

PARISH EUCHARIST

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 14 JULY 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 processional hymn (A&M 194)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

3. Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face,
That we, with our hearts in heaven,
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered,
And be ever, Lord, with thee.

2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

4. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia
To the Triune Majesty.

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

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.

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*

**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.

Please remain standing.

The Collect for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:

graft in our hearts the love of your name,

increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,

and of your great mercy keep us in the same;

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

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in

accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace,

which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption

through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of

God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he

made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure,

which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their

fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of

him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in

order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the

praise of his glory.

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

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

Please stand to sing the hymn (A&M 143)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

4. To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like incense shall arise
With every morning sacrifice.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

Remain standing for the Gospel Reading

Mark 6: 14-29

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

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, 'John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.'

Others said, 'He is Elijah.'

And still others claimed, 'He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.'

But when Herod heard this, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!'

For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'

So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.

When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, 'Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.' And he promised her with an oath, 'Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.'

She went out and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask for?'

'The head of John the Baptist,' she answered.

At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: 'I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a dish.'

The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a dish. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

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.**

Let us offer one another a word of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing for the hymn (A&M 713)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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.

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:

**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 the hymn "All for Jesus, all for Jesus" (A&M 421) and the anthem "Be thou my vision" (Chilcott)

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.

Sunday Club or STAY tell us about their morning session

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.**

Hymn (A&M 546)

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 ...

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

Parish News

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Come and join us this Tuesday 23rd July - all are very welcome. The menu, cooked by Kathy from Sonning's Village Hamper, will be tuna pasta bake or vegetarian pasta bake followed by apple cake. 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

ORDINATION TRAINING - Our youth minister, Chris West, following an extensive selection process over the last few years, has now been accepted for training for the priesthood. He will train as a part time, non-residential ordinand over the next three years, remaining as youth minister, and then will serve his curacy here. Please keep him and the family in your prayers. Thanks be to God!

CONFIRMATION - We have now booked a Confirmation for 10:30am on Sunday 24th November. Please speak with Jamie or Westy if you are interested.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH IN THE NEWS SHEET - The names of loved ones departed that are remembered each Sunday are taken from our Book of Remembrance which is on the altar in the side chapel. Names are not automatically included so if you wish for a loved one to be remembered, do please let Hilary have their full name, year of birth and date of death and they can then be entered into the book.

STORAGE - Corinne's new flat is partially furnished, which is not desirable, and I am trying to find some secure accommodation for some items to be stored. If you can help, please do let me know. Many thanks. *Jamie*

FoStAC - On behalf of all the Trustees of FoStAC, we would like to thank the nearly 60 loyal supporters who braved the weather on Sunday to enjoy a sumptuous Garden Tea Party and in the process help to raise over £1,100 for FoStAC. This would not have been possible without the kindness and generosity of Jill & Richard Brighton, whose garden was hosting the event. The gazebos kept everyone dry during the afternoon and a true British spirit to defy the awful weather ensured that a good time was had by all. Thank you again to those who baked cakes and scones, helped in the preparation and service, supported the raffle and the smooth break down. It is very much appreciated. It has been a busy start to 2024 for FoStAC with six events in 7 months so our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has attended one or more of these to help FoStAC in their mission to raise all important funds for the beautification of St. Andrew's Church. *FoStAC Trustees*

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:

Keith Fisher

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Leonard Harding, John Van Went, Mavis Halse, Florence Benstead, John Stonard

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 16 July

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Church
2.00pm	Funeral of Keith Fisher	Church

Wednesday 17 July

10.00am	Holy Communion	The Ark
8.00pm	Wednesday at 8 (gemmajanewest@hotmail.co.uk for details)	

Thursday 18 July

7.30pm	Bellringing practice	Bell tower
8.00pm	Thursday at 8 (helen.craig50@gmail.com for details)	

Friday 19 July

No choir practice throughout the summer holidays

6.45pm	STAY on Friday	The Ark
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Sunday 21 July

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Family Communion	Church
3.00pm	Messy Church	The Ark

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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