

Welcome
to our
SERVICES
for
Advent Sunday

Sunday 2 December 2018



THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, SERVING
CHARVIL, SONNING AND SONNING EYE

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

If this is your first visit to St Andrew's Church or if you need any help please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or our welcome team.

You are welcome to take communion with us if you are a communicant member of any Christian Church, or if you would prefer a blessing please bring this sheet with you when you are invited to the communion rail. Gluten free communion wafers are available for those with gluten allergies. Please let one of the welcome team know if you would like to receive one at communion.

If you are hard of hearing, we have a hearing loop in church. Please turn your hearing aid to position "T" to use it.

The Collect for the Advent Sunday

Almighty God,

give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness

and put upon us the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;

that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge

both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.

8.00am Holy Communion

The service commences on page 199 in the green Sunday Service Book

Readings

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end

(New Testament page 182)

Luke 21: 25-36

(New Testament page 72)

10.30am Family Communion

Special service booklets will be used.

6.30pm Choral Evensong

The service commences on page 168 in the green Sunday Service Book

Readings

Isaiah 51: 4-11

(Old Testament page 613)

Romans 13: 11-end

(New Testament page 142)

Hymns

A&M 51

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Psalm 25 verses 1-9

(Page 296 green Sunday Service Book)

Anthem:

"The truth from above" (trad., arr. Vaughan Williams)

A&M 47

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

A&M 54

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Parish News

CHRISTMAS FAYRE SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2-4pm

Do come along to the candlelit Dickensian Fayre in the Church. There will be many stalls with gift ideas for Christmas and carols from the Junior and Senior choirs, also a Messy Church Christmas stall with activities for children of all ages. Mince pies and mulled wine or soft drinks will be available to buy. All profits will be sent to the Karun Orphanage School in South India.

Help is required on Saturday 8th December from 9am to help carry tables from The Ark to the church in readiness for the Fayre the next day and also after the 10.30am Sunday Service to put the tables in place ready for the stall holders to set up. Finally, volunteers would be appreciated after the Fayre, at around 4.30pm, to return all the tables to The Ark and generally tidy the church in readiness for services the following week. Thank you so much.

ORGAN

Following our Director of Music's APCM report this year on the unsatisfactory state and performance of the organ, the PCC has sought advice from two independent diocesan organ advisors and both have agreed with his assessment. A detailed report from them can be read on the notice board in the porch and also copies can be obtained from the parish office. The PCC has decided to explore the possibility of a second, top quality electronic instrument which will meet the needs of our church, whilst maintaining the historic pipe organ for occasional use. Nothing has been finally decided but the expert advice concludes with the following: "This parish has a vigorous, lively, broad and expanding musical tradition; something better than the present pipe organ is urgently needed". St Peter's Church in Caversham installed such an instrument in 2015 and it has been universally acclaimed. We will arrange a parish visit there in the new year for all who are interested in hearing it played.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB

We held another very successful and enjoyable lunch last Tuesday and now look forward to our Christmas Rendezvous on Tuesday 11 December. It will be a full Christmas lunch with wine, followed by carols and other Christmas music. Bookings are now being taken but hurry it is filling up fast! You can book by calling the parish office or emailing office@sonningparish.org.uk no later than Wednesday 5 December.

SUNDAY CLUB NATIVITY PLAY - CHRISTMAS EVE - 4pm

Sunday Club will be performing the Nativity on Christmas Eve at the Crib service. If you would like your child to take part, please contact Alison Smyly or Hilary in the Church Office for further information.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE CALENDAR & FOSTAC CHRISTMAS CARDS

The 2019 edition of the calendar is now available at £8 and FoStAC Christmas cards at £5 for 10 cards. Both are on sale in The Ark after the 10.30am service and at the Christmas Fayre in Church on Sunday 9th December.

Prayer Chain and Pastoral Visiting

A prayer chain is set up to receive prayer requests. If anyone needs prayer please call Jean Tinson on 0118 969 0782 or for pastoral visits contact Helen Levisson on 0779 074 1521

Our prayers are asked for those who are sick:

Julie McEwen, Beth Lakin, Daphne Payne, Rosalind Buchanan, John Key

We remember any who have died who are known to us: Paul Gregory

We remember those whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Emma Owen, Lynette Chittendon, Mary Stansfield, Freda Mansell, Doris Woodward, Johanna Boyles, Hans Bernecker, Harold Holloway, June Mills.

The Week Ahead

Monday 3 December

8.00pm Confirmation Group (Continued) The Ark

Tuesday 4 December

2.00pm Tuesday Afternoon House Group
(For further details please call 0118 969 3151)

7.45pm Mid-week House Group
(For further details please email mark.jordan@talktalk.net)

Wednesday 5 December

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

10.30am Coffee The Ark

Thursday 6 December

9am-12noon Sonning CE carols rehearsal St. Andrew's

Sunday 9 December

8.00am Holy Communion St. Andrew's

10.30am Parish Eucharist St. Andrew's

2.00pm Christmas Fayre St. Andrew's

Parish Contacts

Vicar: Revd Jamie Taylor 0118 969 3298 vicar@sonningparish.org.uk (off duty Friday)

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The Parish Office is open from 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday

Please send items for this booklet to the Parish Administrator by 12 noon on Wednesday