

Welcome
to our
PARISH EUCHARIST
for
The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 20 September 2020



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to worship at St. Andrew's.

To follow Government and Church of England guidelines please note the changes we must make at this time to our normal worship:

During September there will be one service each Sunday at 9.30am. It will alternate between Common Worship (as used at the 10.30am Parish Eucharist service) and the Book of Common Prayer (used at the 8am service). This week is Common Worship.

Strict social distancing rules must apply at all times.

Please give your name and contact details to a member of the welcome team when you come into church.

Although the church will have been cleaned thoroughly it is advisable to avoid touching pews and other surfaces unnecessarily.

Face coverings must be worn in line with government rules. We have a small stock of facemasks should you have forgotten your own.

You will be guided by the welcome team to receive communion at the appropriate time. We cannot administer wine and there can be no kneeling at the rail so please come up in single file to the priest who will stand on the chancel step. No hand to head contact will take place for blessings and the priest will not say anything as the wafer is placed onto the hand. We have gluten free communion wafers 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. Large print copies of this service booklet are available.

Please would parents ensure that their children stay with them at all times. The children's area is closed and unfortunately there will be no toys available. There is no Sunday Club or STAY this morning - they run on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month in the Ark (Sunday Club) and the St Sarik Room (STAY).

At the end of the service you will be guided to leave in rows via the south door unless you are unable to manage the steps. In this instance please wait in your seat to exit via the north door.

Sadly at this time there can be no refreshments after the service.

*The responses and prayers in **BOLD** type are said by the whole congregation
Please stand as the ministry team enter*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Please sit for the welcome and notices

Prayers of Preparation and Penitence

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God so loved the world that he gave his only son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand to say the Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Please remain standing.

The Collect for The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1: 21-end New International Version (NIV)

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Reading: Matthew 20: 1-16 (NIV)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my

vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Sermon

Please stand

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

The end of each prayer concludes with 'Lord, in your mercy' to which we respond:

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: 'Merciful Father' to which we respond

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for the Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Preparation of the Table

Please sit or kneel

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here:

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Andrew and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

Members of the choir will sing:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

If you are a communicant member of any Christian Church you are welcome to take communion with us, or if you would prefer a blessing please bring this booklet with you when you are invited to take communion.

*After Communion members of the choir will sing "Christ has no body now but yours"
(David Ogden)*

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary - "Postlude" (William Mathias)

Please take this service booklet home with you

Parish News

Sponsor a stop on the new organ: Please consider supporting our sponsor a stop campaign to help with the costs of the new organ. There are still some left at varying amounts so please do take a look today. A brochure detailing how everyone can help is available in church or on the website. Thank you.

Service pattern in September: The Standing Committee and Ministry Team have reviewed the last few Sunday services and, in light of there being no change of government restrictions for churches at this time, it has been decided to continue the 9:30am service throughout September, or until the rules and guidance changes.

Church Electoral Roll and APCM - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 11th October after the morning service. Nomination forms for the PCC/Church Wardens are available at the north door of the church. In advance of that meeting, Church Representation Rules state that the Church Electoral Roll must be revised for new members or any members who wish to be removed from it. The revision will begin on Friday 11th September and forms are available at the north door of the church (or by emailing the church office) for those who wish to be added or to amend their details. Existing members who have no changes need not complete a form. Forms should be returned to Hilary in the church office before the final revision date of Friday 25th September via the office post box or scanned via email to office@sonningparish.org.uk.

Livestream of this week's service - Please use this link <https://www.facebook.com/St-Andrews-ChurchLivestreaming-622668981691566> to access our livestreaming page at 9.30am on Sunday and then click on the link there to the day's livestream.

For those unable to attend church or access our livestream the Diocese offer a service available to people dialling in by phone. The number to dial each week is 01865 920930 - normal call rates apply. There is also a Church of England free phone line (Daily Hope) you can call daily for hymns, prayers and reflections. To access this call 0800 804 8044.

Sonning 10k run - On Sunday 27 September, there will be runners in the churchyard from 8am-9.05am. Please bear this in mind and take care when arriving for the 9.30am service. Parking should be available on Sonning Lane but please use Pound Lane/Pearson Road to reach Sonning Lane rather than turning directly off the A4.

Prayer Chain and Pastoral Visiting

A prayer chain is set up to receive prayer requests. If anyone needs prayer please call Pam Scoble on 0118 926 5138 or for pastoral visits contact Helen Levisson on 0779 074 1521

Our prayers are asked for those who are sick:

Paul Reeve, Rosalind Buchanan, Chris Bayliss, Pam Scoble

We remember any who have died who are known to us.

We remember those whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Douglas Witherington, Lewis Tigwell, Rosemary Parsons, Herbert Schotten

The Week Ahead

Monday 21 September

8.00pm Cornerstone Bible Study Group
Meetings are via Zoom to study Hebrews 11 (Old Testament examples of faith). Please contact Helen on helen@leviss.co.uk for more details.

Wednesday 23 September

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

Thursday 24 September

2.30pm Memorial service for Stuart Trotman Church

Friday 25 September

12 noon Wedding of Simon Gibson & Bryher Bailey Church
6.00pm Junior and Senior Choir practice

Sunday 27 September

9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Church

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The Parish Office is open remotely from 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday. At all other times please leave a message or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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