosting a day of meditation to highlight the start of The 16 Days of Activism. See page 15 of The Spire for details. Maybe you or someone you know have experienced abuse in some form, particularly gender based violence. If you would like to donate a pair of shoes that have a meaning in your life, and give us an idea why that is so, then take them into St Paul's church with a short note. Leave them in a bag at the back of the church and I will collect them. Queries to Mthr Julie.

Jean Vaughan

Church Cleaning

Saturday 25th November

Please could I have some volunteers to clean the church on so it looks nice and tidy before the Advent Service. (Yes, I know it will be candle-lit and probably no-one will notice, but our halos will provide added visibility!).

Teri Austen

Winter Carnival

Sunday 26th November – all day

Churches Together in Wokingham Stall

St Paul's are looking after the stall from 2-3pm. Based outside Edinburgh Woollen Mill, why not pop along and say hello to our volunteers and those from other churches?

Louise Cole

Deanery Synod Open Meeting

An Evening with Bishop Andrew

Wednesday 29th November; 8pm

All Saints Church

Discussion on the new Vision for the Diocese "Towards a Common Vision: Contemplative, Compassionate, Courageous"

20s and 30s Group

Monday 27th November

Watch this space for more details but keep the date free!

Welcome Tea Party;

2nd December; 3pm

Please do remember to let Mthr Julie know if you are hoping to come along to our Welcome Tea Party at 3pm at 13 Brook Close, Wokingham. All are welcome especially if you are feeling a bit new! Simply phone, email or catch Julie after the service today.

Link Visiting Scheme Curry Night

Monday 4th December

The Link is having a fundraising **Curry Night!** Please put this date in your diary and invite your friends too. The venue is The Tamarind Tree (54 Peach St, Wokingham RG40 1XQ). £15pp. Delicious curry. They hope to fill the restaurant, so please do book your place asap via admin@linkvisiting.org

Carols in the 'Market Place'

Saturday 2nd December

The Borough Council are working with their partners at Wokingham Town Council, the Library, the Business Association and Wokingham Methodist Church to host some fun activities. A range of things will be happening across the town centre to complement the Wokingham Methodist Church Festival of Angels which will be taking place that weekend. There will be lots happening on the day, including making Christmas decorations to go up around the town centre, catch some festive entertainment and maybe get a sneak peak of what is going on 'Behind the Hoardings'. **Our choir have been asked to sing at this event – do come and support.**

A Message from **Tony and Jean Temple**

to all their friends at St Paul's Church:

We are settled in a pleasant home in Haverford West with one of our daughters nearby and send our love to everyone.

via Jenny Ellerbeck

PMC - Working with our New Housing Developments.

Saturday 9th December; 10.30am – 12.30pm; Parish Rooms

As mentioned in the October Spire we are hoping to provide a 'baby Jesus' pebble for the residents in Mathews Green for Christmas. We still need a number of small smooth rounded pebbles to make enough gifts. Please can you keep an eye out for them in your garden, trips to the beach or rivers. Please pass any pebbles to Anne Armitage or Teri Austin. The painting and origami crib sessions as well as assembly day has been organised as stated above. All ages and abilities are welcome as there are many jobs. Please can you let Anne Armitage or Teri Austin know if you can help on the day. We shall also need volunteers to 'hide' the gifts around the new development in December.

Anne Armitage 0118 979 3533

Real Advent Calendars

The foodbank would like to distribute "Real" Advent calendars to local children this Advent. If you are able to donate a calendar then please leave it in the Foodbank box at the back of church. Real Advent Calendars are available from Justin on the Fairtrade stall.

Prayers

Please note that the prayer list starts again at the beginning of each month – if you wish someone to remain on it please let the office know. Thank you.

Our twin parish in Vaxjo, Sweden: Pray for the Parish as they celebrate the festival of St Lucia, and give thanks for our shared celebration last year.

PMC and in particular for the Innovation Team (MITtens) as they plan their February community event and continue to build relationships in the emerging communities off Matthews Green Road.

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, Philip and Janet, June Vogel.

The Recently Departed: Joan Short, Doreen Keepin, Brenda Thompson, Winifred Edwards, John Iddon.

Year's Mind: (19th) Evelyn Hopwood; (20th) Laurence Hopwood; (21st) Gordon Winsby; (22nd) Lilley Stephens, Alice Crew; (23rd) Elizabeth Holder, Arthur Spalding; (24th) Thomas Wheeler; (25th) Percy Chandler, Walter Smith, Mick Wylie; (26th) David Prosser.

Please pray for the charities we support and the work they do to help our community and wider world. Our charities are currently The Link, USPG and Children's Society.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already cooked meals for Fr Patrick and Jonathan. They have been very well received. My freezer is now empty of food so if anyone would like to let me have fresh supplies they would be most welcome. A wide variety of dishes would be appreciated, some one person portions and some for two people. Just give me a call, thank you very much.

Lynne 977 4257

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 opening hours Mon – Thurs 10.00am – 12.30pm

Becca Lamey	979 2122	office@spauls.org.uk
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Please note that the refurbishment of the office is continuing this week. I will do my best to return calls and deal with requests, but please allow a little more time than normal.