

PARISH EUCHARIST
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist service for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

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.

STAY is running today but there is no Sunday Club. Instead there is Messy Church this afternoon at 3pm in the Ark.

Sunday Club (Reception to Year 6) usually runs on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month in the Ark during term time.

STAY (Year 7 upwards) usually runs in the Ark every 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday 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 all*

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 2)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

And also with you.

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

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

(1 Corinthians 2: 9, 10)

A time of quiet is kept

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 to sing the Gloria

**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.**

Please remain standing for the Collect and the Gospel

The Collect for The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Matthew 20: 1-16 *(New International Version)*

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

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.’

Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Please sit

The Sermon

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 827)

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name:
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing;
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3. 'Salvation to God who sits on the throne!'
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

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.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

*The end of each prayer concludes with 'Lord, in your mercy' to which the response is: **Hear our prayer.***

And at the end of the prayers: 'Merciful Father' to which the response is:
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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.

Please stand for the hymn

Preparation of the Table

Hymn (A&M 488)

Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.

3. Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.

2. God has called you out of darkness
into his most marvellous light;
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

4. Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service -
sing his praise, his love declare.

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.

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:

**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 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.

During and after communion the choir will sing the hymn 'According to thy gracious word' (A&M 420i) and the anthem 'Ye choirs of new Jerusalem' (Stanford).

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 DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 422)

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne:
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now:
alleluia, he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Alleluia, bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay:
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia, King eternal,
thee, the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou, within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim,
in our eucharistic feast.

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

Organ Voluntary

Parish News

MESSY CHURCH takes place this afternoon at 3pm in the Ark for younger children and their parents. This is a time of craft making, Bible stories, singing and a meal for the children. We would love to welcome you - please contact childrenswork@sonningparish.org.uk if you would like to know more.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Tuesday 22nd September - join us for a two course lunch of lasagne and salad followed by fruit cumble and tea/coffee (vegetarian option is available). The cost of the lunch is £12. Please call 0118 969 3298 or email the parish office - office@sonningparish.org.uk to book.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - On Sunday 4th October we shall be collecting cash and produce for the Woodley Foodbank at all our three services.

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:

Maurice Salter, Suzanne Simmonds

We remember any whose anniversaries fall around this time:

Douglas Witherington, Rosemary Nutbrown, Lewis Tigwell, Roly Hunt, Rosemary Parsons, Herbert Schotten

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 22 September

12 noon	Rendezvous Lunch Club	The Ark
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Wednesday 23 September

10.00am	Holy Communion	The Ark
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Thursday 24 September

7.30pm	Bellringing practice	Bell tower
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Friday 25 September

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

Sunday 27 September

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

Parish Contacts

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