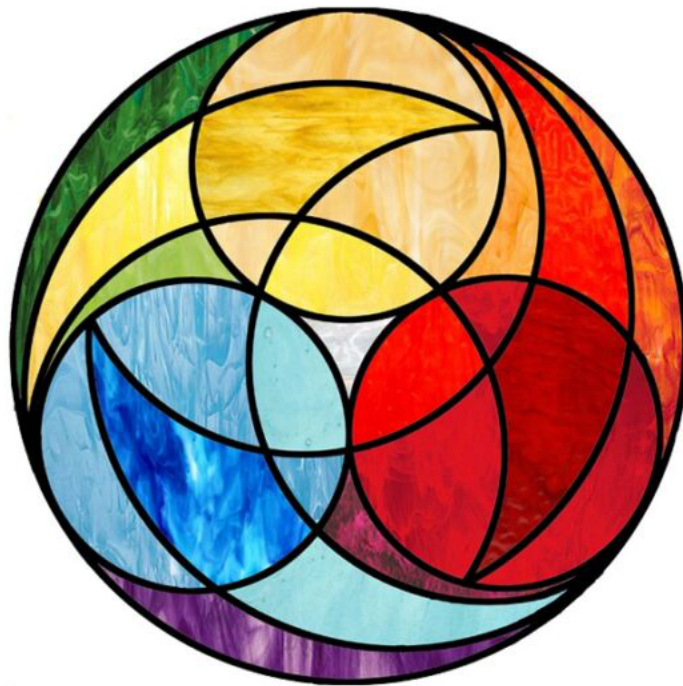


Parish of Central Windsor
SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 19th July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Trinity



**A warm welcome to St Stephen and St Agnes Church
for our service today**

On most Sundays we offer Sunday Club during the service.
Children are welcome to gather at the front of the church
after the Collect on page 4 before they go out to their activities
with our Sunday Club leaders.

If you have babies or small children with you, you are welcome to stay in
church. Please don't be embarrassed if they cry
or make a noise.

Please stand for :

OPENING HYMN

**All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on the German of Joachim Neander(1650-1680)*

Please remain standing for:

THE GREETING

The priest says

In the name of the Father†, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Please sit for:

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANY NOTICES

Please stand for:

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The priest says

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and
malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Kyrie Eleison is sung:

All **Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

The priest says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon† and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**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.**

**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.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The priest says:
Let us pray

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Sunday Club are invited to gather together at the front of the church before going to their activities.

We say together:

**Father God,
may our Sunday Club know your love as they gather today.
May they hear your voice in song, story and play,
and may they be filled with joy in their worship.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for:

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44.6–8

44⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

At the end the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 86 vvv11-17

The congregation is invited to sing the response

Teach me your way, O Lord and I will walk in your truth.

Teach me your / way, O Lord,
and I will walk / in your truth;
knit my / heart to you,
that I may / fear your name. **Response**

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with / all my heart,
and glorify your name for / evermore;
for great is your steadfast / love towards me,
for you have delivered my soul
from the depths / of the grave. **Response**

O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek af / ter my life;
they have not set you be / fore their eyes.
But you, Lord, are gracious and full / of compassion,
slow to anger and full of kind / ness and truth. **Response**

Turn to me and have mer / cy upon me;
give strength to your servant and save the child / of your handmaid.
Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and / be ashamed;
because of you, O Lord, have / helped and comforted me. **Response**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.12–25

⁸ ¹² Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

**Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.**

**Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part!**

**Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.**

**Fill every part of me with praise;
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be, and weak.**

**So shall no part of day or night
unblest or common be;
but all my life, in every step
be fellowship with thee.**

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:

Alleluia, Alleluia

All **Alleluia, Alleluia**
O Lord, your word is everlasting;
it stands firm forever in the heavens

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

Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

13 ²⁴ Jesus put before the crowd another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” ²⁸He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” ²⁹But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!’

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for:
SERMON

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Cheryl, her parents and godparents come forward.

The priest addresses the whole congregation

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for this child,
who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.
So I ask you all:

All Will you support her as she begins her journey of faith?
We will.

All Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?
We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for this child today.
Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?
All **We will.**

THE DECISION

The priest addresses Cheryl's parents, godparents

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Cheryl's forehead saying,

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.

All **Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil and
remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ

All **Amen**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The priest stands before the water of baptism and says

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The priest addresses the congregation

Let us affirm with those being baptised today our common faith
in Jesus Christ

All **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.**

BAPTISM

The priest baptises saying

Cheryl Paul, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ
As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ

May God who has received you by baptism into his Church
pour upon you the riches of his grace that within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing
Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen**

WELCOME

The priest introduces the welcome saying,

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Cheryl Paul by one Spirit
we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Please sit or kneel for:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

All Lord hear us
Lord graciously hear us

And at the end

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE MAY BE READ

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for:

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised
into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbour.

*The offertory collection will be brought to the altar to be blessed.
It will be used for the ministry, mission and outreach of the church.
Please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes if you are able to do so.*

If you give regularly via the collection when you attend Sunday worship in one of our churches, but are not with us every week, have you considered giving through the Parish Giving Scheme? It is very easy to do. Details are in the weekly Keeping Us in Touch leaflet or speak to any of our churchwardens

OFFERTORY HYMN

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow,
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands.
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord**

F. W. Faber (1814-1863)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The priest takes the bread and wine.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

All

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Stephen,
St Agnes, St John the Baptist and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The priest says

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*Please feel free to use either the traditional or the contemporary
version as we pray together*

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, All**
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.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

All **Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The priest says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All **Amen.**

If you are confirmed or a communicant member of the Church of England or any other Christian church, you are welcome to receive communion with us this morning. Otherwise, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please bring the service booklet with you or simply bow your head as you approach the altar so we know you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

During the administration of communion the following will be sung:

**Love of the Father, Love of God the Son,
from whom all came, in whom was all begun;
who formest heavenly beauty out of strife,
creation's whole desire and breath of life:**

**Thou the all-holy, thou supreme in might,
thou dost give peace, thy presence maketh right;
thou with thy favour all things dost enfold,
with thine all-kindness free from harm wilt hold.**

**Hope of all comfort, splendour of all aid,
that dost not fail nor leave the heart afraid:
to all that cry thou dost all help accord,
the angels' armour and the saints' reward.**

**Purest and highest, wisest and most just,
there is no truth save only in thy trust;
thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,
and bring, through Christ, to him for whom are all.**

**Eternal Glory, all men thee adore,
who art and shalt be worshiped evermore:
us whom thou madest, comfort with thy might,
and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.**

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on Amor Patris et Filii, 12th century*

ANTHEM: Panis angelicus (Franck)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory
Amen**

Members of Sunday Club are invited to show their work to the congregation

GIVING OF LIGHTED CANDLE

A lighted candle is given to Cheryl

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
Cheryl you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand for :

THE BLESSING

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.

All **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind,
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light!** *John Marriott (1780-1825)*

The priest says

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

**Please stay for special refreshments
which will be served after the service.**

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt
“at home” here, that you will be refreshed by today’s service of worship and that
you will return in the future.
We shall be delighted if you decide to make our
church community your spiritual home.

**You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you
for private reflection or to give to a friend.**

**If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please ask!
You can also find out more by following the “Our Faith” link on the
Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org**

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