

**Readings for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Acts 15:1-21 Hebrews 1:5-end John 1:47-end

**Readings for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**George Bell – Bishop, Peacemaker 1958**

Job 19:21-27a Psalm 27:13-16 Luke 10:1-12

**Readings for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity – Harvest Festival**

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

**Readings for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Galatians 3:1-5 Benedictus Luke 11:5-13

**Readings for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
**The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

Acts 16:6-15 Hebrews 4:12-end Mark 10:17-31

**Readings for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Ignatius – Bishop, martyr c. 107**

Ephesians 1:1-10 Psalm 98:1-4 Luke 11:47-end

**Readings for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
**The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity**

Acts 17:1-9 Mark 10:35-45

**Readings for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Ephesians 3:14-end Psalm 33:1-6 Luke 12:49-53



**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



Summer Time ends 2am Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Don't forget to put your clocks back 1 hour



**St Andrew's Rushmere**  
**Focus for Weeks**  
**29<sup>th</sup> September -**  
**26<sup>th</sup> October**



**Harvest Festival Service**  
with Uniformed Organisations  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am**  
**Worship for All the family**



Gifts of food given to the service  
will be delivered to FIND

Suggested foods are: canned foods, ie; peas carrots, sweetcorn, corned beef, mince beef/onion, chicken in sauce, soup, baked beans, rice pudding, biscuits, biscuits for cheese UHT milk (blue or green), jam, marmalade, pot noodles, long grain rice, pasta'

**followed by a Harvest Shared Lunch**  
**in the church hall at 12.30pm.**

Please add your name to the  
sign-up sheet in the church hall



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Joint Service**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm**  
**At All Saints Church, Kesgrave**  
Main Road, Kesgrave, IP5 1AA



## St Andrew's Church at Dumbarton Hall

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3 – 4.30pm**

Join us for worship of a more contemporary flavour.  
All welcome with a relaxed children's table for families.  
Tea and cake to follow.



**27<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm**

**Scout Hall, Dumbarton Road IP4 3JP**

Full of joy, fun and musical energy.  
With crafts and food 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)



### Sunday Afternoon Concert Teas

The Sunday Afternoon Concerts begin very soon, and all that excellent music-making generates hunger and thirst in performers and audience alike. If you could help by making a cake or serving tea please sign the list in the hall. Thank you. Mary



The next Focus is **27<sup>th</sup> October - 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Please email items to: [standrewr@proton.me](mailto:standrewr@proton.me)  
or phone Claire 07971 334142  
**By 9pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

### Thank you everyone who sponsored us on this year's Ride & Stride.

We raised the magnificent total of £1,590.00. This, with Gift Aid will be considerably more. St Andrew's Church here in Rushmere will receive £795.00.

Thank you to all those who gave up their time to man the church too.

Kevin, Rachel and Bob



## RUSHMERE ST ANDREW'S AUTUMN 2024 CONCERTS

This year's programme of Sunday afternoon Autumn Concerts at St Andrew's Church is 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 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. The programme of mainly light pieces will be performed by the woodwind and brass sections of the orchestra - mostly separately, with one or two joint pieces, sharing their enjoyment of music with a wider audience. It should be great fun!

### **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.

## Share the CHRISTMAS STORY by giving A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

To help spread the Christmas story the Real Advent Calendar has a line of the Christmas story behind each of the doors, (a Fairtrade chocolate!) and a corresponding page in the Christmas story-activity book which expands the story.

*If I can order in multiples of 18, they will be £4.95 each. the single price is £5.50.*

*This is the UK's only Fairtrade Advent Calendar and is not on sale in supermarkets.*

The Meaningful Chocolate company also have: Christmas Blessings milk chocolate bars £3.20, a meaningful Chocolate orange £3.20, Chocolate Angel Tree decorations, Refill kits for your reusable calendar.

If you wish to place an order for FIND, please put a large 'F' by your number on the order form.

Please place your orders at Coffee time after **October** Sunday morning services because delivery is free if I order before 4th November!

Thanking you in anticipation.....Margaret M.

## 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 which increases 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 our 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

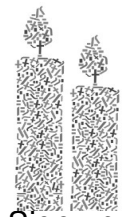
**Eco Progress:** Thank you to everyone who completed the last Eco Survey. Following on from your responses: Some of you asked about transition towns, which in Suffolk include Woodbridge, Saxmundham and Framlingham.

Transition towns encourage communities to come together and rebuild our world.

For those of you interested in ethical investments/banking: these are best explained by the Personal Lifestyle section on the website for Eco church: <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

**RTU sale:** A shout out for our annual sale on **22/23 November**. Please save books, jigsaw puzzles, crafts, toiletries, tombola prizes, toys and nearly new gifts.

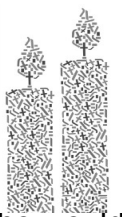
We will be providing a collection box in the coming weeks for donations. Thank you, Ruth.



**Coming up in November....**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 5pm**

All Souls at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere  
Service of Memories



Sign up sheets will be available in church for anyone who would like to have their loved ones remembered in the service.



**Remembrance at St Andrew's**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November evening**  
**A light show projection on the church tower.**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am**  
**The Civic Remembrance Day service**  
**at the war memorials with wreath laying.**

Free refreshments provided by the Parish Council, plus entertainment, inc showing of Stanley's War; a 2018 film made locally about the impact of WW1 in Suffolk

**30<sup>th</sup> November Patronal Supper**  
More details to follow in next month's edition of Focus.

## Mothers' Union

We had a very interesting meeting in September, learning about some of the amazing things that the MU does in other countries - with particular emphasis on Africa. It was a very inspiring, and humbling talk.



In October we have 2 events. Firstly our regular meeting on Wednesday 16th at 2.30 when we have Ruth Gaudy from Kiln Farm coming to talk to us about 'Flowers in the Bible'; a very intriguing title!

On Friday October 18th (St Luke's Day) we are hosting the MU Diocesan Service of 'Prayer, Praise and Healing' at 2pm. The MU Diocesan Chaplain, Revd Catherine Forsdike will be taking the service with help and support from Revd Marion.

There will be Tea and Biscuits afterwards in the Hall. It would be very good to have a good number of St Andrew's members with us for the service - it is always a very special occasion.

We will hope to welcome you to join us!

**Brief reminder** - The MU are filling Shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** again. There is a board in the Hall with more details including ideas of suitable things to include in the boxes.

We would be very grateful for donations of items for the boxes, there is a box on the table at the New End of Church for donations.

If anyone would like to take a box to fill – perhaps with help from grandchildren? please ask and we can provide you with a printed box and the necessary forms. Thank You!

## The Children's Society

All the boxes are finally collected, emptied and counted! The final total was £670-60.

Many thanks to all our box holders who have again been very generous. Over the last year or two the number of box holders has reduced and it would be very nice to build it up again so if anyone would like a collecting box please ask. Tricia Tyler 07951817543

## October Charity of the Month

CYM-Ipswich promotes Christian mission and ministry among children, young people, and their families in this community and around Ipswich. It provides learning opportunities that enrich the work of local churches.



In Ipswich CYM offers activities, events, and residential stays across the generations through its outreach work and builds relationships with the variety of people found in church, school and community settings.

An aim of CYM is to have a school chaplain in every school in Ipswich and beyond. They create safe spaces for young people and provide physical, mental, and spiritual support. They recruit committed Christians for their paid and voluntary roles helping people to find who they are in Jesus.

The director of CYM gave an inspiring talk at Prayer Breakfast on 28<sup>th</sup> September and to find out more please visit their Website: <http://www.c-y-m.org.uk/>

Please support the amazing and transformational work of this charity through prayer and, if able, giving. From Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October leaflets, giving envelopes and Gift Aid forms will be available in church with the basket for donations out at service times.

Thank you for your support – PCC Mission and Giving Panel

The deadline for items to be included in  
**OUTLOOK WINTER EDITION**  
**November – December – January**  
**is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
Send to: The Editor, 8 Crofton Close, Ipswich IP4 4QR

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