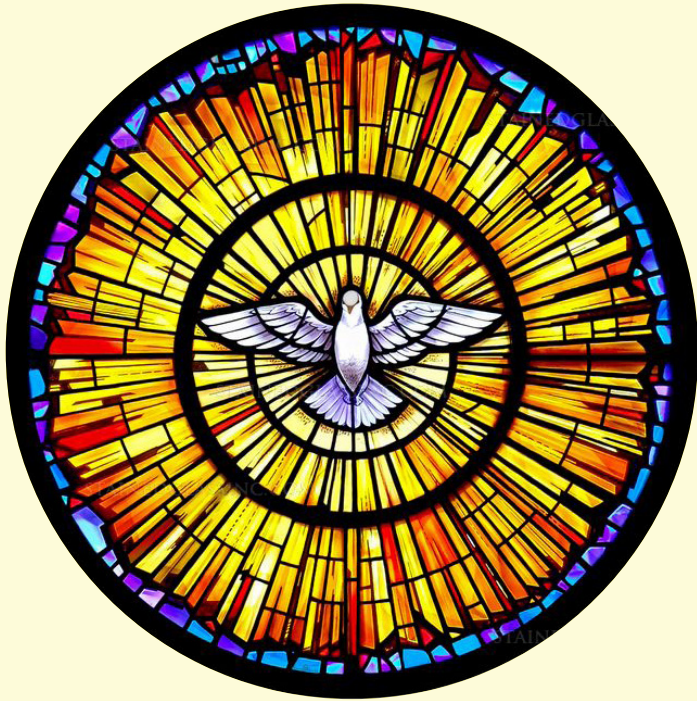


FAMILY COMMUNION

PENTECOST

SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Family Communion service this morning for Pentecost.

You will be guided by the welcome team to receive communion at the appropriate time.

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 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 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.

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 all

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 236)

Breathe on me, Breath of God:

Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Till I am wholly thine;
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God;
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

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

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

(1 Corinthians 2: 9, 10)

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 Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15 (New International Version)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, “Where are you going?” Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit

The Sermon

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 258)

O thou who camest from above
The fire celestial to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

2. There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire
And still stir up the gift in me.

4. Still let me prove thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat;
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.

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

God has made us one in Christ. He has sent his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

(2 Corinthians 1.22)

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 238)

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek out this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing:
True lowliness of heart
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Please remain standing

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

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 'Dearest Jesu, we are here' (A&M 439) and after communion the anthem 'Be thou my vision' (Chilcott).

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 Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; 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 242)

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Inflame our souls with love:
Transforming every heart and home
With wisdom from above.

O let us not despise
The humble path Christ trod,
But choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
The foolishness of God.

2. Come with the gift to heal
The wounds of guilt and fear,
And to oppression's face reveal
The kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
Descend, O holy Dove,
And free us all to work again
The miracles of love.

3. Spirit of truth, arise;
Inspire the prophet's voice:
Expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
And bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
All prejudice remove,
And help us to discern the right,
And covet only love.

4. Give us the tongues to speak,
In every time and place,
To rich and poor, to strong and weak,
The word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
The words that others bring,
Interpreting with open ear
The special song they sing.

5. Come, Holy Spirit, dance
Within our hearts today,
Our earthbound spirits to entrance,
Our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire,
All other things above,
That self-consuming holy fire,
The perfect gift of love!

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

Organ Voluntary

Parish News

APCM - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place today after this service. Please do stay in church for it and there will be refreshments in The Ark following the meeting.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Come and join us on Tuesday 28th May - all are very welcome. The menu will be minced beef and onion pie followed by trifle. The cost is £10 including coffee afterwards. To book please call Hilary in the Parish office on 0118 969 3298 or email office@sonningparish.org.uk

HOUSING - The Wests have now moved into the parish in our Charvil house and the Woodley house is to be rented commercially. Corinne and Matt will be moving into a two bedroom apartment which the parish will rent in West Court, Sonning.

CONFIRMATION - We are thinking of requesting a Confirmation service for late autumn/ winter as we have several candidates already. If you are interested in being Confirmed please speak to Jamie.

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Calling all Cake bakers! The Friends of St. Andrew's Church would like to thank those who have already offered to bake cakes so that we can sell them with refreshments in The Ark during the 2 day Sonning on Thames Scarecrow weekend from 26th – 27th May, but the truth is we would love some more. So, if there are any other cake lovers out there who would consider baking a cake for us, please do contact Sally Wilson on mustangsallywilson@gmail.com Appreciation in advance. The FoStAC Trustees

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:

Eric Tudor, Edward Westley, Joan Pierce, Thomas Feak

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 21 May

9.30am Morning Prayer Church

Wednesday 22 May

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

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

Thursday 23 May

7.30pm Bellringing practice Bell tower

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

Friday 24 May

5.30pm Junior choir practice St Sarik

6.30pm Senior choir practice St Sarik

6.45pm STAY on Friday The Ark

Sunday 26 May

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist Church

6.00pm Sunday at Six 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.

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