

# PARISH EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026



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

# Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist service for the Second Sunday of Epiphany.

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 isn't running today but STAY still runs in the Ark.

Their usual Sundays are:

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

STAY (Year 7 upwards) - 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 for the hymn (A&M 690)*

**Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,**  
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.  
**Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;**  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: **Jesus is Lord!**

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!*  
*praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

2. **Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal**  
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.  
**Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,**  
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free:

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!*  
*praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

3. **Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,**  
from death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.  
**Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit**  
to show by works of power that **Jesus is Lord:**

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!*  
*praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

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

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*

*(1 Corinthians 5. 7,8)*

*We keep a time of quiet.*

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 in Excelsis*

**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 and the Gospel Reading*  
**The Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;  
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**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

John 1: 29-42 (*New International Version*)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.'

Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit." I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.'

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please stand for the hymn (A&M 826)*

**Ye holy angels bright,**  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

2. Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

3. Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good and ill,  
who ever lives.

4. My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.

*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.**

*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 sign or a word of peace.

## **Preparation of the Table**

*Hymn (A&M 324ii)*

**Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult**  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me':

2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred  
leaving all for his dear sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
that we love him more than these.

5. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

*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 the hymn 'Sweet Sacrament Divine' (A&M 464) and the anthem 'Give us the wings of faith' (Bullock)*

## 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

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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 650)*

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,**  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness ...*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness ...*

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

*Organ Voluntary*

# Parish News

**MESSY CHURCH - TODAY** from 3pm in the Ark. If you have younger children, come along for an afternoon of craft making, singing and a meal for the children. Please contact [corinne@sonningparish.org.uk](mailto:corinne@sonningparish.org.uk) for further details.

**GLORIA CLEVERLY RIP** - We remember the family and friends of Gloria and assure them of our prayers. Gloria was baptised in St. Andrew's and worshipped here for 97 years. Her funeral will take place Monday 9 February at 1pm in church.

**RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB** - the next lunch club will be on Tuesday 27th January. Join us for an opportunity to chat with old friends and make new ones. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The menu for the lunch is chicken & leek pasta bake or vegetarian pasta bake followed by fruit crumble and tea/coffee. To book please call Hilary in the Parish office on 0118 969 3298 or email [office@sonningparish.org.uk](mailto:office@sonningparish.org.uk)

**HOME GROUPS** - Wednesday @ 8 (online bi-weekly) and Thursday @ 8 (in-person weekly) are back after the Christmas break. Our aim is to deepen our faith, build friendships and enjoy time together with God at the centre. If you want to know more please contact Helen ([helen.craig50@gmail.com](mailto:helen.craig50@gmail.com)) for Thursday or Gemma ([gemmajanewest@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gemmajanewest@hotmail.co.uk)) for Wednesday.

**FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S FORTHCOMING EVENTS** - We have The Bourne Again Shadows performing at Reading Hockey Club on 20th February @ 7.30pm with tickets costing £22. This is followed by the Quiz and Fish & Chip supper (and AGM) on Thursday 26th March @ 7.30pm. Tickets £20. Please contact Sally Wilson on 07876 899513 or [mustangsallywilson@gmail.com](mailto:mustangsallywilson@gmail.com) if you would like tickets.

*FoStAC Trustees*

## Prayers 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:**

Margaret Easton, Gloria Cleverly, Gwendoline Buck, Mavis Newnham

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

Kathleen Oxtoby, Julia Higgs

## The Week Ahead

### **Tuesday 20 January**

11.30am      Funeral of Margaret Easton      Church

### **Wednesday 21 January**

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

### **Thursday 22 January**

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

### **Friday 23 January**

6.30pm      Adults and Youth choir practice      St Sarik  
6.45pm      STAY on Friday      The Ark

### **Sunday 25 January**

8.00am      Holy Communion (BCP)      Church  
10.30am      Parish Eucharist      Church  
6.00pm      Sunday at Six      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.*

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