

PARISH EUCHARIST
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026



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

Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist service for the Twentieth 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 676)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see:
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life; 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 22: 15-22 *(New International Version)*

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

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?'

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' 'Caesar's,' they replied.

Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.'

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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

Please sit

The Sermon

Please stand for the hymn (A&M 143)

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood;
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
Shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten,
throughout heaven's eternal days

(verse 2 overleaf)

2. On the mount of crucifixion,
fountains opened deep and wide,
through the floodgates of God's mercy,
flowed a vast and gracious tide;
Grace and love, like mighty rivers
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in 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

Hymn (A&M 604)

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Preparation of the Table

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

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.

Please sit

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 'Author of life divine' (A&M 420i) and the anthem 'My soul there is a country' (Parry).

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

STAY tell us about their morning's activities

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 754)

O worship the King, all glorious above;

O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

6. O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise!

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.

PARISH MAGAZINE - The success of our magazine depends on the advertising revenue. We urgently need a volunteer to take on the coordinating of advertising. Please do consider if you might be able to help. Hilary can give more information as to what is involved. Please call or email her in the Parish office.

RENDEZVOUS LUNCH CLUB - Tuesday 27th October - join us for sausage casserole with mashed potato (vegetarian option available) followed by peach crumble and tea/coffee. The cost of the lunch is £12. Please call 0118 969 3298 or email the parish office office@sonningparish.org.uk to book.

RIVER BAPTISMS - We shall go to the Wharfe on 1st November after the Family Service where we will baptise 7 young people. All are welcome to join us.

ALL SOULS SERVICE - SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER AT 4PM

We shall be remembering loved ones departed at this service. If you would like to have a name read out, please give their name to the welcome team as you arrive in church. Drinks will be served after the service.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1st November - All Saints celebration at 10:30am followed by river baptisms.

6th December at 4pm - Advent Carols.

13th December - Beers and Carols

20th December at 5pm - Nine lessons and Carols.

FoSTAC CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS - The Friends of St. Andrew's Church have revealed this years range of puddings to raise money for various projects within the church. On sale are Christmas Plum pudding serves 4 people (cost £10), plus Luscious Lemon Pudding and Sticky Toffee Pudding. Both serve 2 people (cost £7.50 each). Please contact Sally Wilson on mustangsallywilson41@gmail.com to reserve your pudding. We can home deliver or arrange purchase in The Ark, after the 10.30am service (with the exception of Remembrance Sunday)

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:

Christine Clarke, Eileen Russell, Margaret Atkins

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 21 October

10.00am	Holy Communion	The Ark
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Thursday 22 October

7.30pm	Bellringing practice	Bell tower
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Friday 23 October

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

Sunday 25 October

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Church
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	Church
6.00pm	Sunday at Six	The Ark

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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