

ST ANDREWS CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

September 2026

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Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 27th September

10.0 Parish Communion

followed by Harvest Brunch in church. Gifts for the Food Bank may be brought to church any Sunday or left in the church porch.



Thursday September 17th

5.0 -6.0 pm

**Prizegiving and reception
In the Village Hall
for the photographic
competition:**

all welcome to view the entries
and join us for a cool drink.

University Church, Oxford

Free lunchtime piano recitals

1.0 on 3rd and 10th September

Thursday September 17th 6.0 - 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Historic Sandford: the story of Rock Farm

Following the success of her talk last year, Liz Shatford will be sharing with us her invaluable knowledge of the village with a particular focus on Rock Farm.

LOVE SONGS FOR A SEPTEMBER EVENING

Friday 18th September at 7.0 pm in St Andrew's Church

Diana Beckett, soprano Cecily Lock, piano

Brahms, Massenet, Rachmaninoff, Lehar, Hahn,

Neapolitan & English folk songs

Retirement Collection for Charity

For some years our church has been opened at about 10.0 each morning and closed at about 5-6.0 in the evening. It has proved very worthwhile - there is always a steady trickle of visitors, as well as of villagers coming in for prayer or a quiet space for reflection. We are also now a church on the St Frideswide's Way route, which is likely to increase visitors.

At the moment Alison and Prue do a month each of opening, with Liz as a backup person. Bob locks up each evening. If by any chance your daily routine means you can easily join the rota, without it being a burden, please do let Prue know. It is 5 days a week (not Wednesdays or Sundays), collect and return the key to Liz's porch – and there is always backup if you are away for a few days or can't make it. A couple more people would mean it would only be three times a year.

Thanks for any help.

COMMUNITY LUNCH at Talking Shop

12.30 – 2.0

2nd Wednesday
of the month

Next one 9th September.

A delicious three course lunch
cooked by volunteers to save
food waste.

Pay what you can - no need
to book.

AFTERNOON TEAS

in the Village Hall

Next one

2nd September

2.0 – 4.0

Cost £4.

Join us by booking at
Prue.reynolds96
@gmail.com

Brews and Bindings

A book club
that isn't a book club
in Talking Shop on
1st September at 7.0 p.m. –
no prescribed reading, just
bring your own book,
drink good coffee and join us
as we turn pages, spark
meaningful conversations,
and build a community
one book at a time.

Apple Pressing Day

at Talking Shop
26th September.
Bring your surplus
apples to be
turned into
delicious fresh
juice.

**If you have a hard copy of this pewsheet
and would like to receive it by email in future,
please email robert.morgan@theology.ox.ac.uk**

SUNDAYS in September 2026 Year A

Sunday 6th September Trinity 18 Proper 18

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 12.1-14 *God tells Moses to have a last supper in Egypt and be prepared to leave. That became the Passover and the Christian Eucharist, as Jesus was crucified at Passover time.*

Romans 13.8-14 *Paul's moral instruction continues: love fulfils the law. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 18.15-20 *Instructions for a local church on how to make reconciliation after a serious sin..*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 13th September Trinity 19 Proper 19

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

Exodus 14.9-31 *The Exodus from Egypt (slavery), the Lord guiding them. They cross the Red Sea, and the persecutors hunting them are drowned.*

Romans 14.1-12 *A lesson in tolerance – how to treat Christians with different understandings of the gospel. All of us belong to the same Lord so can live in love and charity with our neighbours, not judging them. We are all personally responsible before our own life-styles, not for those of other Christians.*

Matthew 18.21-55 *On forgiveness: the parable of the unmerciful servant, who did not forgive.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 20th September Trinity 19 Proper 20

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 16.2-15 *In the desert God gives the Israelites bread from heaven.*

Philippians 1.21-30 *Paul tells us to live worthy of the gospel we profess. Stand fast.*

Matthew 20.1-16 *the parable of the labourers in the vineyard. Equal pay, don't be envious.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 27th September HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Corinthians 9.6-15 *Be generous. Give cheerfully. God supplies food. Giving money is a sign of Seriousness and commitment.*

Luke 12.16-30 *The parable of the hoarder who did not give away his surplus. He died and could not take it with him. So trust in God's providence, God knows your needs.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Creator God,

We thank you today for the splendour and beauty of creation;
for the ordered succession of seasons; for your love which made the world.

We thank you for the good and fertile earth; for the fruits in their seasons;
for the life that sustains our life; for the food that we daily enjoy.

We thank you for those whose labour supplies our physical needs;
for those who harvest our crops, those who transport them, those who process and sell them.

And we remember and pray for those who have no harvest to celebrate, no crops to gather,
who live on land that is hard to farm, and who scratch out a living in a hostile soil.

May the blessing of God who challenges us to a just sharing of earth's harvest be upon us all.

Amen

Among the many we know who need our prayers. please especially keep in mind

Rhona Bunce, Gwen Beaver, Ruth Tuckwell, Yvonne Welch

and Brian Andrews, Jennie Tinson, John Bardwell

and the residents, trustees and staff of Vale House

Also the family and friends of **Gina Ashburner**, whose funeral will be in church in September, and

Rest in peace

Gina Ashburner and Geoff Surman