

Readings and Collect for Sunday 27th March
The fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2:1-10, or 1 Samuel 1:20-28

Psalm 34:11-20, *Refrain: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.*

or Psalm 127:1-4 *Refrain: The Lord shall keep watch over your going out.*

Corinthians 1:3-7, or Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:33-35, or John 19:25b-27

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 31st March

John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 106:19-23 *Refrain: The Lord remembered his covenant.*

John 5:31-47

The following readings may replace those provided for Holy Communion on any day (except Joseph of Nazareth) during the Fourth Week of Lent.

Micah 7:7-9, Psalm 27: 1, 9-10, 16-17 *Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation.* John 9

Readings and Collect for Sunday 3rd April – The fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 *Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us.*

Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 for Thursday 7th April

Genesis 17:3-9

Psalm 105:4-9 *Refrain: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.*

John 8:51-end

The following readings may replace those provided for Holy Communion on any day during the Fifth Week of Lent:

2 Kings 4:18-21, 32-37

Psalm 17:1-8, 16 *Refrain: Deliver me, O Lord, by your hand.*

John 11:1-45



St Andrew's Rushmere

Focus for weeks

27th March - 9th April



Services at St Andrew's

Sundays at 8.00am Holy Communion
(in the old end of church)

1st Sunday of the Month at 10.00am Worship for All
Non-Eucharistic Service (in the new end of church)

2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 10.00am Holy Communion
(in the new end of church)

(5th Sundays of the month will be Holy Communion)

Thursdays at 10.00am Holy Communion
(in the old end of church)

Focus is available on our new website along with a link to
online services via YouTube at:

<http://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/>

Find us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere>

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
or telephone Claire Driver on 623419, or 07971 334142,
or Gill Crisp on 253743, or 07776 467999
by 9pm Monday 4th April deadline
Next Focus is 10th - 23rd April

Prayers

For those in our Parish who have asked for prayers to be said for them and for those who have recently died. Please may permission be sought from the person for whom prayers are said before they are added to the list. Thank you.

Janet, Ellen, Janet
Betty, Ann, Mark,
Fiona, Renee,
Margaret, Abbie,
Jane, Mary, William.

For those recently died:

Eric Walker, Barbara Squirrel,
Widge Bowman, Roy Gooding,
Nephath Chege, June Eagle,
Martin Anthony.



QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to the loss of revenue to the church due to Covid-19 the QR code below will continue to be printed in Focus on a regular basis.

The code can be scanned by a mobile phone with a camera and will connect to the Give-a-Little page linked to the church website:

standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/

Any queries, please ask our
Treasurer (724211)
or a Warden.



World Day of Prayer.

The service was held in our church on Friday March 4th. About 65-70 people attended from churches of all denominations in East Ipswich. Margaret Mellor played the piano - beautifully as usual - 4 members of our choir came to lead the singing and helped us learn the lovely chorus that had been especially written for the service. Marion and Mary Duncan had made a really lovely display which illustrated the theme of the service and was most inspiring - and much admired! Almost everyone stayed afterwards and enjoyed Tea and homemade biscuits - big thank you to all the biscuit makers.

The collection came to the grand total of £329.10 which is sent to the WDofP main office and is distributed to help support a wide range of projects run by Christian Charities around the world. The list of grants given the previous year is always printed in the service sheet.

Next years' service will be held on Friday 3rd March at St Mary's Church in Woodbridge Rd. Don't worry we shall remind you in plenty of time.

The words of the song written for the service were especially poignant given the situation in Ukraine at this time. I hope perhaps we shall sing it again:

"For surely I know the plans I have for you.

The Lord said:

Surely I know the plans I have for you.

Plans for your welfare, plans to not harm you,

And to give you hope again.

For surely I know the plans I have for you."

Many Thanks Tricia

Jubilee: Celebrations.

Keep the date **Sunday June 5th. 12noon to 5pm.**

We are joining Baptist and Community churches at Dumbarton Road recreation ground. Community picnic, songs of praise, tea and cakes. Sue



Tuesday 7.45pm Lent Study Groups
"Teaching from the Road to Jerusalem".

The final study will consider the theme relating to the kingdom of God.

