

**Readings for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

James 1:17-27      Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15,21-23

**Readings for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

1 Corinthians 3:18-end      Psalm 24:1-6      Luke 5:1-11

**Readings for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22,23    James 2:1-10, (11-13) 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

**Readings for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-end    Psalm 139:1-9      Luke 6:27-38

**Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Acts 11:19-30      Mark 8:27-38

**Readings for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11    Psalm 118:1-2, 17-20      Luke 7:36-end

**Readings for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Acts 13:13-33      Mark 9:30-37

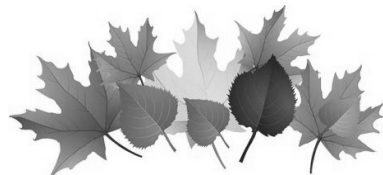
**Readings for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Wilson Carlile – Founder of the Church Army**

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11      Psalm 90:1-6      Luke 9:7-9



**Monday Prayers** A time of coming together to pray for the church and parish from 4.30 – 5pm every Monday in church. All are welcome. 'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful' Col 4:2



**St Andrew's Rushmere**

**Focus for Weeks**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September**



**The next United Service is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6.30pm**

At Rushmere Baptist Church

There will be an opportunity to give to the work of Tearfund, (cash donations only).

**St Andrew's Church at Dumbarton Hall**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 3.00 – 4.30pm**

Worship of a more contemporary flavour is now held on the second Sunday of the month.

Speak to Revd Alan 01473 270976 to find out more

**Growing in**

**depth**

**An Introduction to Acts of the Apostles:**

the autumn morning "Growing in God" session is on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 10am** with a soup & roll lunch about 1pm.

Rev Marion will lead our exploration of the background and themes of Acts in preparation for the Autumn series of sermons at the 8am & 10am Sunday services on "The Young Church in Action" as described in Acts. To help with catering please use the sign-up sheet in church to indicate that you will be attending this free event.



**22<sup>nd</sup> September at 3.00pm**  
**Scout Hall, Dumbarton Road IP4 3JP**  
 Crafts, food and great fun for all the family!

Free entrance and all are welcome.

(Children must bring an adult!)

For more information email [alancomfort11@gmail.com](mailto:alancomfort11@gmail.com)



**Prayer Breakfast**  
**Why not join us for Prayer Breakfast**  
**on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>**



Enjoy a delicious breakfast, a chance to have a chat and then listen to Simon Scott telling us about 'CYM'; **the charity of the month for October**, followed by a time of prayer for the work. You do not have to say anything, you can just meditate.

**WANTED:** help us to further our ambitions for our Gold Eco Church status-does anyone have an empty redundant waterbutt? or wood to create a raised herb/vegetable bed? If so please contact Ruth Silburn.

**Volunteers:** if you would like to be involved with our re-wilding scheme in the churchyard, with raking grass cuttings, clearing nettles or creating more wild flower areas, come and join our work party on a Monday morning. Please see Kevin or Ruth for more information.

The next Focus is **29<sup>th</sup> September - 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
 Please email items to: [standrewr@proton.me](mailto:standrewr@proton.me)  
 or phone Claire 07971 334142  
**By 9pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**St Andrew's Mothers' Union**



We had a wonderful day when we went to see the Alpacas. The weather was perfect - warm but not too hot. The Alpacas were lovely, especially the baby ones! The Cream Tea disappeared like magic washed down with copious cups of tea - all in all a great outing.

In September our meeting is on **Wed Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**, when we are going to learn more about the work of the MU overseas from Clare Thomas who has visited MU groups in Africa. She will also bring the MU 'shop' with her. If anyone would like to see the new catalogue please ask Tricia. There are cards for all occasions at very reasonable prices and many other attractive items.

On October 1st we are going to have another day at The Hut in Felixstowe which includes a Fish and Chip lunch, ice cream and Tea as well!

As always we welcome visitors to come and join us.



**Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

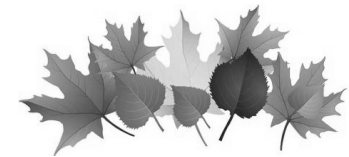


Kevin, Rachel and Bob Mellor are taking part in this year's Ride & Stride. Thank you to those who have sponsored us, there is still time for those who haven't....sponsor forms will be in the church hall after the Sunday service.

Also, if anyone can spare an hour for manning the church on the day; 14<sup>th</sup> September, please see Kevin.

**Coffee Morning September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**10.00 – 11.30am in the Church Hall**  
 All welcome for coffee, tea, refreshments,  
 Bring & Buy.  
 Come to meet and chat.



## RUSHMERE ST ANDREW'S AUTUMN 2024 CONCERTS

This year's programme of Sunday afternoon Autumn Concerts at St Andrew's Church will be held in support of Anglia Care Trust which provides a range of services in connection with housing and community safety as well as health and support for young people and families in need.

All concerts begin at 3.00pm. Once again, there is no charge for admission to these concerts and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments are provided and we invite voluntary contributions after each event. The concerts present a high quality of performance and a wide range of musical styles:

### **6th October: Elodie Chousmer-Howelles & Stella Marie Lorenz (Violin & Piano)**

We are very pleased to welcome Elodie back to St. Andrew's. A 2018 BBC Young Musician of the Year category finalist. Having enjoyed considerable success since then, featuring in BBC productions and performing at top venues in London and around the world. Find her on YouTube!

### **13th October: Trianon**

It is a great pleasure to welcome Trianon to St Andrew's to present one of its community concerts. Around 20-30 singers and instrumentalists will perform light and entertaining music. You might be inspired to become a member.

