

Readings and Collect for Sunday 13th February
The Third Sunday before Lent

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1 *Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings and Collect for Thursday 17th February

Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda, martyr, 1977

James 2:1-9

Psalms 34:1-7 *Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.*

Mark 8:27-33

Readings and Collect for Sunday 20th February
The Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25

Psalms 65 *Refrain: Be joyful in God, all the earth.*

Revelation 4 Luke 8:22-25

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 24th February

James 5:1-6

Psalms 49:12-20 *Refrain: Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*

Mark 9:41-50

Please note: These readings and collects may be subject to change.



St Andrew's Rushmere

Focus for weeks
13th - 26th February



Services at St Andrew's

Sundays at 8.00am Holy Communion
(in the old end of church)

1st Sunday of the Month at 10.00am Worship for All
Non-Eucharistic Service (in the new end of church)

2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 10.00am Holy Communion
(in the new end of church)

(5th Sundays of the month will be Holy Communion)

Thursdays at 10.00am Holy Communion
(in the old end of church)

T @ 4 is held every third Sunday of the month

Focus is available on our new website along with a link to online services via YouTube at:

<http://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/>

Find us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere>

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
or telephone Claire Driver on 623419, or 07971 334142,
or Gill Crisp on 253743, or 07776 467999
by 9pm Monday 21st February deadline
Next Focus is 27th February - 12th March



Prayers

For those in our Parish who have asked for prayers to be said for them and for those who have recently died. Please may permission be sought from the person for whom prayers are said before they are added to the list. Thank you.

Janet, Ellen, Janet
Mary, Betty, Nephath,
Ann, Mark, Fiona, Renee, Margaret,
Abbie, Jane, William,
Widge.



QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to the severe on-going loss of income over the past 2 years, the QR code below will be printed in Focus. This code can be used for donations by scanning it with a mobile 'phone camera, and will connect will connect to the Give-a-Little page linked to the church website:

standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/

Any queries, please ask our
Treasurer (724211)
or a Warden.



Are You Able and Willing to Volunteer?

'Church Opener and Locker' - the person who for many years has faithfully unlocked and locked the church on Tuesdays is retiring from this important role of ensuring the church is open for all who wish to use it during daylight hours.

We say a big thank you to Jack for all your, often, unseen work over the years.

If you feel you can help fill this vacancy please contact one of the churchwardens, it may be possible to swap the day with another member of the team who keep our church available to all during the week.

After sterling work over the last few years, Gloria, our **'Church Booking Secretary'** is standing down and we are looking for someone to take on this role. If you are keen to help the church in this role please chat to Gloria and the churchwardens to find out what it entails, it can all be done from the warmth of your home! Thank you Gloria for all that you've done and continue to do in other roles.

Thank you for considering if you can help out in one of the above roles.

Churchwardens - Gill, Tim & Teresa

Sunday 20th February 2022

At t@4 Chris and Anji Dawkins will be joining us to tell us about life in St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Link Diocese, Kagera in Tanzania. They are selling some notelets featuring wildlife and scenes from Kagera. All profits will go to support work in Kagera. They will also be available after the morning service, so if you would like to purchase some bring some change with you.

Penny, yfworkerstar@gmail.com

Lenten Housegroup 2022 'The Long Road to Heaven'

Beginning on Thursday 10th March at 11.30am there will be a Lenten Housegroup at 51 Glenavon Road [subject to numbers].

The course will use and watch the Film 'The Way', which tells the story of one man's experience on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. Scenes from the film will trigger discussion, and there will be a bible study each week as well as a time of reflection and prayer.

Each session is planned to last no longer than 90 minutes. Participants should purchase the book which is available on Amazon very reasonably secondhand [£2.87], or can be downloaded to a Kindle. I have two copies of the book. The DVD is equally easy and cheap to source, and the film is available free on Amazon Prime.

Please contact Chris on 310992 to register. Dates of the course are 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March and 7th April.

Friends Round Friday is moving it's time from the afternoon to **10.30am to 12pm**. This is a social event particularly for those living alone. It is held at Dumbarton Road scout hut. All welcome. Free refreshments and cake and companionship.

I would like to thank all those who have given me glass jars for marmalade over the last few months. I have more than enough now so until further notice I will not require anymore.

If you would like any marmalade and you have not been able to get to church, I will be happy to deliver.

Still £2.00 per jar and also now smaller jars for £1.00 for those who don't use as much!

