

PARISH EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024



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

Everyone Welcome!

You will be guided by the welcome team to receive communion at the appropriate time. The priest will “intinct” the wafer into a chalice of wine and place it on your hand; 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.

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 the appropriate position to use it. Large print copies of this service booklet are available.

Sunday Club and STAY are running today and every 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of each month in the Ark (during term-time). The children’s area is open and toys are available for younger children there. Please would parents supervise their children using this area and tidy toys away afterwards.

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.

To request more information about our church activities please scan the QR code below or contact the church office by telephone or email - details on the back page.



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

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 209)

Love's redeeming work is done;

Fought the fight, the battle won:

Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,

Lo, he sets in blood no more.

3. Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Dying once, he all doth save;

Where thy victory, O grave?

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Christ has burst the gates of hell;

Death in vain forbids his rise;

Christ has opened paradise.

4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;

Made like him, like him we rise,

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Praise to thee by both be given:

Thee we greet triumphant now;

Hail, the Resurrection thou!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

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.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

(1 Corinthians 5. 7,8)

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 sing the Gloria in Excelsis

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

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.

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

The Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Acts 3: 12-19 New International Version (NIV)

When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

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

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 216)

The day of resurrection!

Earth tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God;
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'all hail', and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 36b-48 (NIV)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of fish they had cooked, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. (*John 20. 19,20*)

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

Let us offer one another a word of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn (A&M 221)

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

2. For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from
death's domains
The long-imprisoned dead.

3. From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before.

4. Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
And at his footstool fall

5. While joyful thus his praise
we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

6. All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

Please sit

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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

We sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, 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.**

(Sunday Club parents please collect your children from The Ark now)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

We 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 the communion rail.

While communion is being taken the choir will sing a hymn followed by the anthem "Clare Benediction" (Rutter).

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.

STAY or Sunday Club tell us about their morning's activities

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 217)

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia.

2. Death's mightiest powers
have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia.

3. On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia.

4. Lord, by the stripes which
wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy
servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee
Alleluia.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ voluntary

Parish News

MOLLY WOODLEY RIP - Please hold the family and friends of Molly Woodley in your prayers. Molly served our church for many years, latterly as Emeritus Deputy Church Warden. She will be greatly missed. Details of her funeral will be announced in due course.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - A St George's Day parish lunch will be held on Tuesday 23rd April at 12pm. Homemade English beef cottage pie, followed by Eton Mess, with wine, followed by coffee and shortbread all for £10. [RSVP to Liz Nelson on liz.nelson1@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.nelson1@ntlworld.com)

CHURCH OFFICE OPENING HOURS - The church office may not be open during its normal office hours for the weeks of 15th and 22nd April. Please phone first before visiting or email vicar@sonningparish.org.uk

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL AND APCM - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 19th May 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 Thursday 25th April 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 the church office before the final revision date of Sunday 5 May via the office post box or scanned via email to office@sonningparish.org.uk.

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - Grand Musical Evening at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday 27th April at 7pm. The event will feature Ascot Brass Band, Sonning CofE Primary School Choir and solos from Celeste Hexter. Tickets are £10 and children go free when accompanied by an adult. For tickets please contact Keith Nichols on 07766 500 552 or Sally Wilson on mustangsallywilson@gmail.com.

Prayer Team and Pastoral Visiting

The Ministry Team are always happy to visit, pray for or take home Communion to those in need. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to arrange this.

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

Brian Lamden, Hazel Gordon, Molly Woodley, Grace Jones

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Dennis Cleverly

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 16 April

9.30am Morning Prayer Church

Wednesday 17 April

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

11.30am Funeral service for Brian Lamden Church

8.00pm Wednesday at 8 (*gemmajanewest@hotmail.co.uk for details*)

Thursday 18 April

1.00pm Funeral service for Hazel Gordon Church

7.30pm Bellingring practice Bell tower

8.00pm Thursday at 8 (*helen.craig50@gmail.com for details*)

Friday 19 April

5.30pm Junior choir practice St Sarik

6.30pm Senior choir practice St Sarik

6.45pm STAY Youth Group The Ark

Saturday 20 April

12 noon Wedding of Christos Takoudis and
Sheila Thangarajoo Church

Sunday 21 April

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist Church

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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.