

FAMILY SERVICE

ALL SAINTS' DAY

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Family Service for All Saints' Day.

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 Service. Sunday Club (Reception to Year 6) usually runs on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month in the Ark during term time.

STAY (Year 7 upwards) usually runs in the Ark every 2nd, 3rd, 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 to the right or contact the church office by telephone or email - details on the back page.



If you would like to make a donation to the ministry and mission of this church you can do so by leaving a donation in the collection plate, using the contactless terminal by the main church door or scanning the QR code here:



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

Please stand when the hymn (A&M 308) is announced

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

A world without saints forgets how to praise.

Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,

Their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

2. Some march with events to turn them God's way;

Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;

Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:

Our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,

Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:

They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:

What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

A world without saint forgets how to praise.

In loving, in living, they prove it is true:

Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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:

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.

We sing (A&M 502)

Restore, O Lord

The honour of your name
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again:
That all may see
And come with reverent fear
To the living God
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

2. Restore, O Lord

In all the earth your fame
And in our time revive
The church that bears your name.
And in your anger,
Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

3. Bend us, O Lord
Where we are hard and cold
In your refiner's fire;
Come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes
And evil crouches near,
Still our living God
Is reigning, he is reigning here.

4. Restore, O Lord
The honour of your name
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again:
That all may see
And come with reverent fear
To the living God
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Please sit for our reading

Luke 6: 20-31

Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.

For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.

Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

THE TALK

We stand to sing (A&M 732)

My Jesus, My Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sit

The Choir will sing the anthem 'Like the murmur of the dove's song' (Daw)

PRAYERS

We sit or kneel to pray for the world, the church and our community.

These responses may be used:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end of the prayers 'Merciful Father' *to which we respond*

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

We stand to sing (A&M 719)

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 ...

(verse 3 overleaf)

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,
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.*

Please sit.

Birthday cards are given out.

We stand for the final blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace 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 310)

Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
One with us still in one body, one great congregation;
With them proclaim
Jesus for ever the same,
Author of life and salvation.

2. Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
Glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
Who from the grave
Rose, the almighty to save,
Breaking the fetters that bound us.

3. Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
Trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
On to the end,
Christ our companion and friend,
Joy at the last for our weeping.

4. Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
Who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
Now in that name,
Jesus for ever the same,
Forth to his service he sends us.

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

Organ voluntary

Please join us for refreshments in the Ark after the service.



Come and join us!

The next Messy Church is
Sunday 16 November
from 3pm - 4.30pm
in St Andrew's Ark

**There will be a range of craft activities,
teaching, a story, songs
and a light meal for the children**

For more details please contact
Corinne Robertson, Youth and Children's Minister,
corinne@sonningparish.org.uk
or telephone the Parish office 0118 969 3298

Parish News

ALL SOULS SERVICE - TODAY AT 4PM

We shall be remembering loved ones departed at this service. If you would like to have a name read out and light a candle in memory of your loved one, please give their name to the welcome team as you arrive in church. Drinks will be served after the service.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - Next Sunday will be the annual Remembrance service in church at 10.30am. There will be no Sunday Club or STAY at 10.30am, though STAY meets in the evening for the STAY Youth Service at 6pm.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Tuesday 11th November. The menu is pulled pork and dauphinoise potatoes or mushroom stroganoff followed by peach cobbler and coffee/tea for £12.

To book please phone Hilary in the parish office on 0118 969 3298 or email office@sonningparish.org.uk

CHRISTMAS RENDEZVOUS LUNCH - Tuesday 16th December from 12 noon. Bookings are now being taken for our traditional two course Christmas lunch with wine and tea/coffee and mince pies for £15. We will be singing carols accompanied by Jamie on the piano after lunch. Please give your name to Hilary in the Parish office if you would like to come along.

LADIES CARD MAKING EVENT - 26th & 27th November at 7pm in The Ark. Lis Hobden will be helping make silk cards. You don't have to be arty or creative, just open minded and willing to have a good time. There are 2 sessions of 10 per session - first come first served. The cost is £10 per person including all materials and refreshments (drinks and nibbles). Any profit will go to the Woodley Foodbank. To book or for more information please email the office or contact Helen Craig on 07714 715716. *Helen Craig*

FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREWS - FoStAC are selling a traditional Christmas Pudding (serves 4) £10, a Sticky Toffee Pudding and Lemon Pudding (serves 2) both £7.50. On sale in the Ark after the 10.30am service.

They are also holding an evening celebrating the music of The Shadows with 'Bourne Again Shadows' on Friday 20th February 2026. Tickets are £22. The very popular AGM with Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper night will take place Thursday 26th March 2026.

To buy puddings or book a place at one of the events please contact Sally Wilson on 0118 9793328 or mustangsallywilson@gmail.com
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:

Baby Daniel Lawrence, Erica Wakeman

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Olga Webb, Dorothy Willett, Kathleen Nichols, Terence Surlis, Jeremy Smith, Andrew Watters, George Horne, Anne Lane, Peggy Saunders

The Week Ahead

Monday 3 November

7.30pm	PCC Meeting	The Ark
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Wednesday 5 November

10.00am	Holy Communion	The Ark
6.00pm	Remembrance Service Rehearsal	Church

Thursday 6 November

7.30pm	Bellringing practice	Bell tower
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Friday 7 November

5.30pm	Junior choir practice	St Sarik
6.30pm	Senior choir practice	St Sarik
6.45pm	STAY on Friday	The Ark

Sunday 9 November

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Church
12.30pm	Baptisms	Church
6.00pm	STAY Youth Service	Church

Parish Contacts

Vicar: Revd Jamie Taylor 0118 969 3298 vicar@sonningparish.org.uk
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Youth & Children's Minister: Corinne Robertson corinne@sonningparish.org.uk

Parish Office Manager: Hilary Rennie 0118 969 3298 office@sonningparish.org.uk

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.