All proceeds going to RTU.

Many thanks. Kevin.



Activities at St Andrew's Church.

These are the current activities listed, more may be added, or changed at a later date.

Day	Activity	Venue	Time
2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month	StAR Sunday School	Church Hall	10am during term time
3 rd Sunday of the month	T@4 Informal worship with food		4pm
Every Monday to Friday	Open Door for chat and free refreshments	Church	10am - 12noon
Wednesday	Lunch Club (weekly)	Church Hall	12.30pm
Wednesday	StAR Youth Club (weekly)	Church Hall	6.30pm -8pm during term time
1 st Wednesday of the month	Knit and Natter	Church Hall	2.30pm - 4pm
2 nd Wednesday of the month	Games Afternoon	Church Hall	2.30pm – 4pm
3 rd Wednesday of the month	Mothers Union	Church Hall	2.30pm
Thursday	StAR Toddlers	Church Hall	9.45 – 11.30am during term time
2 nd Thursday of the month	StAR Toddler Service		11am during term time
Friday	Friends Round Friday	Dumbarton Rd Scout Hall	10.30am-12pm (NB: new time)

Contact for Sunday School: Ali at: rushmeresundayschool@gmail.com

Contact for Youth Club and [T@4](#): yfworkerstar@gmail.com

Contact for StAR Toddler Group: Ros: 01473 723381

If there are any activities you would like to be included in this list please email: standrewr@gmail.com

This is a short update on how we have allocated, in conjunction with RTU, the money raised for **Reaching the Unreached**.

The following is a message from Mo Houlden, who is the UK Organiser.

“Thank you so much for choosing to help RTU with the refurbishment of the central kitchen. I’m sure you all remember well how hard those women worked with those hot burners and great rice steamers, plus all the vegetable preparation they had to do on the floor. I’m sure they will appreciate a nicely refurbished kitchen and new equipment. I will keep you posted.

Thank you too for the using the remainder of the funds for the evening study centres for older students.”

Just a reminder as well that our Sunday School Children are doing their own fundraising for a house to be built for a family in India. They are doing very well and have received several jars of 5p pieces, and this Sunday are selling Jars of Love containing cookies, after the 10.00 am service.

Ruth

REAL EASTER EGGS

How quickly the seasons come round!



PLEASE sign up on the list in the Church hall at Coffee-time for Real Easter Eggs.

Original £4.50, Dark chocolate £5.50, White £5.00-----all with an Easter story activity book.

There is a Fun Pack for £5.00 and a Special Edition £9.99 (details on the sheet).

These Real Easter Eggs will not be available in the Supermarkets this year so please order through me during February so we're not disappointed.

FIND would appreciate Easter Eggs this year, so if you'd like to donate to FIND please put an 'F' by your order and we will deliver them direct to FIND.

Payment on arrival will be fine!

Thank you, Margaret M.

Press Release – Gippeswyk Singers Spring Concert 2022

“Let’s Begin Again”

Gippeswyk Singers warmly invite you to a Spring concert on Saturday 12th March, 7.30pm at St Andrew’s Church, Rushmere, IP5 1DH. We are celebrating a new beginning with our recently appointed musical director, Janette Ruocco, and this concert will feature a delightful selection of lighter music for choir and piano, (including some a cappella) by Shearing, Elgar, Chilcott, Whitacre, Rutter and more. Piano accompaniment by Peter Willsher.

We are a friendly, musically aspirational non-audition chamber choir and are currently looking to recruit more singers in all voices, (particularly tenor and bass) and would welcome enquiries at the concert, or please get in touch by email:

nigel@ndharding.co.uk

Tickets £5 at the door and in advance from Michael Dawe, Tel: 01728 746441, or email: a.m.dawe@btinternet.co.uk

Gippeswyk Singers are supporting two local charities this season: Inspire Counselling, (Ipswich) and Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

For more information please visit our website:

www.gippeswyksingers.co.uk

Youth Club

My thanks to those who have come forwards to help with youth club. My Thanks also to Bob Mellor who has been helping us to build bird boxes over three sessions. We hope that the resulting bird boxes will be positioned in the church yard. Also my thanks to Clarke Fencing Limited, Stowmarket, Tel 01449 614939, www.clarkefencing.co.uk who supplied the wood for the bird boxes at cost.

Penny, yfworkerstar@gmail.com