

PARISH EUCHARIST

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist service for the Seventh 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 isn't running today but STAY still runs in the Ark. There is Messy Church for younger children at 3pm this afternoon. Sunday Club and STAY 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 486)

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

5. Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

6. Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

7. So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

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)

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.**

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

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.**

Remain standing

Let us pray - The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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

Remain standing for the Gospel - John 17: 1-11 (New International Version)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for the Sermon

The Sermon

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 713)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

(verse 4 overleaf)

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel to pray for the Church and the world.

These responses may be used at the end of each prayer:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

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 494)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord...

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or kneel

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 the Agnus Dei

**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 not a member of the Church of England but would normally receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here. Otherwise, do come to the altar, or bring your children, for a blessing. It is helpful if you could bring this booklet with you to show that you are not receiving communion.

During communion the choir will sing the hymn "Here proclaim the glorious mystery of the body and the blood" (A&M 458) and the anthem "If ye love me" (Wilby)

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 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 818)

To God be the glory, great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord ...

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ voluntary

Parish News

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - This will take place in church today after the service. Please do stay for it and refreshments will be served in the Ark following the meeting.

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

REVD SAM THANDI UPDATE – As many of you know Sam returned to Kenya to marry Lynn and we hear this was a very joyous occasion and have sent them our congratulations. Unfortunately, he is not able to return to the parish as planned at the moment. We have not been able to secure accommodation or short-term funding for him and Bishop Mary feels it is more appropriate for him to return once Jamie is back with us so he can mentor him and help him settle into the ways of the Church of England.

MESSY CHURCH is being held today in the Ark at 3pm - all younger children and parents welcome!

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Please book for the next lunch in the Ark on Tuesday 26th May by calling the parish office or emailing office@sonningparish.org.uk. The menu will be creamy lemon chicken (or a vegetarian option) followed by fruit crumble and tea/coffee. The cost of the lunch is £12.

WESTY'S WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE - Have your say on what helps you deepen your faith the most, and at the same time, help Westy write his 6,000 word essay on his chosen research topic. Just scan the QR code and follow the steps on the google form. Let Westy know if you need any help. Thanks so much. Westy



ALPHA COURSE - The course has now started and runs until 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

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.

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Eric Tudor, Edward Westley, Joan Pierce

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 20 May

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

Thursday 21 May

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

Friday 22 May

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

Sunday 24 May

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	Church

Parish Contacts

Vicar: Revd Jamie Taylor 0118 969 3298

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Youth Minister: Chris West 07946 224 106 - youthminister@sonningparish.org.uk

Youth & Children's Minister: Corinne Robertson - currently on maternity leave
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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.