

ST ANDREWS CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

August 2026

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Songs of the Spirit

Friday 31st July at 7.30 p.m.

Worship with Gus
and 3:16 Worship
(guitars, vocals and piano,
and musicians from all over the
country (and the world!).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 27th September 10.0: **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday 1st November 10.0: **ALL SAINTS DAY**

Sunday 1st November 6.30: **ALL SOULS SERVICE**

Sunday 8th November 10.0: **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Equally Oxford: Community and Justice

13th August at 6:30pm in Littlemore Church

Faced with rising inequality, and compelled by the hopeful vision of Mary's Magnificat, Littlemore Church and the University Church have been working together with friends from across the city to bring about meaningful change. If you would like to be part of a small community seeking to make a big difference in the city through prayer and practical action, join us for our next meal and meeting as we seek to explore what it means to be more 'equally Oxford'.

For more info hannah.cartwright@universitychurch.ox.ac.uk.

Photo competition: Hidden Sandford

The annual photography competition is open to adults and children. See church noticeboard or current Link magazine for details.

Take a photograph of a part of Sandford which we don't normally notice as we walk around – open our eyes to a particular part of an old building, a birdbath or a garden gnome, wild green bits or wildlife that are not obvious - anything that is out of the way and a bit out of the ordinary but is visible from a public area.

Ages: 5-9, 10-14, 15-18, Adult



A new landmark document was endorsed by General Synod in July, setting out a theological response to the environmental crisis.

The document argues that care for creation is not an optional concern but a core part of Christian discipleship and mission, and it can be read online at

www.churchofengland.org – search for

Hope for all Creation.

St Frideswide's Way

Christ Church have launched a new pilgrimage walk - St Frideswide's Way. It begins at her shrine in the Cathedral, which once brought countless medieval pilgrims to Oxford, and follows a 40-mile stretch of the Thames Path, stopping along the way at 24 different churches, including St Andrew's at Sandford. The walk finishes at the ruins of Reading Abbey.

They are looking for a representative for our parish who likes walking, could keep an eye on the waymark signs and let them know of any damaged or removed. They would be supported by two members of the SFW team. More information from www.csj.org.uk/st-frideswides-way and if you might become the parish rep please let Bob know (748848)

COMMUNITY LUNCH at Talking Shop

12.30 – 2.0

2nd Wednesday of the month
but not in August:

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

5th August 2.0 – 4.0

Cost £4.

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

Among the many we know who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind **Rhona Bunce, Gwen Beaver, Ruth Tuckwell, Gina Ashburner, Yvonne Welch and John Orr** and **Brian Andrews, Jennie Tinson, John Bardwell** and the residents, trustees and staff of Vale House

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 August 2026 Year A

Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9 Proper 13

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 55.1-5 *All who are spiritually thirsty or short of material necessities are invited by Jesus to come to his table and be nourished by his water of life and food worth enjoying: Listen! Live! The holy One of Israel has made you a signpost for others to come to him.*

Romans 9.1-5 *Paul is a Jew who delights in God's gifts and promises to his people and laments their failure to understand the gospel of Jesus crucified and raised by God.*

Matthew 14.13-21 *Jesus seeks solitude but the crowds pursue him. He has compassion on them and heals some who were sick. They were hungry so Jesus found a way to feed them. The food left over (12 baskets) contains a hint about the future mission of his followers, including us.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 9th August Trinity 10 Proper 14

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

1 Kings 19.9-18 *Elijah is on the run from Jezebel, who was making Israel pagan. God cheers him up with a vision or theophany and tells him to foment revolution and regime change in Syria and Israel and to appoint Elisha as his own successor as religious leader.*

Romans 10.5-15 *Paul makes justification by faith sound complicated by quoting Deuteronomy 30.12-13 to prove his point. Christ the Word of God is near to us. Get that and you are in – whatever your nationality. But you still need preachers to teach you!*

Matthew 14.22-33 *Jesus is said to walk on water. Peter has too little faith and sinks.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 16th August Trinity 11 Proper 15

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 or Genesis 37 or 1 Kings 19 or Psalm 105

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 *God has not rejected his Jewish people. His promises cannot fail, however misunderstood.*

Some Jews rejecting Jesus the Messiah opened a door for non-Jews to know God through Paul's Gentile mission.

Matthew 15 (10-20?), 21-28 *Jesus explains that purity has more to do with our words (and so our thoughts) than food laws (kosher) – what comes out of our mouth not what goes in. Then a non-Jewish woman asks for help, putting Jesus on the spot as his mission was to Israel's lost sheep. But seeing her faith Jesus knows she was right to ask.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12 Proper 16

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 51.1-6 *Listen! Remember your heritage! Think about Abraham, the father of Jews and Gentile believers. God will comfort all his people. The rubble (of Gaza and Lebanon) will again become a garden like Eden. Joy and gladness and thanksgiving will return. God's teaching and God's justice will spread around the world.*

Romans 12.1-8 *The basis of Christian morality and its consequences in a Christian fellowship.*

Matthew 16.13-20 *Different opinions about Jesus. Peter says he is Messiah, Son of God, and is blessed for recognizing God's revelation. That truth is the rock on which the church will be built. But not just yet!*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 30th August Trinity 13 Proper 17

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 3.1-15 *God reveals himself to Moses, the God of our fathers – God is who God is, and will be (and always has been). God sends Moses to the Israelites.*

Or Romans 12.9-21 Christian morality continued; mutual affection, service, hope, patience, generosity, hospitality, non-retaliation, solidarity with those who are suffering – and with those who are celebrating.

At peace with all. No revenge – leave judgment to God. Buy your enemy a drink!

Matthew 16.21-28 *Jesus sees he will suffer. Peter is shocked and told following Jesus means self-denial and is costly, but brings its reward. There will be a final reckoning.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer