

FAMILY SERVICE

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 6 September 2026



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Family service for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

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.

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 358) is announced

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.

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.

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.

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

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt
*Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died
*Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

3. And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
Praise the Father ...

4. And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me
Praise the Father ...

Please sit for our reading

Matthew 18: 15-20

‘If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that “every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

‘Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE TALK

We stand to sing

I love You, Lord

For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God
*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
All my life You have been faithful ...

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 an anthem

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.*

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 ...

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 ...

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.

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 748)

O Jesus, I have promised

to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

5. O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

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

Organ voluntary



Come and join us!

The next Messy Church is
Sunday 20 September
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

CHORAL EVENSONG - Our service of choral evensong takes place at 4pm this afternoon followed by tea and cakes in the Ark.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS: The church office may not be open during its usual opening hours next week.

Please email vicar@sonningparish.org.uk before visiting.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Tuesday 8th September -join us for a two course lunch (vegetarian option is available) followed by tea/coffee. The cost of the lunch is £12. Please email Liz Nelson on liz.nelson1@ntlworld.com or call her on 07791 944 270

LADIES BREAKFAST - This will be in The Ark on Saturday 19th September, 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 fruit juice, tea and coffee. Cash donations towards the food are 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.

FoStAC WINE TASTING EVENING at Pearson Hall for a Wine Tasting event with an expert from Majestic Wine – Saturday, 19th September 7.30pm Ticket priced at £15 per person to cover the Wine Tasting and venue. Please bring your own food of choice and any additional drinks as desired. If you are interested in attending, please email Sally Wilson on mustangsallywilson@gmail.com or 07876 899513.

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:

Janette Crouch, Eric Main

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 8 September

12 noon	Rendezvous Lunch Club	The Ark
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Wednesday 9 September

10.00am	Holy Communion	The Ark
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Thursday 10 September

7.30pm	Bellringing practice	Bell tower
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Friday 11 September

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

Saturday 12 September

3.00pm	Blessing of the marriage of Timothy Feaviour & Araceli Guerrero	Church
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Sunday 13 September

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	Church
12.15pm	Baptism	Church
6.00pm	Youth Communion	Church

Parish Contacts

Vicar: Revd Jamie Taylor 0118 969 3298 - vicar@sonningparish.org.uk

Churchwardens: Ruth Jeffery & Helen Craig - 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.

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