

Readings and Collect for Sunday 13th 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18,

Psalm 27 *Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation*

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 Luke 13: 31-end

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Thursday 17th March

Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland, 460

Isaiah 51:1-11

Psalm 96 *Refrain: Declare God's glory among the nations*

Revelation 22: 1-5

Matthew 10: 16-23

Readings and Collect for Sunday 20th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

Isiah 55: 1-9,

Psalm 63: 1-8 *Refrain: My soul thirsts for you, O my God*

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 31-end

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 for Thursday 24th March

Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-end

Luke 11:14-23

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



St Andrew's Rushmere

Focus for weeks

13th March – 26th March



Services at St Andrews

Every Sunday 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)

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

Thursdays at 10.00am Holy Communion

(in the old end of church)

Focus is available on our website along with a link to our online services at: <https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/>

You can also find us on Facebook at:

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 March deadline

Next Focus is 27th March- 9th April

Annual Meetings

This year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the church hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th March.

This is an important part of church life; an opportunity to review the past year, look forward to St Andrew's mission in the coming year, ask about matters concerning the church and elect Churchwardens and PCC members.

You will need to be on the Electoral Roll of the parish if you wish to stand for office or vote at the meetings.

Please contact Gill Ainslie (tel. 720618) to find out more.

It would be helpful if you could notify the PCC Secretary, Hilary Platts (tel. 724456) of any item you would like to be discussed in order to help in the planning of the

Agenda. The Minutes of last year's meeting, Annual Report and other papers will be made available online, but please speak to a Churchwarden if you would like printed copies.



Sunday Afternoon Concert Teas



The Spring season of Afternoon Concerts begins on **13th March**. Regular patrons will know that, as well as quality music, we aim to provide quality tea and cakes. If you can help with this by baking a cake or two or by helping in the kitchen please let me know. We will be limiting the number of people in the kitchen to two, but the number of cakes we need has almost no limit!

You can email me at mary.p@odam.org or phone me on 01473 614456. If you need me to collect cakes I am very happy to do so.

Activities at St Andrew's Church.

DAY	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
2 nd &4 th Sun	StARSunday school	Church Hall	10am Term time
3 rd Sun	T@4	Church Hall	4pm
Mon – Fri Daily	Open Door-free refreshments	Church	10am-12noon
Wed weekly	Lunch Club	Church Hall	12.30pm
Wed	StAR Youth Club	Church Hall	6.30-8pm Term time
1 st Wed	Knit and Natter	Church Hall	2pm-4pm
2 nd Wed	Games Afternoon	Church Hall	2pm-4pm
3 rd Wed	Mothers Union	Church Hall	2.30pm
Thurs	StAR Toddlers	Church Hall	9.45-11.30am Term time
2 nd Thurs	StAR Toddler Service		11am Term time
Fri weekly	Friends Round Friday	Dumbarton Road Scout Hall	2-3.30pm

Contact numbers and more information about the different activities can be found on the website:

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

If there are activities you would like included please email:

standrewr@gmail.com

QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to the loss of revenue to the church due to Covid -19 the QR code below will continue to be seen in Focus on a regular basis.

The code can be scanned by a mobile phone with a camera and will connect to the Give-a-Little page linked to the website:

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

If you have a query, please ask the Treasurer (724211) or a Warden.



Mothers Union

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 16th March** at **2.30pm**.

Tim Tyler will come and speak to us about 'Tales of a Retired Policeman'.

Please do come and join us. There will also be a raffle at this meeting.

All are welcome.



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 ; Betty; Ann; Mark; Fiona; Renee; Margaret; Abbie; Jane; Mary and William.

Died:

Eric Walker; Barbara Squirrell; Widge Bowman; Roy Gooding; Nephath Chege; June Eagle.



Widge Bowman's Funeral

This will be held on **Tuesday 15th March**.

There will be a committal at Ipswich Crematorium at 9.45 for close family and a **Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Rushmere at 14.30**. This will be followed by tea and cake in the hall.

Lent Study Groups

"Teaching from the Road to Jerusalem"

The second of our studies is on **Tuesday 12th April at 7.45pm**.

The Coming of the Kingdom: Luke 17: 20-37. How do we prepare for the return of Jesus and the coming of His Kingdom?

Meetings will take place online at 7.45pm. All welcome. For further details contact David Gill: david@davidgill.co.uk

Lenten House Group 'The Long Road to Heaven'

This group continues on **Thursday 17th March at 11.30am** at 51 Glenavon Road. The course will use and watch the film 'The Way' –based on one man's experience of a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. The sessions will be no longer than 90 minutes.

Follow up dates are 24th and 31st March and 7th April.
For more details contact Chris on 310992.

Lunch Club Helper Required.

We need some help on 3rd Wednesday of each month to do washing up for about an hour, from 12.30 to 13.30ish.

If you can help please contact Sue Scotchmere 723957.

Summer Outlook

The Spring edition of our church magazine has been well received and people are pleased to see it back after the two year break. Now the Summer edition - May, June, July is on the horizon and the last date for copy is **Friday 8th April**, so if you have any items to be included to make this an interesting edition please send, or give to Mary Duncan.



Sunday School RTU fundraising

Last month the Sunday school held a bake sale after church in aid of RTU. We are very grateful to those who supported this by purchasing our baked goods and hope you enjoyed them. Delightfully, we can share that we raised £124! This has really helped towards our target of £1000. Sally and all in the Sunday school.

Afghan Crisis Appeal: Thank you to all who generously donated to the Emergencies UNHCR Afghanistan Winter Crisis Bucket Appeal over the last couple of weeks. With tax recovered through the gift aid scheme the total giving amounted to £578 that is being sent to UNHCR to support the now millions in Afghanistan who have little food for their families. A big thank you. Parochial Giving Panel.

Christianity and Climate Change – taking care of God's creation.

We are running a free event and discussion about Christianity and climate change on **Tuesdays at 7.30pm**. The next dates will be **15th, 22nd and 29th March and 5th April**.

Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm.

Please do come along and join the discussion.

For more information contact Ruth Silburn on 01473 711872 or email: rsilburn@hotmail.com

Mothering Sunday 27th March, 2022

The 10am service will be a shorter All-Age Worship Service not a Communion, as we hope to be joined by the young people from the uniformed sections. There will be a short Eucharist at 11.15, no sermon or hymns, for those who would like to take Communion and for those who find Mothering Sunday a difficult day.

Reminder –Time change.

Please remember **Knit and Natter** every 1st Wednesday from **2pm** and **Games Afternoon** every 2nd Wednesday from **2pm**. Please note time of starting. If you don't come you'll be missing out on two most enjoyable events!