

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 29th January
Candlemas**

Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40
Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh; grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 2nd February

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 21-24 Mark 6: 7-13

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 5th February
3rd Sunday before Lent**

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 Matthew 5: 13-20
Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world. Our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 9th February

Genesis 2: 18-end Mark 7: 24-30

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



**St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for weeks
29th January – 11th February**



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 6th February deadline
Next Focus is **12th February - 25th February**

Volunteer opportunities at St Andrew's

Would you like to be nominated to develop further the strategy of your church and the deanery by putting yourself forward as a Member of Deanery Synod, Member of St Andrew's Parochial Church Council or as a Deputy Warden and future Churchwarden?

If so, and you would like to find out more about what each role involves, please talk to a Warden; Tim, Teresa or David C, or the PCC Secretary Hilary.



Games Afternoon

This will start on **February 8th** and then every **second Wednesday** from **2pm to 4pm**, in a warm church hall. All sorts of games. All welcome. Refreshments. Any queries ask Sue 723957.

Sea Shanties.-The Rum Old Boys

Come and sing along with The Rum Old



Boys. **Saturday February 11th 7.00 for 7.30pm**. In the church hall. **£10** includes fish and chips Tickets in advance in aid of Air Ambulance from members of the social panel, Hilary, Ruth, Marion, Pat, Bob, Teresa, Sue. Any queries contact Sue 723957



Wedding Songs of Praise Sunday 19th February at 3pm

Do come along to celebrate with hymns and readings for weddings. Refreshments to follow.

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.



Mother's Union.

Our February Meeting is on **Wednesday February 15th**. We have a busy meeting planned.

We will have our AGM which is always quite a jolly affair! We have 2 new members being enrolled which brings our membership up to 43. We then have a short talk by Ani Karia who is going to tell us about the time -now 50 years ago- when she and her husband were expelled from Uganda by Idi Amin. It is a very fascinating story and well worth hearing. We are very grateful to her for agreeing to come. Ani now lives in our parish. We shall finish up with our usual very good tea.

We always welcome visitors so do join us if you would like to. Tricia Tyler

Dates for the Diary:

World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March St Mary's Catholic Church, Woodbridge Road, IP4,4BP -2pm followed by refreshments-More information in the next Focus.

Gilbert and Sullivan Society-Concert. Saturday 20th May in aid of Christian Aid, at Bramford Church-More details to follow.

Reaching the Unreached Save the Date

Following our successful sale again last year we have provisionally booked dates for 2023: **Friday 17th November** and **Saturday 18th November**. We felt that the slightly different format worked well this time with the introduction of Bacon Butties on the Saturday morning.

In the meantime if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts such as toiletries that could be re-gifted we would be pleased to accept them. Please see Ruth or Tricia. Thank you for your continued support.



Repair Shops



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

LENT STUDIES

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

The Kings Speech

In this Coronation Year this Lent Course will be based on the film 'The Kings Speech' and a course booklet written by Hilary Brand. This will be a daytime course starting at **midday** on **Mondays** with a bowl of soup and finishing by 2pm, starting with a showing of the film followed by five sessions:

20th February The Course will commence by watching the film.

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.
Location will depend on numbers attending.



EASTER EGGS



Hopefully your mouth is watering already!

From the end of January until the end of February please order your **REAL EASTER EGGS**.

The prices are the same as last year:

- The Original £4.50
- The Dark £5.50
- The Fun Pack £5.00
- The Special £9.99.

If you are unaware of these special Easter Eggs please ask me for more information.

PLEASE order at Coffee time on Sundays in the hall or ring/email me. You can pay with your order or when the eggs arrive.

If you would like to donate (an egg) to FIND, please put an F by your order on the form.

The big Retailers no longer stock 'The Real Easter Eggs' and last year Traidcraft was the only place to buy one 'over the counter'. Unfortunately we have now received the following news from the Meaningful Chocolate Company:

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Traidcraft & the Real Easter Egg

'For more than 12 years we have enjoyed a very productive relationship with Traidcraft, supplying Real Easter Eggs that complement their excellent range of fairly-traded goods. In August 2022 the company told us that, based on previous sales, they were looking to take about 27,000 eggs, boxed in various formats. With these figures in mind, we ordered card, chocolate and accompanying books.

However, just before Christmas, Traidcraft informed us they would not be stocking any Real Easter Eggs in 2023.

We were disappointed and surprised by their decision, as many churches order their Real Easter Eggs through Traidcraft and we had already started their manufacture.

This is a huge blow and will impact on the Charities supported by the Company.

You could order directly from the Company but it will be easier for them (and save your postage) if you place your order via our Church, as we have done for several years.

Thank you for your support, Margaret M.

Can You Help?

'Is there somebody living near you, that used to come to church and does not have access to 'Focus online?' It would be good if you could take them a copy of 'Focus' when it comes out, also 'Outlook'. Thank you.'

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