

PARISH EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist service for the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

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 in the Ark and STAY will meet this evening at 6pm for the Youth Communion service in church.

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 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 223)

All hail the power of Jesu's name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

To crown him, crown him, crown him,

Crown him Lord of all.

2. Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;

Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,

And crown him, crown him, crown him,

Crown him Lord of all.

3. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,

Who from his altar call;

Praise him whose way to pain ye trod,

And crown him, crown him, crown him,

Crown him Lord of all.

4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed of the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him, crown him, crown him,

Crown him Lord of all.

5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,

Go spread your trophies at his feet,

And crown him, crown him, crown him,

Crown him Lord of all.

6. Let every tribe and every tongue

To him their hearts enthrall,

Lift high the universal song

And crown him, crown him, crown him,

Crown him Lord of all.

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 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,

so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;

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: Acts 17: 22-31 New International Version (NIV)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. “For in him we live and move and have our being.” As some of your own poets have said, “We are his offspring.”

“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.’

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

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 691)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Please remain standing for the Gospel Reading

John 14: 15-21 (NIV)

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

‘If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

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 or a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn (A&M 721)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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:

**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 'Come ye faithful raise the strain' (A&M 201ii) followed by an anthem 'Ye choirs of new Jerusalem' (Stanford)

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 tell us about their morning's activities

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

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.**

Hymn (A&M 765)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If to the end he befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Parish News

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING - This will take place in church next Sunday 17 May after the 10.30am service. Please do stay in church for it. Refreshments will be served in the Ark following the meeting. Nomination forms for the PCC/Church Wardens are available at the north door of the church. There are several vacancies for PCC members and anyone on the Electoral Roll is welcome to stand – please contact Ruth Jeffery on churchwarden@sonningparish.org.uk if you would like more details.

The PCC accounts and Reports booklet have been emailed to all those on the new Electoral Roll. Printed copies will be available at the church door before the meeting next Sunday or can be obtained by emailing the church office on office@sonningparish.org.uk or calling 0118 969 3298.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL - The completed Electoral Roll is now available for inspection at the north door of the church.

FUNERAL OF PAT SPICER - Pat's funeral will take place on Thursday 14 May at 12.30pm in church. We assure Elaine Clarke and the rest of the family of our prayers at this difficult time.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Tuesday 12th May The menu will be cottage pie or vegetarian allotment pie followed by lemon meringue pie. To book please email office@sonningparish.org.uk or phone Hilary on 0118 969 3298.

LADIES BREAKFAST - The Ark Saturday 16th May, 9-11am. It is an opportunity to meet and chat in a relaxed atmosphere with a short talk, everyone is welcome and please feel free to bring a friend. There will be lots of lovely food with tea and coffee. Cash donations towards the food will be welcome on the day. For catering purposes, can you please let us know if you are coming and if you have any dietary requirements. Either email the office or you can let Helen know on 07714 715716.

ALPHA COURSE - 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. If you would like to join the group please contact Helen Craig via the office email - office@sonningparish.org.uk

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREWS - If any of you could make a Victoria Sponge, Lemon Drizzle, Coffee or Carrot cake or chocolate sponge or brownies for the FoStAC Scarecrow refreshments on 24th/25th May please contact Sally Wilson on mustangsallywilson41@gmail.com

