

Parish Eucharist

Easter Day

Sunday 5 April 2026



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist service for Easter Day.

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 is running today and they are making an Easter Garden in the Ark. STAY is not running today.

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 for the hymn (A&M 208)

Light's glittering morning bedecks the sky,

Heaven thunders forth its victor-cry;

Alleluia, alleluia!

The glad earth shouts her triumph high,

And groaning hell makes wild reply.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

2. That Eastertide with joy was bright,

The sun shone out with fairer light,

Alleluia, alleluia!

When, to their longing eyes restored,

The glad apostles saw their Lord:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

3. He bade them see his hands, his side,

Where yet the glorious wounds abide;

Alleluia, alleluia!

The tokens true which made it plain

Their Lord indeed was risen again:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

4. Jesu, the King of gentleness,

Do thou thyself our hearts possess,

Alleluia, alleluia!

That we may give thee all our days

The tribute of our grateful praise:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

5. All praise be thine, O risen Lord,

From death to endless life restored;

Alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be

And Holy Ghost eternally:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

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.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

(1 Corinthians 5. 7,8)

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.

The Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 New International Version (NIV)

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Please stand for the hymn (A&M215)

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, 'Christ is risen!'
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

(verses 2 & 3 overleaf)

2. See Mary weeping: 'Where is he laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till he appears,
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him,
For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

The Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10 (NIV)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
Glory to you O Lord.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.'

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. (*John 20. 19,20*)

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 205)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*

Who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia!*

Suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!*

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia!*

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia!*

Who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia!*

Sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia!*

3. But the pains which he endured, *Alleluia!*

Our salvation have procured; *Alleluia!*

Now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia!*

Where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia!*

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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:

We sing:

**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 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 "This joyful Eastertide" (A&M 219) followed by the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's 'Messiah'.

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.

Presentation and Blessing of the Easter Garden

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has given us new birth into a living hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Bless, O Lord, this Easter Garden, set around the living flame that proclaims the living Christ; grant that all who look upon this Garden may be strengthened in faith, and rejoice in the knowledge of Christ's risen life and of his eternal victory; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;

Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Come along to The Ark, St Andrews Church, Sonning,
Wednesday 15th April, 7pm to hear about the Alpha
course.

Next course starts on 29th April. Everyone is welcome.

For more information please contact the church office
by email: office@sonningparish.org.uk

Try Alpha.



Parish News

THERE IS NO CHORAL EVENSONG THIS EVENING.

REVD. JAMIE - Unfortunately Revd. Jamie is unwell and is unable to take the service today. Revd. Sam Thandi our Associate Priest (PtO) will take the service instead.

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL - The 10.30am service will be a Family Service.

EASTER LILIES - Thank you to all those who contributed to the wonderful display of lilies in church in memory of loved ones.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Tuesday 14th April. The menu will be chicken or vegetarian casserole followed by black forest gateau. To book please email office@sonningparish.org.uk or phone Hilary on 0118 969 3298.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL AND APCM - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 17th May after the morning service. Nomination forms for the PCC/Church Wardens are available at the north door of the church. In advance of that meeting, Church Representation Rules state that the Church Electoral Roll must be revised for new members or any members who wish to be removed from it. The revision will begin on Thursday 23rd April and forms are available at the north door of the church (or by emailing the church office) for those who wish to be added or to amend their details. Existing members who have no changes need not complete a form. Forms should be returned to the church office before the final revision date of Wednesday 29th April via the office post box or scanned via email to office@sonningparish.org.uk.

ALPHA COURSE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - We are running an Alpha course from 29th April to 15th July. Alpha provides a welcoming and supportive space for those who are exploring the Christian faith and asking questions about life and belief. We are seeking volunteers to assist with hospitality to:

- Prepare a meal on one (or more) Wednesdays during this period
- Help serve food and drinks during the evening
- Assist with washing up afterwards

If you are able to support in any of these ways, please speak to Helen Craig or contact office@sonningparish.org.uk

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.

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Trevor Grist, Peter Booen, Leslie Farrant, Molly Woodley, Grace Jones, Alfred Hollingsbee, Lemuel Bevan

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 8 April

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

Thursday 9 April

12 noon Wedding of Jonathan Galuzska and Faye Onaboye Church
7.30pm Bellringing practice Bell tower

Friday 10 April

6.30pm Adults and Youth choir practice St Sarik
There is no STAY on Friday.

Sunday 12 April

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church
10.30am Family Service Church
6.00pm Youth Holy Communion Church

Parish Contacts

Vicar: Revd Jamie Taylor 0118 969 3298 vicar@sonningparish.org.uk
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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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Alleluia! He is Risen!

