

Readings and Collect for Sunday 12th February
The Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1:1-2: 3 Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 6:25-34
Eucharist Prayer C

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Readings for Thursday 16th February

Genesis 9:1-13 Mark 8:27-33

Readings and Collect for Sunday 19th February
The Sunday next before Lent

Eucharist Prayer D
Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Thursday 23rd February

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr c. 155

Wisdom 5:15-20 John 15:1-8

The next Focus is 26th February - 11th March

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
or phone Gill Crisp on 253743, or Claire Driver on 623419
by 9pm Monday 20th February



St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for the Weeks
12th - 25th February



EASTER EGGS.....hopefully your mouth is watering already!

From the end of January until the end of February please order your REAL EASTER EGGS.

The prices are the same as last year;--The Original £4.50, the Dark £5.50, The fun Pack £5, The Special £9.99.

If you are unaware of these special Easter Eggs please ask me for more information.

PLEASE order at Coffee time on Sundays in the hall or ring/email me. You can pay with your order or when the eggs arrive.

If you would like to donate (an egg) to FIND, please put an F by your order on the form.

The big Retailers no longer stock 'The Real easter Eggs' and last year Traidcraft was the only place to buy one 'over the counter' and now----this news from the Meaningful Chocolate Company-----

(Please see important news about Traidcraft overleaf)



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*****IMPORTANT ACCOUNCEMENT*****

*****Traidcraft & the Real Easter Egg*****

For more than 12 years we have enjoyed a very productive relationship with Traidcraft, supplying Real Easter Eggs that complement their excellent range of fairly-traded goods

In August 2022 the company told us that, based on previous sales, they were looking to take about 27,000 eggs, boxed in various formats. With these figures in mind, we ordered card, chocolate and accompanying books.

However, just before Christmas, Traidcraft informed us they would not be stocking any Real Easter Eggs in 2023.

We were disappointed and surprised by their decision, as many churches order their Real Easter Eggs through Traidcraft and we had already started their manufacture.

This is a huge blow and will impact on the Charities supported by the Company.....

You could order directly from the Company but it will be easier for them (and save your postage) if you place your order via our Church, as we have done for several years.

Thank you for your support, Margaret M.

**Music at Rushmere
Sunday Afternoon Concerts**

3-4pm Spring 2023

5th March James Woodrow (guitar)

12th March Essentially Swing

19th March Phantom Wind Quintet

26th March Christopher Moore (organ)

2nd April Ipswich Hospital Band

Free admission, including refreshments
(retiring collection for East Anglian Air Ambulance)



Wedding Songs of Praise

Sunday 19th February at 3.00pm

St Andrew's is once again holding a special afternoon service to celebrate marriage with hymns chosen for weddings and readings on the theme.

All are invited, however long they have been married and for couples preparing for marriage.

QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to severe loss of revenue to our church due to Covid the QR code will continue to be seen in Focus.

This code can be scanned by a mobile phone with a camera and will then connect to the Give-a-Little page which is linked to the church website:

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

For any queries please ask our Treasurer 724211, or a church warden.

Thank you.



Safeguarding Online Training

Would you like to undertake online safeguarding training??
It is completely free and is operated at your pace and convenience.

Please follow these details:

- 1) Enter "Church of England Safeguarding Online Training" (on your computer or iPad)
- 2) See safeguarding training portal "create new account"
- 3) Log in with your details and you're good to go!!
- 4) The course lasts approx 1 -1.5hrs, and a certificate is awarded on completion

Any queries please contact Bob Batchelor
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Advance Notice! Please put the date in your diary

World Day of Prayer – (was called Women's Day of Prayer)

This year the service has been written by the Christian Women of Taiwan and is titled; "I have heard about your Faith".

It is a very inspiring service and I hope that many of you will be able to join in. It is always an ecumenical occasion and this year will be held at St Mary's RC Church, Woodbridge Road, IP4 4BP on Friday March 3rd 2023.

There is a large car park beside the church.

The service will be at 2pm, followed by a cup of tea.

Look forward to seeing you there! Tricia Tyler

Mary and Andrew would like to thank everyone for their help, support and prayers after Andrew's heart attack.

We feel very blessed.



The next **United Service** is on **Sunday 26th February 6.30pm** at Colchester Road Baptist Church

Services at St Andrew's

Every Sunday	08.00am	Holy Communion
1 st Sunday of the month	10.00am	Worship for All (Especially for families and children)
3 rd Sunday of the month	10.00am	Service of the Word
2 nd and 4 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Holy Communion
5 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Family Communion
Every Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Every 3 rd Sunday of the month	4.00pm	<u>t@4</u>
2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Sunday School (Church Hall at term time)
4 th Saturday of the month	8.30 – 10.00am	Prayer Breakfast (In the Church Hall)

School Half-Term Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023

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