

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 30th January
Candlemas-Presentation of Christ**

Malachi 3: 1-5

Psalm 24: (1-6), 7-10 *Refrain: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.*

Hebrews 2: 14-18 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 for Thursday 3rd February

Anskar, archbishop, missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12

Canticle: 1 Chronicles 29:10-12, or Psalm 145:1-5

Mark 6:7-13

Readings and Collect for Sunday 6th February

4th Sunday before Lent

Isiah 6: 1-8, (9-13)

Psalm 138 *Refrain: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.*

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 10th February

Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543

1 Kings 11:4-13

Psalm 106:3, 35-41

Mark 7:24-30

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



**St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for weeks
30th January–12th February**



Services at St Andrews

**Every Sunday 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)
(Any 5th Sundays of the month will be a Holy Communion)**

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

Focus is available on our website along with a link to our online services at: <https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/>

You can also find us on Facebook at:
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 7th February deadline
Next Focus is 13th February- 26th February



StAR Sunday School

This term in Sunday School the children are learning about the Fruit of the Spirit – in January we have focused on ‘Love’. As you may know, we are also raising money to buy a house for RTU. On **Sunday, 13th February**, after the service, we will be selling ‘Jars of Love’ (jars of cookies) - please support us if you are able.

We would also be grateful for donations of 5ps (small jam jars are available in the lobby in which to collect them).

Thank you for your support.

StAR Sunday School.

World Day of Prayer -Advance Notice!

The World Day of Prayer used to be known as the Women's World Day of Prayer and is written each year by groups of Women from a different part of the world each year. This years' service has been written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The theme is God's Promise 'I know the plans I have for you' and focuses on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace. The service is on **Friday 4th March at St Andrew's Church Rushmere**. All are very welcome and we hope that many of you will come and join in and also help to welcome people from all the other local churches of all denominations.

Bible Study

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday February 8th 7.45pm**.

Due to the ongoing covid-19 pandemic these meetings will continue on Zoom. All are welcome.

For more information contact David Gill:

david@davidgill.co.uk

Diary of Dates –A Week at a Glance!

Activities as they currently stand. More may be added at a later date.

DAY	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Mon	Open Door-weekly	Church	10am-12noon
Tues	Bible Study- 2 nd Tuesday of month	Zoom	7.45pm
Tues	Open Door-weekly	Church	10am-12noon
Wed	Open Door-weekly	Church	10am-12noon
Wed	Lunch Club-weekly	Church Hall	12.30pm
Wed	Knit and Natter -1 st Wednesday of month	Church Hall	2.30pm-4pm
Wed	Games Afternoon-2 nd Wednesday of month	Church Hall	2.30-4pm
Wed	Mothers Union-3 rd Wednesday of month	Church Hall	2.30pm
Thurs	Toddler Group	Church Hall	9.45 -11.30am
Thurs	Toddler Service-2 nd Thursday of month	Church	11am
Thurs	Open Door-weekly	Church	10am-12noon
Fri	Open Door-weekly	Church	10-12noon
Fri	Friends Round Friday-weekly	Dumbarton Road Scout Hall	2-3.30pm
Sun	Sunday school-2 nd &4 th Sunday	Church Hall	10am
Sun	T@4-3 rd Sunday of month	Church Hall	4pm

Volunteers Needed! – We need your help.

We are still looking for people who are able and willing to help with the following:

‘Church Opener and Locker’ – We are looking for someone to unlock and lock the church on **Tuesdays**. The person who has faithfully performed this task is retiring. We say a big thank you to Jack for all your, often, unseen work over the years.

If you feel that you can fill this vacancy please contact one of the churchwardens. It may be possible to swap the day with another member of the team who keep our church available to all throughout the week.

Booking Secretary – after sterling work over the last few years, Gloria, who has fulfilled this role, is standing down. If you are keen to help the church in this role please chat to Gloria and the churchwardens to find out what it entails. It is a job that can be done from the warmth of your own home! Thank you Gloria for all that you have done and continue to do in other roles.

Thank you to anyone considering either of these roles and please do get in touch.

Churchwardens Gill, Tim and Teresa

Friends Round Friday –Children’s Clothing Swap

We meet weekly for coffee and chat every Friday 2pm-3.30pm at Dumbarton Hall but every **second Friday** of the month we have a **Children’s Clothing Swap**. There is a selection of free, pre-loved children’s items. Donations are welcome but not necessary.

Please come and join us on **Fri 11th Feb.**

Time to Reflect: taking care of God’s creation

We are starting this course on **Tuesday 1st March** which will be led by Revd. Marion, Gilly Francis and Ruth Silburn.

The course will run over six weeks during Lent and will include a film series provided by Tearfund on Christianity and Climate change as well as opportunities to consider and discuss our response to climate change and our progress on Eco Church status.

Each session will start at 7.15pm with refreshments and last for just over an hour, and will be held in the church hall.

There will be a sign up sheet available from February, but if you have any questions please contact Ruth. Places will be limited but we hope to extend an invitation to our neighbouring church



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 seen 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 website:

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

If you have a query, please ask the Treasurer (724211) or a Warden.



Beacon of Love

Sponsor the Floodlighting of the church at St Andrew's in memory of Loved Ones.

Dates available from 1st November to Valentine's Day.

Names will be written in a special leather bound book.

Just £10 donation. Gift Aiding adds £2 more at no extra cost to you.

Please see the sign-up sheet in church. Place your gift in a white envelope provided.

Names will be entered in the memorial book each week.

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; Nephath; Ann; Mark; Fiona; Renee ; Margaret; Abbie; Jane; William and Widge .



Mothers Union

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 16th February at 2.30pm**. This will be the AGM followed by a 'sing along' with Alan Loader. Please do come and join us, you will be very welcome.

For more information contact Tricia Tyler 01473 723458