Tuesday 12th April: The Coming of the Kingdom: Luke 17:20-37
 How do we prepare for the return of Jesus and the coming of His Kingdom?

The meeting will take place online at 7.45pm All welcome

For further details please contact David Gill:

david@davidgill.co.uk



St Andrew's Church Easter Event
Saturday 9th April 1.30pm – 4pm



Craft & Fun for Children aged 2-12 years

Includes Hot Cross Buns, Cakes & Refreshments,
 plus Easter Egg Hunt.

Learn more about the Easter Story with cooking, crafts,
 music, Easter egg decorating competition and more.

To book your place contact: Alison Byard at:

rushmeresundayschool@gmail.com



Thank you all for your support in buying THE REAL EASTER EGGS.

I hope you/your families/ friends will be very pleased with them.

A SPECIAL **THANK YOU** to all who donated eggs to FIND,

We gave 3 cases, that is **18 Eggs.** MM.

Activities at St Andrew's Church.

These are the current activities listed and more may be added, or changed at a later date.

Day	Activity	Venue	Time
2 nd & 4 th of the month	StAR Sunday School	Church Hall	10am during term time
3 rd Sunday of the month	T@4 Informal worship with food		4pm
Monday to Friday	Open Door for free refreshments	Church	10am - 12noon
Wednesday	Lunch Club	Church Hall	12.30pm
Wednesday	StAR Youth Club	Church Hall	6.30pm -8pm during term time
1 st Wednesday of the month	Knit and Natter	Church Hall	2.00pm - 4pm
2 nd Wednesday of the month	Games Afternoon	Church Hall	2.00pm – 4pm
3 rd Wednesday of the month	Mothers Union	Church Hall	2.30pm
Thursday	StAR Toddlers	Church Hall	9.45 – 11.30am during term time
2 nd Thursday of the month	StAR Toddler Service		11am during term time
Friday	Friends Round Friday	Dumbarton Rd Scout Hall	10.30am - 12pm

Contact for Sunday School: Ali at: rushmeresundayschool@gmail.com

Contact for Youth Club and [T@4](#): yfworkerstar@gmail.com

Contact for StAR Toddler Group: Ros: 01473 723381

If there are any activities you would like to be included in this list please email: standrewr@gmail.com

Youth Club

My Thanks again to Bob Mellor, William Steward and Paul Hesketh who helped us prepare the materials prior to our sessions and helped to build bird boxes in sessions. We have 4 boxes ready for the churchyard with 3 more to come. Also my thanks to Clarke Fencing Limited, Stowmarket, Tel 01449 614939, www.clarkefencing.co.uk who supplied the wood for the bird boxes at cost.

Penny, yfworkerstar@gmail.com

Open The Book

I would like to recruit a few more people to the team. We currently have 4 volunteers to help from St Andrews but we are also joined by our friends from The Village Baptist Church, Rushmere Community Church and Colchester Road Baptist Church.

It would be good if we could have a few more helpers so that we can cover holiday and sickness etc.

'Open The Book' is a scheme run by the Bible Society which aims to take bible stories into schools. We are currently going into Rushmere Hall school once per half term.

We usually rehearse on a Wednesday evening at 1630 and then go into school one or two times the following week on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for assembly.

For more information see website below:

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/?source_code=99012_openthebook.net

Penny, yfworkerstar@gmail.com

Coffee morning Saturday April 23rd 10am in the church hall.



Refreshments, homemade scones, bring
and buy, raffle, companionship. All
welcome



StAR Away Day: Saturday 14th May 2022.

Please put this date in your diary. The Away Day this year will be held in the wonderful setting of Assington Hall, near Sudbury.

It is open for all, plenty of spaces and keep an eye on later issues of focus for details of how to book and about car sharing and lifts.

QUIZ EVENING, 30th April, 7.30pm in the church hall.

Cheese ploughman's supper, homemade cake, tea/coffee, raffle.
Tickets £7.50.

Numbers limited to 45, so book early to avoid disappointment!
For a table of up to 6 ring Sue S. on 723957.

Lord,

give me the grace to become the person you created me to be,

and the confidence to speak your word

and do your will at home, at work,

and in all my activities.

Amen.

Taken from the MU booklet 'Prayers from the heart – talking to God.

Christine Chapman – contributed by Margaret Mellor