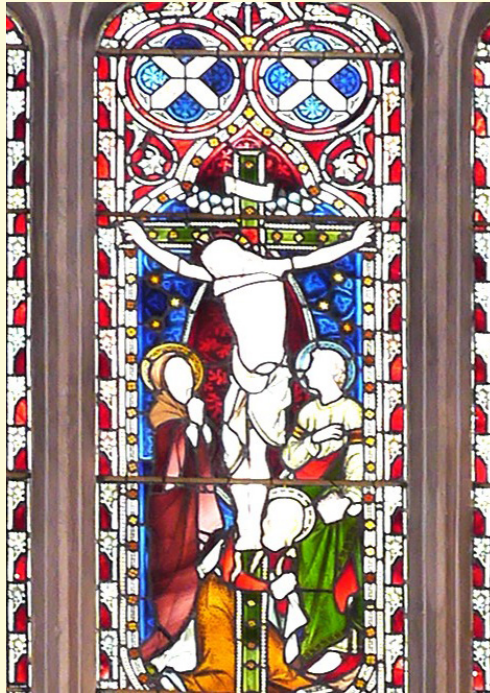


FAMILY COMMUNION

Christ the King

Sunday 21 November 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.

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

Please stand for the hymn (A&M766)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

3. Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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 and the Gospel

The Collect for Christ The King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

John 18: 33-37 (New International Version)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Sermon

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 769)

1. Rejoice! The Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

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.

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

*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

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. *cf Colossians 3.14,15*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn (A&M 232)

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns

Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

2. The highest place that heaven affords

Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal Light:

3. The joy of all who dwell above,

The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.

4. To them the cross, with all its shame,

With all its grace, is given;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5. They suffer with their Lord below,

They reign with him above;
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.

6. The cross he bore is life and health,

Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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.

Please sit or kneel

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 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness" (A&M 440) and the anthem "Alleluia, sing to Jesus" (Alan Smith)

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

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn (A&M 612)

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| 1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!,
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
<i>Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name.</i> | 3. Suffering Servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:
<i>Yours the glory ...</i> |
| 2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:
<i>Yours the glory ...</i> | 4. Priestly King, enthroned forever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:
<i>Yours the glory ...</i> |
| 5. So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:
<i>Yours the glory ...</i> | |

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

Organ Voluntary: Preludium - Matthias van den Gheyn

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.

Parish News

Peter Goodacre RIP - Please continue to remember Peter's wife Christina and daughter Sarah and her family in your prayers at this time. The funeral will take place on Saturday 27th November at 11.30am in church.

John Roach RIP - Please continue to keep John's family in your prayers. A memorial service will take place on Thursday 9th December at 2pm in church.

Sunday at Six - next Sunday 28th November at 6pm. This is a time on the fourth Sunday of each month in the Ark to sing modern worship songs, listen to Bible teaching and pray. Come along next Sunday or for more information please email sundayatsix@sonningparish.org.uk

Rendezvous lunch club - Bookings are now closed for the lunch club next Tuesday 23rd November. You can however still book for the Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 14 December. Please book by email or phone to Hilary in the church office. A traditional Christmas lunch will be served (with vegetarian option) including a glass of wine and we will be singing carols after lunch. The cost of this lunch is £10 to cover the additional costs of the food. The wine is being donated to us.

FoStAC Christmas cards are now available for purchase after the Sunday morning 10.30am services. Last year home deliveries were much appreciated and FoStAC will be pleased to offer this service again via Bob Hine: 0118 969 8653 & Liz Nelson: 0118 934 4837

Toy service - Our annual Toy Service will take place on Sunday 5th December at 10.30am. We will be collecting toys for Reading Family Aid's Toys and Teens Appeal for those in need in the Reading area. Please donate new toys or gifts for teenagers and bring them unwrapped to church. The charity are also happy to receive cash donations via their fundraising website - gofundme.com/f/Reading-Family-Aid-Toys-and-Teens-21

Christmas tree - We will be decorating the tree on Friday 3rd December at 10am. Please come along and help if you are around that morning. There will be coffee and mince pies!

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:

John Roach, Peter Goodacre

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Desmond Woodley, Emma Halse, Violet Tigwell, Allayne Roper,
Robert Feathers, Emma Owen

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 23 November

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
12 noon	Rendezvous Lunch Club	The Ark

Wednesday 24 November

10.00am	Holy Communion	The Ark
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Friday 26 November

5.45pm	Junior choir practice	St Sarik
6.45pm	Senior choir practice	St Sarik
6.45pm	STAY on Friday	The Ark

Saturday 27 November

11.30am	Funeral of Peter Goodacre	Church
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Sunday 28 November

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	Church
6.00pm	Sunday at Six	The Ark

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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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