

HARVEST

FAMILY COMMUNION

The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 17 October 2021



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

Everyone Welcome!

We continue to respectfully request that if you or anyone in your household is exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms, or has tested positive, that you do not attend St Andrew's until recovered. Facemasks are no longer required in church but do please continue to wear them if you feel more comfortable doing so.

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 remains closed and unfortunately there will be no toys available. Sunday Club and STAY aren't running today as it is Family Communion and the children stay in church. They run on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month in the Ark (Sunday Club) and the St Sarik Room (STAY).

At the end of the service please leave via the south door. If you are unable to manage the steps please exit via the north door.

Please do join us for refreshments after the service in The Ark and if the weather is good on the lawn outside.

*The responses and prayers in **BOLD** type are said by all*

Please stand for the hymn

1. We plough the fields, and scatter

The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

2. He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

All good gifts around us ...

3. We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And, what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us ...

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

And also with you.

Please sit for the welcome and notices

Prayer of Preparation

**Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power
to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer. *cf Ephesians 4:30,32*

A time of quiet is kept

Christ came in humility to share our lives: forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people: forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering: forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your
sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Gloria

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth;
Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Amen.**

Please remain standing for the Collect

The Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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

Galatians 6: 1-10 (New International Version)

“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load.

Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

The Sermon

Please stand for the hymn

1. Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

(verse 3 overleaf)

3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns,
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Please remain standing

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

*The end of each prayer concludes with 'Lord, in your mercy' to which the response is: **Hear our prayer.***

*And at the end of the prayers: 'Merciful Father' to which the response is: **Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

1. **Come, ye thankful people, come,**
Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!

2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore

4. Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

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, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

We sing:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St. Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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

**God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

We sing:

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace, 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 the communion rail.

During communion the choir will sing the hymn "All things bright and beautiful" (A&M 533) and the anthem "Thou visitest the earth" (Greene)

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to serve your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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**

1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,

Sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine.

2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!

Wounded souls his comfort know;
Those who fear him find his mercies,
Peace for pain and joy for woe;
Humble hearts are high exalted,
Human pride and power laid low.

3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons,

Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows of winter
Till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures,
Golden valleys thick with grain.

4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,

Peace and plenty crown your days;
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
Walk in all his words and ways;
He the Lord and we his children:
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary: 'Little' Prelude in F (J S Bach)

If you would like to receive prayer ministry then you are encouraged to head over to the side chapel at the end of the service where members of the prayer ministry team will be waiting.

Do please join us for refreshments in the Ark.

Parish News

Harvest this morning: If you wish to donate cash in the next week to the Woodley Food Bank payment can be made directly to St Andrew's PCC Sonning, sort code 40-52-40 and account 00011793 with the reference Harvest and we will transfer the total amount raised to Woodley Food Bank.

No harvest auction will take place this year. The cost of the vegetables and fruit that would have been bought by the parish to auction for charity will be donated instead to the Food Bank.

All Souls Service Sunday 7 November 4pm - We shall be remembering loved ones departed at this service. If you would like to have a name read out, please come in good time and give it to Hilary. Drinks will be served after the service.

Rendezvous Lunch Club: Bookings for the Lunch Club on Tuesday 26th October are now being taken (menu: coq au vin with rice - vegetarian option mushroom casserole - followed by fruit crumble with custard). Please email or phone Hilary in the church office to book.

Church Clean: Liz Nelson is organising a church clean next Saturday 23 October from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please do come along and help if you are able. If you have any questions please contact Liz on liz.nelson1@ntlworld.com

New Shepherds - If you would like to be part of the new St Andrew's Shepherd scheme please email Liz Nelson at Liz.nelson1@ntlworld.com, or write to her via the parish office or telephone her on 07791944270. Liz is looking for a core list of people who are willing to be Shepherds and as the need arises they will be allocated a contact to ring. Obviously there are two sides of the Shepherds scheme, so please state clearly if you would like to be a Shepherd or if you'd like someone to call you. Thank you.

Prayer Team and Pastoral Visiting

If you have a person or situation that you would like the prayer team to pray for, please email brief details to prayer@sonningparish.org.uk
The sick are now prayed for weekly on the Parish Prayer Bulletin rather than during services for reasons of confidentiality.

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

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Tony Rimmell, Christine Clarke, Eileen Russell, Margaret Atkins

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 19 October

9.30am Morning Prayer Church

Wednesday 20 October

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

Friday 22 October

5.45pm Junior choir practice St Sarik

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No STAY on Friday

Saturday 23 October

9.30am Church Clean Church

Sunday 24 October

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist Church

Parish Contacts

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The Parish Office is open 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
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