

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 1st January
Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

Galatians 4: 4-end Luke 2: 15-21

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; 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 5th January

1 John 3: 11-21 John 1: 43-end

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 8th January
Epiphany**

Isiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth; mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

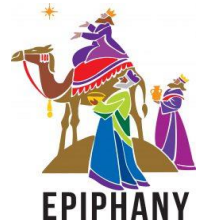
**Readings and Collect for Thursday 12th January
Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx 1167, Benedict Biscop
Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar 689.**

Phillipians 3: 7-14 Luke 12: 32-37

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



**St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for weeks
1st -14th January**



Services at St Andrews

Every Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
1 st Sunday of the month	10.00am	Worship for All (A service especially for families and children)
3 rd Sunday of the month	10.00am	Service of the Word
2 nd & 4 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Holy Communion
5 th Sunday of the month	10.00am	Family Communion
Thursdays	10.00am	Holy Communion
Every 3 rd Sunday of the month	4.00pm	t@4 (Worship and tea especially for families and children)
2 nd 3 rd & 4 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Sunday School (Church Hall- Term time)
4 th Saturday of the month	8.30-10.00am	Prayer Breakfast (Church Hall-Breakfast after)

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
or telephone Claire Driver on 623419, or Gill Crisp on 253743,
by 9pm Monday 9th January deadline
Next Focus is **15th January- 28th January**

Thank you to the Lunch Club.

Well another year has passed and as the old adage states 'the older you get the quicker time passes' that certainly seems true. Another year means that our marvellous lunch club has once again supplied us every week with a hearty meal and a chance to meet up with friends old and new. So thanks again to all the kind people who make this possible, you really are appreciated and we are always welcomed with a smile.

Derek C.



Coffee Morning Saturday January 14th 10-11.30 am

Drop in for refreshments, a bring and buy stall and raffle. Meet old friend or make new ones! We look forward to seeing you there in the Church Hall.



Quiz Night Saturday January 28th 7.00 for 7.30pm

Come and join us at our next quiz. Always popular so get your tickets early!

Cost £7.50 pp - includes cheese ploughman's supper, soft drink, tea/coffee and home-made cake.

Contact Sue on 723957 for tickets



QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to a severe loss of revenue to our church due to Covid-19 the QR code will continue to be seen in Focus.

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>



Any queries, please ask our Treasurer on 724211 or a Church Warden.

Outlook Spring Edition (February-March-April)

The deadline for this edition is **January 9th**

Send to: The Editor, 8 Crofton Close, Ipswich IP4 4QR'.

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.

Green Christmas –Some tips!

Suffolk Recycling have advised on lots of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle following Christmas and here are some tips for us to become involved in :

- Used postage stamps are still being collected for RTU and there is a box for them in the lobby at the new end of church.
- Plastic flower pots can be recycled at Notcutts Garden Centre, Woodbridge.
- Christmas cards with no glitter can be recycled via the Blue Bin, or re-used for making gift cards.
- Wrapping paper that passes the scrunch test can be recycled in the Blue Bin.
- Recycle/re-gift unwanted presents !
- Real Christmas trees can be recycled for the St Elizabeth Hospice and will be collected on 12th and 13th January (just-helping.org.uk).

For more information

To find more information re our church services and events please visit our website:

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

Also find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere

Silver Eco Award

We are pleased to announce that St Andrew's has now been recognised as a **SILVER Eco Church**.

We have improved our ratings by building awareness of environmental issues and endeavouring to do things in a more environmentally friendly way.

If you would like to help us progress further, please ask Ruth for a Lifestyle Audit form, information for your own use only.

Ruth Silburn



Mothers Union

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 18th January** at **2.30pm**. We will welcome Phillip Roberts to speak with us about Cardinal Wolsey followed by the usual refreshments and cake. There will also be a raffle

All are welcome so please put it in the diary!

Tricia Tyler 01473 723458



FamilyEvent
Saturday 4th February
3.00-5.30pm

Bring your child and share crafts, worship and food with us.
Please book your places by 31st January 2023

Email: yfworkerstar@gmail.com

