

FAMILY SERVICE

with
Baptism

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 7 August 2022



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

Everyone Welcome!

We continue to respectfully request that if you are exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms, or have tested positive, that you do not attend St Andrew's until recovered.

Today we welcome the family and friends of Rebecca and Ivan Perre as their son, William James is baptised into the worldwide church during the service.

If you are hard of hearing, we have a hearing loop in church. Please turn your hearing aid to the appropriate position to use it. Large print copies of this service booklet are available.

For younger children who may need to be entertained, there is a family area at the back of the church near the north door. Books, colouring items and toys are available - please supervise children using this area.

Sunday Club and STAY aren't running today as it is Family Service 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).

If you would like to receive prayer after the service please go to the side chapel when the service ends where members of the prayer ministry team will be waiting and will be very happy to talk and pray with you.

After 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 in The Ark following the service.

*The responses and prayers in **BOLD** type are said by the whole congregation*

Please stand when the hymn is announced

Hymn (A&M 546)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee ...

3. And when I think that God his Son not sparing,

Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee ...

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee ...

WELCOME

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please sit for the notices.

CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

God of love, we remember before you the things we have done which were wrong, and the good things which we have not done. We pray for forgiveness and a new beginning, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are assured of God's forgiveness:

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**

PRAISE

Please stand.

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.

Hymn (A&M 592)

1. As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

2. I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

3. You're my friend and you are my brother,
Even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do."

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The children gather at the front.

THE TALK

The children return to their seats

Hymn (A&M 587)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares

I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

THE BAPTISM

The parents and godparents stand.

The minister says to the congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome William James and uphold his in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives William with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism William begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

Those who bring children to be baptised must affirm their allegiance to Jesus Christ and his way of love, forgiveness and compassion. They must also affirm their rejection of all that is evil. Therefore, I ask you these questions:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and from our neighbours?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

William, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the way of Christ.
Amen.

*The minister leads the family, friends and children to the font.
The minister pours the water into the font.*

Praise God who made heaven and earth, **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.
We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.
We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.
Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us affirm, together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

The minister pours water on William, saying

William James Perre, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon
you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim
people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the
inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: William, by one Spirit we are all
baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the
same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away; the new has come.

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

Let us offer one another a word of peace.

Please sit

The Choir will sing the anthem "Christ, be our light" (Farrell)

PRAYERS

Our prayers are led by STAY group.

*We sit or kneel to pray for William and his family, the world, the church and
those in need.*

These responses may be used:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end of the prayers we will say together 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.

We stand to sing a hymn (A&M 593i)

1. At the name of Jesus

Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

3. Name him, Christians, name him,
With love as strong as death,
But with awe and wonder
And with bated breath:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

2. Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed.

4. Surely, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Please sit

Birthday cards are given out.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

A candle is lit from the Paschal candle and given to William.

William, God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

THE BLESSING

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 with you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn (A&M 719)

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,

In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory;

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine ...

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine ...

SENDING OUT

Everyone who is baptised has a mission: to share God's transforming love with the world.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary: 'Little' Fugue in C (J. S. Bach)

If you would like to receive prayer please go to the side chapel at the end of the service where members of the prayer ministry team will be waiting.

Parish News

Rendezvous Lunch Club - Bookings for lunch this Tuesday 9th August can be made by calling Hilary in the parish office or emailing office@sonningparish.org.uk.

The menu will be quiche, salad and new potatoes or tandoori chicken, raita and naan bread (please state choice when booking - vegan quiche is also available) followed by rhubarb fool. The cost of the lunch is £10, including coffee afterwards.

STAY on Friday, STAY on Sunday and Sunday Club are now on summer holidays and will re-start on Friday 9 September and Sunday 11 September.

STAY for Summer - there are a range of exciting activities for young people every Monday and Wednesday throughout August. Activities include Caversham water park and paddleboarding. A minibus is available from the church to the activities or you are welcome to meet there. Please email Westy on youthminister@sonningparish.org.uk or text 07946 224 106 to book.

Confirmation - Sunday 20th November at 10.30am with the Bishop of Oxford officiating. Classes for young people (aged 10-18) will take place on Monday evenings from Monday 12th September led by Westy and for adults on Tuesday evenings from Tuesday 13th September led by Kate. Please let the ministry team know if you are interested.

Woodley Food Bank - The Food bank is short of the following items: Tinned rice pudding, custard, peas, sweetcorn, meat and soup. Cooking oil, pasta sauces, fruit juice/squash, tea, coffee and sugar. To donate please place items in the green box as you come into church.

A message from FoStAC regarding the FoStAC Garden Party – Following our commitment to other successful FoStAC events earlier this year and taking into account the wider economic situation as well as our ability to resource the Garden Party, the Trustees have regretfully decided to defer this event for 2022. We are sorry for any disappointment and inconvenience caused. The Trustees are considering a wide range of future events to suit all interests. If you would like to know more, please email our Honorary Secretary Sally Wilson at mustangsallywilson@gmail.com who will be happy to give you advance notice of these planned events.

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:

Wendy Coomber, Shirley Gray, Kathy Judd, Mavis Surridge

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

George Tigwell, Jean Costard, William Shepherd, Stuart Short

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 9 August

There is no Morning Prayer

12noon Rendezvous Lunch Club The Ark

Wednesday 10 August

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

11.00am Funeral of Wendy Coomber Church

Thursday 11 August

4.00pm Memorial Service for Linda Hall Church

Sunday 14 August

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist Church

Parish Contacts

Vicar: Revd Jamie Taylor 0118 969 3298 vicar@sonningparish.org.uk
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The Parish Office is open from 9am - 1pm Monday - Friday

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