

# PARISH EUCHARIST

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 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. We have now re-instated the biblical precedent of sharing the cup in accordance with the Bishop's request. Those who are not comfortable with this can simply receive the wafer and opt out of receiving wine. It is not possible to intinct (dip) the wafer yourself.

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, 3rd, 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 754)*

**O worship the King, all glorious above,**  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

5. O measureless might, ineffable love,  
While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:

by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ

and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation

the joys of eternal life; 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*

*Hebrews 4: 12-end*

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

*Please stand to sing the hymn (A&M 613)*

**City of God, how broad and far**

Outspread thy walls sublime!

The true thy chartered freemen are

Of every age and clime:

2. One holy church, one army strong,

One steadfast, high intent;

One working band,

one harvest-song,

One King omnipotent.

3. How purely hath thy speech come down

From man's primeval youth!

How grandly hath thine empire grown

Of freedom, love, and truth!

4. How gleam thy watch-fires

through the night

With never-fainting ray!

How rise thy towers, serene and bright,

To meet the dawning day!

5. In vain the surge's angry shock,

In vain the drifting sands:

Unharm'd upon the eternal Rock

The eternal city stands.

*Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

*Gospel Reading*

*Mark 10: 17-31*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother."'

'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.'

Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!'

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?'

Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!'

'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

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 or a sign of peace.

## **Preparation of the Table**

*Please remain standing for the hymn (A&M 621)*

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,**

Forgive our foolish ways;

Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,

In purer lives thy service find,

In deeper reverence praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,

Beside the Syrian sea,

The gracious calling of the Lord,

Let us, like them, without a word,

Rise up and follow thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!

O calm of hills above,

Where Jesus knelt to share with thee

The silence of eternity,

Interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,

Till all our strivings cease;

Take from our souls the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire

Thy coolness and thy balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still, small voice of calm!



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 'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus' (A&M 422) and after communion the anthem 'For the beauty of the earth' (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.**

*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 828)*

**Ye that know the Lord is gracious,**  
Ye for whom a Corner stone  
Stands, of God elect and precious,  
Laid that ye may build thereon,  
See that on that sure foundation  
Ye a living temple raise,  
Towers that may tell forth salvation,  
Walls that may re-echo praise.

2. Living stones, by God appointed  
Each to his allotted place,  
Kings and priests, by God anointed,  
Shall ye not declare his grace?  
Ye, a royal generation,  
Tell the tidings of your birth,  
Tidings of a new creation  
To an old and weary earth.

3. Tell the praise of him who called you  
Out of darkness into light,  
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,  
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:  
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,  
Strength renewed and hope restored,  
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,  
Praise and magnify the Lord.

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

*Organ Voluntary - Trumpet Voluntary (C S Lang)*

# Parish News

**CHALICE ADMINISTRATION** - At the direction of the Bishop, we have now returned to the 'common cup', as was the norm before the pandemic. If you are not comfortable with sharing the cup, please receive the wafer and then move away. The sacrament is still valid when only received in one form. It is not permitted by the Church of England to intinct (dip) the wafer yourself.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Thank you to everyone who contributed cash donations or dried food for the Woodley Foodbank at our Harvest Services. A large amount of food has been delivered to them and also donations of over £1,000 have been collected for them.

**RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB** - Come and join us on Tuesday 22nd October - all are very welcome. The menu, cooked by Kathy from Sonning's Village Hamper, will be sausage casserole or vegetarian sausage casserole followed by dessert and coffee afterwards. The cost is £12 and we now accept card payments as well as cash. To book please call Hilary in the Parish office on 0118 969 3298 or email [office@sonningparish.org.uk](mailto:office@sonningparish.org.uk)

**CHURCH CAR PARK** - At busy times, and especially for the 10:30am service, our small carpark is reserved for the disabled, elderly and frail.

**CONFIRMATION** - I know we have quite a few regular worshippers who have joined us from other denominations in recent times. There is no expectation, but the Confirmation service on November 24th would be a good opportunity to formally join the Church of England, if that is your wish. Do please speak with me if you are interested. *Jamie*

**Friends of St Andrew's Church Curry Night @ The Village Hamper, Sonning High Street** - The Trustees of FoStAC invite you to a Curry Evening on Friday 22nd November @ 7pm. Tickets are £20 per head - please contact Sally Wilson on [mustangsallywilson@gmail.com](mailto:mustangsallywilson@gmail.com) for tickets. Book early to avoid disappointment. Deadline for numbers is 15th November.

**FoStAC 2024 Christmas card** is ready for purchase either in the Ark from 11.30am this Sunday onwards, or by emailing [Magnus at Magnus@outlook.com](mailto:Magnus@outlook.com) – cash or contactless payments accepted and local deliveries will be hand delivered. Cost of £6 for a pack of 10 cards and envelopes. This year's design is a photograph taken by Keith Hawkins and features 'The Advent wreath and Christmas Tree at Saint Andrew's Church.' Thank you in advance for your support.

## 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](mailto: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:**

Gillian Thoreau

**We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:**

Shirley Stewart, Jack Barker, Terry Burroughs, Tony Rimmell,  
Christine Clarke

## The Week Ahead

### Tuesday 15 October

9.30am Morning Prayer Church

### Wednesday 16 October

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

### Thursday 17 October

7.30pm Bellingringing practice Bell tower

8.00pm Thursday at 8 (*for more details email [helen.craig50@gmail.com](mailto:helen.craig50@gmail.com)*)

### Friday 18 October

5.30pm Children's choir The Ark

6.30pm Adults and Youth choir The Ark

6.45pm STAY on Friday The Ark

### Sunday 20 October

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church

10.30am Family Communion Church

3.00pm Messy Church 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.*