

## Readings and Collect for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11

Eucharistic Prayer E

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted 40 days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 and Collect for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Chad, bishop, missionary, 672**

Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-24 Luke 14: 7-11

## Readings and Collect for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17

Eucharistic prayer F

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 forever.

## Readings and Collect for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Luke 16: 19-end

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

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 6<sup>th</sup> March deadline**  
Next Focus is **12th March - 25th March**



**St Andrew's Rushmere**  
**Focus for weeks**  
**26<sup>th</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> March**



## 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 23rd March 2023.**

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 members of the PCC and Deanery Synod. If you are interested in standing for one of these roles and would like to find out what is involved, please talk to a Warden (Tim, Teresa and David C.) or the current Synod members (Paul Hesketh, Robin Brown and Hilary Platts)

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 speak to Gill Ainslie to check that you are on the ER.

It would be helpful if you could notify the PCC Secretary (Hilary Platts) 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.

### The Electoral Roll Revision

It is now time to add your name to the Electoral Roll if you are not already on it.

There are forms in the Old End of church. Please return any completed forms to Gill Ainslie or hand to a church warden by

**Sunday 5th March 2023.**

Any queries please contact Gill Ainslie - 01473 720618.

### World Day of Prayer

Do come and join in this years' WDofP (used to be called Women's World Day of Prayer.) It has been written this year by the Women of Taiwan and is titled, 'I have heard about your Faith'.

The service is at **St Mary's RC Church**, Woodbridge Road, IP4 4SU on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm** followed by a cup of tea.

We hope that St Andrew's Church will be well represented!

Tricia Tyler.

### DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

An enormous thank you for all the donations either directly or through the church 'Emergency Bucket Appeal'.

The bucket appeal has raised £1,205.50 and with tax recovered through *Gift Aid* is equivalent to £1,360.50. This has now been sent to DEC and thank you for your generous support and prayers. Parochial Giving Panel.

### 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.



### Services at St Andrews

Every Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am	Worship for All (Especially for families and children)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am	Service of the Word
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month	10.00am	Holy Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month	10.00am	Family Communion
Every Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	4.00pm	t@4
2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month	10.00am	Sunday School (Church Hall –Term Time)
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	8.30-10.00am	Prayer Breakfast (In Church Hall)



### Sunday Afternoon Concert Teas



Spring is fast approaching and, with it, an exciting season of Sunday afternoon concerts. As usual we will be providing musicians and audiences with refreshments after each concert. If you can make a cake or spare an afternoon to help out in the kitchen we would be very grateful. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby, and it would be great if you could put your name on it somewhere!

#### Music at Rushmere Sunday Afternoon Concerts 3-4pm

- 5<sup>th</sup> March James Woodrow (guitar)
- 12<sup>th</sup> March Essentially Swing
- 19<sup>th</sup> March Phantom Wind Quintet
- 26<sup>th</sup> March Christopher Moore (organ)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Ipswich Hospital Band

Free admission including refreshments.  
(Retiring collection for East Anglian Air Ambulance)



### Charity of the Month Lent Appeal:

We are urged by our Bishops to journey through Lent with the people in our link Diocese of Kagera and respond to God's call to love our neighbours through prayer and financial support. The **Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera 2023** focuses on 'the road to self-sufficiency'. Please collect a leaflet from church which guides you day by day through Lent with thoughts for prayer and reflection along with opportunities to raise money each week. Please either send any sums raised direct to the appeal or place in the envelope and on Easter Day, or before, place it in the box provided in church. Thank you, Parochial Giving Panel.



### Mothering Sunday Posies

If you would like to help make the posies please come to the church hall at **2pm on Saturday March 18th**. If you have any greenery, or small flowers please bring them along, or leave them on Saturday morning outside the church hall. Thank you.



### Mothering Sunday Service Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am

All are welcome



Next **United Service** is on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
**6.30pm** at Colchester Road Baptist Church

## Lent Courses.

### The Journey to the Cross

This will give people an opportunity to reflect on key moments on Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem where he would be crucified. The studies will use passages from Matthew's gospels to explore three topics. First, we will look at how Jesus prepares his disciples as they leave Galilee. Second, Jesus reminds his followers that forgiveness requires a response from us. Third, the parable of the tenant farmers explains how Jesus' death fits into a sequence of historical events. All welcome. All meetings will be at **7.45 pm on Zoom**. Notes on the studies will be provided.

**Tuesday 28 February:** Three messages for the disciples.

Matthew 16: 21–28, 17:22–23, 20:17–19

**Tuesday 14 March:** The implication of forgiveness.

Matthew 18: 21–35

**Tuesday 28 March:** The tenant farmers.

Matthew 21:33–46

For further information please contact David Gill,

[david@davidgill.co.uk](mailto:david@davidgill.co.uk)

### The Kings Speech

This course, which began on 20<sup>th</sup> February, will continue starting at **12noon Mondays** with a bowl of soup and finishing by **2pm**,

**27th February** Session 1

**6th March** Session 2

**20th March** Session 3

**27th March** Session 4

**3rd April** Last in the series

For more details contact Chris Yule, on 310992. Venue will depend on numbers

#### For more information

For 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](http://www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere)

### 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.

### Recycling Reminder.

Maintaining our aims to encourage recycling and re-use, these are some details of local repair shops that might be able to help with small items:

**Martlesham Repair Shop** : Second Saturday morning of each month. 10.00 am to 12 noon at Martlesham Community Hall, Old Felixstowe Road.

**Woodbridge Repair Shop** : First Monday morning of each month. 10.00am to 12 noon at St John's Church, Woodbridge. These are run by volunteers who only expect a small donation towards costs such as the hire of a hall. Examples of work undertaken are: small electrical repairs, some sewing repairs, jewellery and sharpening of shears etc.

For more information consult:

<https://www.martleshamclimateaction.onesuffolk.net/repair-hub/>  
<https://transitionwoodbridge.org.uk/repair-cafe/>

Thank you Ruth