

**Readings for Sunday 27th April
The Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Readings for Thursday 1st May

Ephesians 1:3-10 Psalm 119:1-8 John 14:1-14

**Readings for Sunday 4th May
The Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Readings for Thursday 8th May

Acts 8:26-end Psalm 66:7-8, 14-end John 6:44-51

**Readings for Sunday 11th May
The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

Readings for Thursday 15th May

Acts 13:13-25 Psalm 89:1-2, 20-26 John 13:16-20

Readings for 18th May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

Readings for Thursday 22nd May

Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10 John 15:9-11

**Readings for Sunday 25th May
The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29, or John 5:1-9

**Readings for Thursday 29th May
Ascension Day**

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Luke 24:44-end



**St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for Weeks
27th April - 31st May**



**Dumbarton Hall Evening United Service
Part of St Andrew's May Festival**

**The next Joint Service is on Sunday 4th May
at 6.30pm at Dumbarton Hall, IP4 3JP**



Mothers' Union May 21st

Wednesday 21st May is going to be a very special day!
The MU is holding their '**Festival Event**' to which EVERYONE is invited! We shall start our meeting at 2.30pm in Church and have our usual service but with a very special speaker.

This is your opportunity to hear Jacqui White MBE speak and tell us her amazing life story. There will then be time to look around the Knitted Bible Exhibition which will be on display in church. Then finally we will move to the Church Hall where there will be one of the MU's special teas - not to be missed. Please come and join us - you will be sure of a warm welcome.



Churchwardens

Following the APCM on 20th March 2025, the following were elected for twelve months:

Ruth Silburn and Kevin Brazier – Churchwardens
Jim Ainslie – Deputy Churchwarden

PCC

The following members were re-elected to the PCC:

Gill Ainslie

Chris Gibson

Bob Batchelor

Belinda Mottram and Chris Yule were newly elected to the PCC.

A full list of our PCC members is available in church, or on our website.

The next Focus is **1st - 28th June**
Please email items to: standrewr@proton.me
or phone Claire 07971 334142
By 9pm Friday 23rd May

Knitted Bible at the May Festival.

I am sure all of you are aware that we have the good fortune to have the Knitted Bible on loan from the church in Yorkshire who created it.



It will be set up in St Andrew's Church on **Saturday 10th May** and taken down on Friday 23rd.

In the 2nd week we have school groups visiting morning and afternoon each day apart from Wed 21st when the Mothers' Union have their Festival service in the Church. In the first week it will be open to the public all week apart from Thursday morning when our Toddler group will be in Church.

Here are the timings of the Public viewing:

Sunday May 11th 12noon - 5pm with Cream Teas in the Hall

Mon 12th, Tues 13th, Wed 14th and Fri 16th Open 10am - 5pm

Thursday 15th Open 12noon - 5pm

Saturday 17th Closed all day for Concert preparations

Sunday 18th Open 12noon to 5pm with a Ploughman's lunch followed by Cream Teas!

Mon 19th, Tues 20th, Thurs 22nd Open 12 noon - 1pm and 3pm-6pm

We hope that many people will take this opportunity to see this amazing exhibition - it is not likely to come this way again in the foreseeable future.

PLEASE TELL ALL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS ABOUT IT AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME AND SEE!

There will be Refreshments and Craft Activities when the Exhibition is open.

Children's Society

All the paperwork connected to the Box Opening of the Children's Society boxes has arrived. I would be grateful if those of you who have a box can put in your diary to bring your box to church at the end of May, beginning of June so that I can get them all counted by the middle of July.

Thank you so much to all those who give towards the work of the Children's Society in this way. Any queries contact Tricia on 07951817543 or tylertricia@gmail.com

Green Tips for May

Green Tip - 4th May

Hedges are a great way to capture carbon, so it is worth seeing if a hedge in, or around your garden could replace a fence. A neatly trimmed hedge looks better than a fence and is easier to maintain. We have just planted some hedgerow saplings on the piece of our land bordering St Andrew's Church Close.



Green Tip - 11th May

The start of Christian Aid Week. For many in developing countries finding fresh water to drink and to clean with is a major problem. The climate crisis is making the situation worse with prolonged droughts in many countries.

Christian Aid works with communities in developing countries to sink wells and lay pipelines, which enable them to have access to clean water. This has a knock-on effect of promoting better health and enabling children (who are the main water fetchers) to go to school. Please support Christian Aid.

Green Tip - 18th May

A good way to clean up our waterways is to use less aggressive chemicals in the home. Detergents and surface cleaners often contain harmful chemicals, which are not good for you, or the environment. There are now a wide range of effective cleaners from companies like Ecover, which do a great job, without the nasty chemicals.

There are a wide range of eco-friendly household cleaning products, but you could do worse than start at <https://www.ethicalsuperstore.com/category/cleaning-and-household/> to get an idea of what is on offer.

Sunday Afternoon Concert Teas

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the refreshments for the Sunday Afternoon Concerts. If you made cakes, made tea, poured tea, set out tables, put away tables or washed up you made a huge difference.

Mary