### **20th October: Thérèse Miller (Piano)**

Thérèse is well known to audiences in Rushmere as an accompanist – most recently with The Accidentals – but this is her first time in the spotlight. We look forward to an enjoyable and varied programme of piano music.

### **27th October: Mark Blatchly (Organ)**

Mark brings extensive musical experience to Rushmere, starting as a chorister at Guildford Cathedral, later holding a variety of organ posts at St Paul's, Christ Church Oxford, St Marylebone, Gloucester Cathedral and St Edmundsbury. He is now very active locally with various musical groups.

### **3rd November 2024: Suffolk Concert Band**

We look forward to the visit of the Suffolk Concert Band, a symphonic wind band formed as the Suffolk Military Band, which has developed into a versatile ensemble of musicians from the Ipswich area. Expect a rousing finale to this year's series of concerts at Rushmere.



## **The July Visit of our CMS Mission Partners:**

Dick and Caroline Seed's visit started with Prayer Breakfast focused on the work of CMS in Africa. They gave a presentation about their work at the George Whitefield College in Cape Town at which they lead the Theological Education Services; empowering mission and theological education; training trainers as leaders in their local communities to carry out Christ's work. They are a team of four whose work is based on Christ, faith, mission, and leadership. They run five programmes, in person and online, from TALHITE to the Postgraduate diploma in higher theological education, developing these programmes and creating new ones for partners and Anglican Institutions with colleges in Africa. Since 2022 they teach in Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, and Nigeria, also working with colleges in Indonesia and Brazil.

We were encouraged to pray for CMS in the Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, DR Congo, Sudan, South Sudan, India (Manipur) and Myanmar. Also praying for Dick and Caroline's work - the George Whitefield College, the TEDS team, and the future - that God will raise qualified lecturers and trainers across the continent, for students, provision of bursaries for the PG Dip Theological Education in 2026, the need for a local administrator, and for wisdom in their commitments for rest of 2024.

Dick and Caroline also attended the 8am and 10am services on Sunday. Dick preached about finding oneself in relation to Jesus and finding a personal mission. Also, at 10am Caroline spoke about their work and its impact. Their visit ended with sharing their enthusiasm and mission in the name of Jesus at the Bring and Share lunch.

The Mission and Giving Panel thank everyone for their prayers and generous donations supporting our CMS Mission Partners, we raised £1,075 (inc. Tax recovered).

## **Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes for children**

This year we are planning to fill Shoeboxes to send to children who have so little in life - many of the children who receive them have never had a present at all.

Last year we filled just under 50 boxes. This year we have 'ready made' boxes to use - we found covering shoeboxes with wrapping paper very challenging and also the shoeboxes varied in size so it seems easier to use the ones provided by Samaritan's purse - the charity that organises the whole operation.

There will be a noticeboard in the Church Hall - on the shelf at the far end with information about suitable items to be put in boxes.

There are 3 ways that people can help:-

1. To take a box and fill it with items for whichever age group you would like. A box and the form to go with it can be supplied.
2. To provide items for the boxes that the MU will fill, many items are small and not very costly. We will have a box by the door into the new end of church for any items donated. Lists of suitable items are on the board in the Church Hall.
3. We have to provide £5 to go with each box to cover all the transport and administrative costs so donations are also appreciated.
4. All boxes need to be ready by week-end of Nov 9-10th in order to be delivered to the local collection point.  
Any queries please contact Tricia Tyler or Bronwen Punchard.

## **Children's Society Boxes**

So far £620 has been paid in. There are about 3 boxes outstanding which I hope I shall be able to empty so the final figure should be a bit higher. I will put the poster from the Children's Society with the final total on the Notice board in the lobby.

Several people have been 'lost' from the list due to moving away or other reasons. it would be good to 'recruit' a few more people to have a collecting box. I know we all use cash less than we used to, but it's surprising how the coins add up! Paper money is good too - and quicker to count! Very Many Thanks to all the Box Holders for your generosity which all goes to help children who are in great need.

Any one who would like a box please contact Tricia Tyler (07951817543) Or [tylertricia@gmail.com](mailto:tylertricia@gmail.com)

## **Ways of Giving**

We are very blessed to have a most generous congregation who give freely of themselves and also their financial resources. For this we are extremely grateful and we have many different ways to make giving as easy as possible.

Also, we can claim Gift Aid, increasing each donation by a further 25% at no extra cost to the giver, so long as they pay sufficient Income Tax, (or Capital Gains Tax) in the current tax year to cover their donations.

If you wish to know more, please ask a Warden, or Treasurer; Chris, who can supply Standing Order and Gift Aid forms if required.

Thank you very much for your continuing generosity to our Church  
Revd Alan      Chris Gibson

## **Saying 'farewell' to Bishop Mike**

I am sure I speak for all of us when saying Bishop Mike Harrison, the Bishop Of Dunwich since 2016, has been an excellent Bishop for the Diocese and all of us here at St. Andrew's.

He is a very gifted man, with a lively mind, a strong and hopeful faith in Jesus, super presentation skills, and a very friendly manner. Therefore, it is no surprise that he has recently been announced as the new Diocesan Bishop of Exeter where he will be installed on 2nd November 2024. He will be a great blessing to his new Diocese and a real loss to us here.

His final service is on Sunday 29th September 2024 at the Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds. If you would like to contribute to his leaving gift please put your gift in an envelope marked 'Bishop Mike Leaving Gift', in the Sunday collection basket, up to and including the 8th September 2024, and we will pass on all our gifts.

Do pray for Bishop Mike and his family as they prepare for this big move. Alan