

Parish of Central Windsor

SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity



2026

LIVING WELL TOGETHER

**A warm welcome to St Stephen
and St Agnes Church**

Today, the second Sunday of September, is Education Sunday, a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education.

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 most welcome to stay in church. Please don't be embarrassed if they cry or make a noise.

Please stand for :

OPENING HYMN

**1 Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up,
the night is behind.
Go down to the city, into the street,
and let's give the message
to the people we meet.**

***So light up the fire
and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return,
take seeds of his Spirit,
let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus,
let his love show.***

**2 Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on;
it never goes down.
The Light of the world is risen again;
the people of darkness
are needing a friend.
*So light up the fire...***

**3 Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come,
the sun came to die.
The evening draws on,
the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.
*So light up the fire...***

Sue Mc Clellan, John Paculabo &
Keith Ryecroft

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.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,**

**in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen**

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

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in 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

Genesis 50.15-21

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.'

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.’ In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 103

The congregation is invited to sing the response

The Lord is compassion and love.

O my soul | bless the Lord,
and all my being bless his | holy name.
O my soul | bless the Lord
and forget not | all his love. **Response**

He forgives you | all your guilt
and heals your | every ill,
redeems your life | from the grave
crowns you with friend | ship and love. **Response**

The Lord is full of compass | sion and love,
slow to anger | rich in grace.
he has not dealt with us af | ter, our sins,
nor repaid us for | all our faults. **Response**

As far as the East is | from the West,
so far does he re | move our sins;
As a father has pity | on his sons,
So the Lord has mercy | on his own.
The Lord is compassion and love.

SECOND READING

St Paul's letter to the Romans 14.1–12

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for:

Gradual Hymn

**1 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.**

**2 All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to.**

He said:

**'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name,
and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'**

He said:

**'Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name,
and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'**

Carol Owens (1931-2023)

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon our path

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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

Matthew 18.21–35

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ ²² Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³ ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?”

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit for:

TALK

Please stand for:

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Let us declare before God the faith of the church in which, we pray, we may all find grace to grow.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen**

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for:

THE PEACE

Jesus said, "Love one another.
As I have loved you so you are to love one another"

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

**1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; 3 Father-like, he tends and spares
to his feet thy tribute bring; us;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, well our feeble frame he knows;
who like me his praise should sing? in his hand he gently bears us,
Praise him! Praise him! rescues us from all our foes.
Praise the everlasting King. Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

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.

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.

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 sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sins 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:

Make me a channel of your peace.

**Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon Lord
and where there's doubt true faith in you**

***Oh Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul***

Make me a channel of your peace.

**Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

Oh Master ...

Make me a channel of your peace.

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life**

*Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)
from a prayer of St Francis of Assisi (c1182-1226)*

ANTHEMS: Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (Hilton/Farrant),
A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

The priest says

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

BLESSING OF BAGS

School bags are brought forward to be blessed for the new academic year and members of Sunday Club are invited to show their work to the congregation

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

One more step along the world I go
one more step along the world I go
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
keep me travelling along with you

Round the corners of the world I turn
more and more about the world I learn
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me
And it's from the old ..

As I travel through the bad and good
keep me travelling the way I should
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know
And it's from the old ..

Give me courage when the world is rough
keep me loving though the world is tough
leap and sing in all I do
keep me travelling along with you
And it's from the old ..

You are older than the world can be
you are younger than the life in me
ever old and ever new
keep me travelling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
keep me travelling along with you

R. T. Brooks (1918-1985)

The priest says

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

**Please stay for 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**

Our services next Sunday, 20th September (Trinity 16) are as follows
8.00am Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Parish Church
11.00am Civic Service for Battle of Britain Sunday, St John the Baptist Parish Church
5.00pm Taizé-style Holy Communion, St Stephen & St Agnes Parish Church

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