

Welcome
to our
PARISH EUCHARIST
for
The Baptism of Christ
The First Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday 10 January 2021



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:

There will be one service each Sunday at 9.30am. This week our service is the Book of Common Prayer.

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 when not in Sunday Club. The children's area is closed and unfortunately there will be no toys available. Sunday Club and STAY runs today via Zoom and on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month. Please contact the church office if you would like to join.

At the end of the service please exit via the south door unless you are unable to manage the steps. In this instance exit via the north door. Please adhere to social distancing rules when leaving the church.

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 remain seated or kneel at the entrance of the ministers.*

The Minister shall say:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord
thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.
This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other
commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.**

The Collect for the Sovereign

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: have
mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen
servant Elizabeth, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose
minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and
that we and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath)
may faithfully serve, honour and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee,
according to thy blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one
God, world without end.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

The Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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**

The Epistle

The Epistle is written in the nineteenth chapter of Acts beginning at the first verse.

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?'

They answered, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.'

So Paul asked, 'Then what baptism did you receive?'

'John's baptism,' they replied.

Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

Here endeth the Epistle.

Please stand.

The Gospel

The holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Mark, beginning at the fourth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please sit

Sermon

Please stand

The Creed

**I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Matthew 5.16*

Please sit or kneel.

Intercessions

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. **Amen**

Confession

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:
have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly
turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end
that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith:
If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the
righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1,2*

Preface

The Lord be with you **and with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

Giving of Communion

The priest and people receive communion.

If you are not a member of the Church of England but would normally receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here. Otherwise, do come up for a blessing. It is helpful if you could bring this booklet with you to show that you are not receiving communion.

After communion, choir members will sing "O little one sweet" (Old German melody, harmonised by J.S. Bach)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

Prayer of Oblation

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand. The Gloria is said:

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary - 1st movement "Preludio", Sonata no. 3 by Alexandre Guilmant.

Parish News

Wednesday Holy Communion services - the 10am service in the Ark has regrettably been cancelled until further notice.

Current service pattern: The 9.30am service takes place in church (and is subject to government social distancing rules and a maximum of 90 attendees). It is also livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Andrews-ChurchLivestreaming-622668981691566>
The 1st and 3rd Sundays will be Family Communion, the 2nd Sunday will be Book of Common Prayer Communion and the 4th and 5th Sundays will be Common Worship Parish Eucharist.

STAY on Friday - Sadly STAY on Friday is suspended until further notice. Should you wish to get in contact with Westy during the lockdown please do call him on 07946 224 106 or email youthminister@sonningparish.org.uk.

STAY on Sunday - takes place on Zoom on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of each month. Please contact Westy on 07946 224 106 or email youthminister@sonningparish.org.uk for further details.

Sunday Club - If you are interested in joining Sunday Club Zoom sessions, you would be very welcome. They will run on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month. If you would like to join in, please email the church office and we will send out an email with further information, including the safeguarding policy for online sessions and details of the login code. The sessions start at 9.30am and last about half an hour.

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. You can listen to it at any time during the following week too if you would like. 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.

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 Leviss on 0779 074 1521

Our prayers are asked for those who are sick:

Paul Reeve, Chris Bayliss, Franz Allen, Daphne Nichols, Molly Woodley

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

We remember those whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Keith Morgan, Margaret Buchanan, Keith Cleverly, Harry Jackson, Maria Lacueva, Armine Edmonds, Karen Prince, Katerina Costis

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 12 January

8pm PCC Meeting Zoom

Friday 15 January

7pm Choir practice Zoom

Sunday 17 January

9.30am Family Communion Church

Parish Contacts

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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