

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 17th July- Trinity 5  
Disability Awareness Day**

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 15 *Refrain: Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord*

Colossians1: 15-28

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Readings for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

William Wilberforce Social Reformer 1833

Psalm 22 Galatians 3: 26-end, 4: 6,7 Luke 4:16-21

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 6**

Hosea 1: 2-10

Psalm 138 *Refrain: When I called, you answered me, O Lord*

Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19) Luke 11: 1-13

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 forever.

**Readings for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Samson Bishop 565

Psalm 146: 1-5 Jeremiah 18: 1-6 Matthew 13: 47-53

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



**St Andrew's Rushmere**  
**Focus for weeks**  
**17<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> July**



**Services at St Andrews**

<b>Every Sunday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Worship for All</b> (A service especially for families and children)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>T@4</b> (Worship and tea especially for families and children)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> (Church Hall)

Please email your items to [standrewr@gmail.com](mailto:standrewr@gmail.com)  
or telephone Claire Driver on 623419,  
or Gill Crisp on 253743.

**by 9pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July deadline**  
Next Focus is **31<sup>st</sup> July – 13<sup>th</sup> August**

For more information please visit the website at:

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

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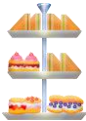


## Mother's Union July Meeting

Our July meeting is on **Wednesday 20th at 2.30** as usual. This month we are taking part in the annual Wave of Prayer service. This is when we remember especially The MU around the world and our link Dioceses in particular. It is always a very special occasion and we hope that all our members can join us and as always other people are very welcome.

We shall meet in the Church at 2.30 and then move to the Hall for our refreshments and socialising.

Tricia Tyler (01473723458, 07951817543  
or [tylertricia@gmail.com](mailto:tylertricia@gmail.com))



### CMS Cream Tea – POSTPONED!

We are very sorry to say that we are going to have to postpone this lovely event which was due to take place on **Saturday 23rd July**. We shall hope to re-schedule it for the autumn and will let you know as soon as we have a new date. Dianne Davey and Tricia Tyler.

### Children's Society Boxes.

Just a reminder that I hope to open all the boxes during July this year so would be very grateful if you can deliver your box either to the church or to me at home (32 The Limes)  
Thank you all for your help -I hope we shall hit another record this year! Tricia Tyler

### 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.



### Friends Round Friday

A reminder that the last session for this weekly gathering for chat, companionship and a cuppa with a toddler corner was Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

There will be no gatherings over the summer and there is currently ongoing discussion as to whether or not this group will continue in the autumn. We will keep you updated in Focus.



T@4

Please note the August gathering for worship and tea on **21<sup>st</sup> August at 4.00pm** will be a '**Bring your own picnic**'  
From **September** onwards we will move to a '**Bring a plate of food to share**'.

## Children's Events – Dates for the Diary

### Fun Day-Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Organisers and helpers are required.

Please contact Michelle at: [msmljones@ntlworld.com](mailto:msmljones@ntlworld.com)

### Harvest Themed Event –Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

More information will follow regarding both of these events.



## Volunteers Needed – Are you Willing and Able to Help?



We are still in need of a **Hall Cleaner**. Do you have a few hours to spare?

The volunteer would be cleaner for a month, (usually every 4<sup>th</sup> month). During that month they would be responsible for cleaning/checking the Hall 2-3x/week depending on who has booked the hall.

Previously Anthony volunteered as a hall cleaner but with him leaving and Bob and Joan retiring there is a risk that the hall won't be cleaned for 2 months every quarter.

Sadly if we have to employ a cleaner it would greatly reduce the income the hall generates for our church mission.

If you feel that you can help please contact one of the wardens or Kevin.



## Church Booking Secretary

Gloria is standing down from this role after sterling work over the last few years. If you feel you can help the church in this role please chat to Gloria or one of the wardens to find out what the job entails. As winter approaches it can all be done from the warmth of your own home.

Churchwardens: Tim, Teresa and David



## Quiz Evening

This popular event will be on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.**

Tickets **£7.50** including refreshments and home made cake.

Contact: Sue Scotchmere 01473-723957  
[r.scotchmere@btinternet.com](mailto:r.scotchmere@btinternet.com)

## Fish and Chip Supper –Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Put this date in your diary and further details will follow in Focus!

### Reminder! – United Service

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm**

At Rushmere Baptist Church, The Street, Rushmere St  
Andrew, IP5, 1DF

## A Message from Reverend Sue

Dear Friends,

“And now faith, hope and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is Love” 1 Cor. 13:13

I guess my life’s journey can be summed up in these words of St Paul: “faith and hope and love” I, of course would also add Joy. In my first week here, in January 2019, I had an empty In-Tray and Inbox; that doesn’t happen nowadays! Very soon though I felt the warmth of your welcome from the start and that has never diminished. Thank you for that love shown to me at the very start of my ministry. At my Licensing service in July that year, the Bishop said these solemn words: “Receive this cure of souls which is both yours and mine.” In other words, the work of a parish priest is not just to the people who attend church, but to carry the ‘care of everyone’ in their hearts. It has been a great joy and privilege to be alongside you in those rites of – baptism, weddings, and especially, funerals, and also to listen to your stories in the street (during lock-down), in your homes, or in the quietness of my study. Thank you for the love you have shown to me in these moments of trusting yourself to my care.

Anthony and I have had some great fun with you along the way. Thank you for those happy memories.

Faith, hope and love are known as the three ‘theological virtues’ because they are gifts from God to us. They are the channel by which we humans can relate to God, and how God relates to us. In the Son/Father relationship Jesus had with God, He exemplifies how these qualities deepen that relationship with God, and with one another: in His faith in God the Father even on the cross, in His hope of an eternal life with God, and in His many teachings of love which ask that our love for one another should reflect God’s love for us. Jesus summarised the ten commandments of the Old Testament into just two: Love

God and Love your neighbour, I would add; ‘and don’t forget to love yourself’.

So I leave this parish in the care of others during this vacancy, but I have faith, and every confidence, that God is already raising up the next person to receive the cure of souls in this parish; in the hope that the church will continue to flourish in post-lockdown Rushmere; and in love – for Rushmere St Andrew will always have a very special place in my heart; thank you for your overwhelming generosity and love, making our time here so very special. With every blessing, and Christian love, Revd Sue

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### Interregnum Prayer

Dear Lord,  
call to our church a true Shepherd,  
a man or woman of God,  
a minister of Christ,  
and make us, with him or her,  
a church joyful in worship and united in  
witness, working, caring, praising, loving,  
to the glory of your Name,  
through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.

