

**Readings for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Mothering Sunday**

Exodus 2:1-10

Luke 2:41-53

**Readings for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106:19-23 John 5:31-end

**Readings for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

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

Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105:4-9 John 8:51-end

**Readings for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23  
or Luke 23:1-49

**Readings for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-end John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Readings for Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Isaiah 52:13-53, 12 Hebrews 10:16-25,  
or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 John 18:1-19, 42

**Readings for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Day**

Acts 10:34-43, or Isaiah 65:17-25 1 Corinthians 15:19-26,  
or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18, or Luke 24:1-12

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

Acts 3:11-end Psalm 8 Luke 24:35-48

THANK YOU to all who supported '**THE REAL EASTER EGG  
CAMPAIGN**' and a very special '*THANK YOU*' for the 31 eggs that StAR  
are donating to FIND. I wish all the 'buyers' and all the recipients many  
Easter Blessings. Margaret M



**St Andrew's Rushmere  
Focus for Weeks  
30<sup>th</sup> March - 26<sup>th</sup> April**



**East Ipswich Churches 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Joint Worship Service**

The next Joint Service is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm  
at St John's UR Church, Cowper Street, IP4 5JD  
Followed by fellowship and refreshments.

April **Mission Breakfast** Talk and Prayer is on  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April** 8.30am to 9.45am in the  
church hall – "Together we can beat extreme  
poverty" – The Christian Aid 2025 call for action;  
this is their 80<sup>th</sup> year of working with the disadvantaged across  
the world.



Why not join us for breakfast, listen to Dianne introduce a short  
film featuring the deep Christian love for your neighbour  
involved in the work of Christian Aid staff as they lift people out  
of poverty and despair, and enable them to transform their lives  
with the hope that comes from a self-sustaining future.

If you wish, please stay after the film to pray for the work and  
staff of Christian Aid. This breakfast launches Christian Aid as  
our May Charity of the Month – please support the  
transformative work of this Christian Charity.

The deadline for items to be included in  
**Outlook Summer Edition May – June is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Please give items to Mary, or send to: The Editor,  
8 Crofton Close, Ipswich, IP4 4QR

## Easter Services at St Andrew's



### Palm Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> April

08.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Palm Sunday Holy Communion

3.00pm Worship Service at Dumbarton Hall



### Holy Week 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April

**7.30pm Monday – Come and listen;** to the power of music and word, to bring us closer to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

**7.30pm Tuesday Come and hear;** about the power of the Cross from 1 Corinthians 1:17-25.

**7.30pm Wednesday Come and see;** an encounter with Jesus on the road to Calvary through word, song and interactive prayer stations.

**10.00am Thursday** Morning Communion

### 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion

Come and experience; the love of Jesus as betrayal and suffering approach.



### Messy Good Friday at Dumbarton Hall

**10.30 – 11.30am** activities for families.

**11-11.30am** Tea/Coffee & Hot Cross buns for all in Dumbarton Hall

**11.30am Walk of Witness** from Dumbarton Hall to St Andrew's

**12.00 – 1.00pm Good Friday Reflection** in St Andrew's.

A space to quietly ponder through Bible readings, short reflections, quiet time and hymns.

### Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

08.00am Easter Day early Communion

8.45 9.15am Church Breakfast

10.00am Celebration and Communion



## Update on Blister Pack Recycling

Having tried to find a way of recycling empty blister medication packs for several months, we have recently discovered that Boots are now offering a recycling service at Tavern Street, Ipswich, Felixstowe and Woodbridge shops.

Please don't leave any packs at church until we can find a way of providing a secure collection point but do feedback your own experience of using these facilities at Boots.

Thank you, Ruth S. and Ruth L.

## St Andrew's Mothers' Union



March has been a very busy month for Mothers' Union and as Focus goes to press we still have the Lady Day service at the Cathedral which we will tell you about in the following Focus!

Our meeting in April falls in the middle of Holy week - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of April at 2.30pm in our Church hall. We have Anne Chaplin coming to tell us about the history of the Eye Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. This is the origin of St John Ambulance Brigade which I am sure all of us have had experience of in some way or another. It should be a very interesting talk and as always visitors are very welcome.



## Messy Church Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

**3.00 – 5.00pm**

### at Dumbarton Hall

Joy, fun and musical energy with crafts and food for all the family.

All welcome. Children must bring an adult.



The next Focus is **27<sup>th</sup> April - 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
Please email items to: [standrewr@proton.me](mailto:standrewr@proton.me)  
or phone Claire 07971 334142  
**By 9pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

## RUSHMERE ST ANDREW'S SPRING 2025 CONCERTS



This year's programme of Sunday afternoon Spring Concerts will be held in support of Family First Ipswich, a Christian charity which enables families through a network of volunteers to find solutions to the challenges impacting their lives. Once again, there is no charge for admission to these concerts 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:

### **30 March: Tom Horton (Organ)**

Tom is a well known performer on electronic organ, theatre organ and keyboard. He presents concerts of light music on pipe organs and plays the accompaniment to silent films. This is his first visit to Rushmere and, we hope, not the last. Be prepared for anything and find him on YouTube! [tomhorton.co.uk](http://tomhorton.co.uk)

### **6 April: James Woodrow (Guitar)**

After his memorable visit to Rushmere in 2023 we welcome James back for a follow-up recital. He is equally at home with the traditional guitar repertoire and new works, so we can expect familiar as well as not-so-familiar pieces in his programme. Catch him on YouTube! [jameswoodrowguitar.com](http://jameswoodrowguitar.com)

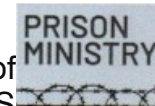
### **13 April: Ipswich Hospital Band**

A welcome return to Rushmere by the Ipswich Hospital Band to perform from it's broad repertoire of brass band and concert band compositions and arrangements. The Band has been entertaining people in the Ipswich area for more than forty years – what better way to conclude our concert series!  
[suffolkconcertband.org.uk](http://suffolkconcertband.org.uk)

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



## **Report on Prayer Breakfast held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March**



Adrian Bruce visited the church and spoke of the problems in Cape Town with HIV, AIDS and Covid 19, about corruption, high unemployment, the drug trade and crime, with 9 murders a day, crime being the biggest reason for leaving South Africa. Pollsmoor Prison has 7,000 plus inmates, of which 2,000 are juveniles. 80% reoffend and 90% are drug/alcohol dependent. Prisoners have lost hope of a normal life.

The Gospel is shared to deepen faith and encouragement to study and leave and to stay out of gang life. People are given food and taught mathematics and English and are given Bible study, so that the Holy Spirit can enter their lives.

Groups meet for walking in the countryside and also meet in houses after church. The Bible study groups are very popular with Bibles obtained for distribution. Groups meet regularly and some are inspired to minister to others and share their faith. Young people are encouraged to complete their education to improve their chances of employment. Please continue to pray for Adrian.

**Lunch Club** is held once a month except in August. It is much appreciated by our older people, the highlight of the day for many ladies and gentlemen. However we cannot continue without drivers.

I know I have asked before but our need continues. And it's only once a month with free lunch provided.

Thank you Sue 723957



### **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 givers, so long as they pay sufficient Income Tax (or Capital Gains Tax) in the current tax-year to cover their donations.