

Readings and Collect for Sunday 18th December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

Eucharistic Prayer C

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Thursday 22nd December

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Luke 9:7-9

Readings and Collect for Saturday 24th December
Christmas Eve

Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) John 1:1-14

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings and Collect for Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day

Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Almighty God, you have given us our only-begotten So to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

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



St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for the Weeks
18th - 31st December



Join us for the following
Christmas Services at St Andrew's

Sunday 18th December

8.00am Holy Communion



10.00am Service of the Word (non-communion)

4.00pm Christmas [t@4](#) family worship

6.30p Carol Service

followed by refreshments and mince pies

Thursday 22nd December

10.00am Holy Communion



Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

4.00pm Crib Service. Come and hear the Christmas Story.

Come dressed as an Angel, Shepherd or King, or arrive at 3.30pm and borrow one of our costumes.

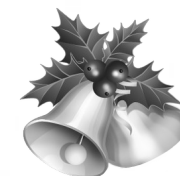
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Service

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

10.00am Family Holy Communion
and Blessing of the Crib

Thursday 28th December

No service



QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to the loss of revenue to the church due to Covid-19 the QR code will continue to be seen in Focus on a regular basis. This code can be scanned by a mobile phone with a camera and will connect to the Give-a-Little page linked to: <https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>.

Any queries; please ask the Treasurer on 724211, or a church warden



A Prayer for the New Vicar

Lord, as we enter a new stage,
may you give us open hearts,
grace to grow in faith and prayer and help us
to serve you in our local community.

Lord, bless and equip the person you
are preparing to lead here.

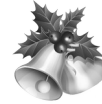
May they have vision and insight and a prayerful,
pastoral heart to serve young and old alike
in this community.

Amen.



Focus is also available and much more on our website
at: <https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

Find us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere



The next Prayer Breakfast is on

Saturday 28th January 2023 at 8.30 – 10.00am

In the Parish Room

Enjoy breakfast together, followed by a time of worship
and prayer for our church, outreach to St Andrew's Parish
and the local community.

All Welcome

StAR Nativity Trail

From 14th to 24th December, come and
follow the stars through the church.

Make the journey to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph,
the shepherds and the Wise Men, and complete your special
StAR Trail Passport as you go.

FIND Christmas Appeal 2022

A BIG THANK YOU to all who responded, as usual a great
effort, 57 FIND gifts in total, delivered on Tuesday 13th with
grateful thanks from FIND. Gloria.

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
or telephone Claire Driver on 623419,
or Gill Crisp on 253743,

by Monday's deadline 26th December
The next Focus is 1st - 14th January 2023