

FAMILY SERVICE

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Family Service for the First Sunday after Trinity. We welcome Revd. Rob Wynford- Harris who is taking our service today.

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 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 650) is announced

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 ...

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 ...

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 358)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found: we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Please sit for our reading

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE TALK

We stand to sing (A&M 678)

In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand:
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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 'Go forth in peace' (L'Estrange).

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 489)

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.**

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

(verses 2-4 overleaf)

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

*This is our God, the Servant King
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

3. Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God, the Servant King ...

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 477)

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!

God's saving news to all the nations take:
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
That all the world his glorious praise may sing.

2. Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of his word?

3. Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
Share God's good gifts - let no one be denied:
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

4. Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
Go till all nations his great name adore
And serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

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 21 June
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
childrenswork@sonningparish.org.uk
or telephone the Parish office 0118 969 3298

Parish News

CLAUDE MASTERS RIP - Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Claude at this sad time. His funeral will take place on Monday 8 June at 12 noon in church. All are welcome to attend his funeral and please join the family in the Ark afterwards to celebrate the lives of Claude and his late wife, Barbara.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - The next lunch in the Ark will be on Tuesday 9th June - creamy lemon chicken (or a vegetarian option) followed by fruit crumble and tea/coffee. The cost of the lunch is £12. Please call or email the parish office to book.

HOLY SPIRIT DAY - The coming of the Holy Spirit is widely recognised as the launch of the global Christian Church. It marks the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send an "Advocate" or "Helper" to guide and empower his followers after his ascension into heaven. On 20th June, 10-4pm in the Ark as part of the Alpha course we will be looking at these topics: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? And How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? If you are interested and would like to join us or have any questions please contact Helen Craig on 07714 715716 or call/email the church office.

SATURDAY 13 JUNE CONCERT 4pm - Members of Fulham and Hammersmith Choral Society will be enjoying a choir Away Day and will perform some choruses of Vivaldi's Gloria and other choral favourites in the Church in a free concert of approximately 45 minutes starting at 4pm. Everyone welcome.

FoStAC ANNUAL GARDEN TEA PARTY - Sunday 12th July from 3pm to 5.30pm at a garden on the Old Bath Road. Ticket prices are held at £20 per head despite the rise in cost of living, and will include a full afternoon tea with a glass of bubbles on arrival. To book tickets for this event, please email Sally Wilson on mustangsallywilson41@gmail.com to reserve your place. *Sally*

FoStAC WEBSITE - All events for the Friends of St Andrew's Church are listed on our website www.fostac.org
This QR code will take you straight through to the page.



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:

Claude Masters

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Leslie Hall, Amelia Peters, Hazel White, Kenneth Roberts,
Raymond Townsend

The Week Ahead

Monday 8 June

12 noon Funeral of Claude Masters Church

Tuesday 9 June

12 noon Rendezvous Lunch Club The Ark

Wednesday 10 June

10.00am Holy Communion The Ark

Thursday 11 June

7.30pm Bellingring practice Bell tower

Friday 12 June

6.30pm Adults and Youth choir practice St Sarik

6.45pm STAY on Friday The Ark

Saturday 13 June

4.00pm Fulham & Hammersmith Choral
Society Concert Church

Sunday 14 June

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist Church

12 noon Baptism Church

6.00pm Youth Communion service Church

Parish Contacts

Vicar: Revd Jamie Taylor 0118 969 3298

Churchwarden: Ruth Jeffery - churchwarden@sonningparish.org.uk

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

Youth & Children's Minister: Corinne Robertson - *currently on maternity leave*
(*in her absence please email queries to childrenswork@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.