

**Readings for Sunday 31st August
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Ecclesiastes 10:12-18, or Proverbs 25:6-7 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Readings for Thursday 4th September

Colossians 1:9-14 Psalm 98:1-5 Luke 5:1-11

**Readings for Sunday 7th September
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1:21 Luke 14:25-33

Readings for Thursday 11th September

Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 149:1-5 Luke 6:27-38

**Readings for Sunday 14th September
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

Readings for Thursday 18th September

1 Timothy 4:12-end Psalm 111:6-end Luke 7:36-end

**Readings for Sunday 21st September
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

Readings for Thursday 25th September

Haggai 1:1-8 Psalm 14 Luke 9:7-9

**Readings for Sunday 28th September
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Readings for Thursday 2nd October

Nehemiah 8:1-12 Psalm 19:7-11 Luke 10:1-12



**St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for Weeks
31st August - 4th October**



A new Sunday Service is starting at St Andrew's on Sunday 12th October

The PCC have listened to our Ministry Team and children's and youth team, and accepted that a change is needed. The change we are about to make will be part of a one-year trial, that has been prayerfully constructed to have the least amount of impact on your worshipping experience at St Andrew's.

The 8am and 10am services will remain the same as they currently are, except for a necessary change to the start time of the 10am service, which will move to 10.30am.

What will the new service be like?

The new service 'Sunday Praise' will be a weekly service starting at 9.15am for 45 minutes. The worship will be less traditional than our other services, drawing on newer worship music, theme-based talks ie; faith, honesty, perseverance, with a Messy Church style weaved in, offering something for all ages. We believe this service will add greatly to the St Andrew's experience.



Ride and Stride 13th September 2025



Bob Mellor, Rachel and Kevin are taking part in the annual Ride and stride on 13th September.

We would be very grateful if you can sponsor us. If anyone can spare an hour or two on the day to welcome riders and serve refreshments please see Kevin.

Many thanks. Kevin, Rachel and Bob.



1st Sunday United Service

Sunday 7th September at 6.30pm

At The Salvation Army, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich.

Followed by refreshments, fellowship and an opportunity to meet the new Corps Officers; Majors Stephen and Sandra Battle

The next Focus is **5th October - 1st November**

Please email items to: standrewr@proton.me

or phone Claire 07971 334142

By 9pm Friday 26th September

St Andrew's Mothers' Union

We have just had our August meeting when we held a Garden Party, inviting members of the congregation to join us. Kevin kindly put up the 'marquee' and a gazebo to give shade from the sun which shone most of the afternoon! We had about 36 people who enjoyed music and songs from Maria King and then the usual MU tea. Money raised will go to the MU 'Summer of Hope' campaign, which is giving 'gifts of peace' to communities in countries where MU has a presence.

Our meeting in September is on Wed 17th We will have a talk about the MU in the Solomon Islands and the amazing work done out there. Bishop Willie Pwaishio - who many of you have met when he has visited, will also be here and he always has a fund of great stories to share! We shall have a Raffle to raise some extra money to send to help the MU in SI with their work.

As always we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Visit to The Hut in Felixstowe on Tuesday September 30th.

We are having another visit to The Hut, last year's visit was a great success. There is a 'sign up' list for this in Church.

We hope to be able to provide transport for all who need it. We shall arrive at the Hut about 10.30am and have coffee and biscuits. Fish and Chip lunch will be about 12noon with Ice Cream to follow. Finally Tea and Cake at about 3.15 before setting off for home by 4pm.

During the day you are free to walk along the promenade, sit and chat, play games or just relax!

We hope we can do all that for £15 a head but we need to check on the price of the Fish and Chips!

Any queries ask Tricia or one of the MU Committee members.

Sunday Afternoon Concert Teas

After the hard work of singing and playing our performers deserve a cup of tea and a piece of cake. There's also tea and cake for the audience so that they don't feel left out! If you are able to make a cake please sign up on the sheet in the hall. Maybe your talents lie more in the field of pouring tea or washing up: we need you too, so please sign up.



DAY=TIME STUDY GROUP

Monday Daytime Study Group will re-start on **Monday 8th September at 12.30pm**. We shall be using a lively and accessible book 'Living Jesus', by a former Bishop, John Pritchard .

The book includes a study course based on the previous weeks reading, and a key bible passage.

As usual we will share bread and soup, before sharing our thoughts and experiences.

We meet at 5 Foxley Close, so numbers are limited by the size of our table, generally 10-12. We always aim to finish by 2pm.

I have some copies of the book available, and more can be obtained. Chris Yule 399086

INSPIRE COUNSELING WORKSHOP

Inspire Counseling are running a day workshop in our Church Hall on Friday, October 3rd, 9am – 4pm. The Topic this time is Understanding Shame, facilitated by Karen Gardner, a BACP accredited counsellor. We have been offered one free place on this Course; refreshments provided but bring a packed lunch.

If you would be interested in taking part please email Jean on Jean.yule4@talktalk.net or see the church notice board for further details.

September Mission Prayer Breakfast: sharing food, a talk, and opportunity for prayer on **Saturday 27th September 8.30am to 10am** in the church hall.

The charity talk will be by a MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) worker. MAF is Christian organisation that provides aviation, communications, and learning technology services to more than 1,000 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas.

MAF will be our Charity of the Month for October.



The Season of Creation, which runs from 1st September to 4th October, is an annual celebration of prayer and action for Christians throughout the world. The theme this year is 'Peace with Creation'. As well as including prayers for the environment and using resources from A Rocha, we would like to encourage sharing surplus produce, jams and chutneys, and plants throughout September, using a table in the church hall after the 10.00 am service.



The month will culminate in a harvest supper/quiz on Saturday 27th September and our harvest festival service on Sunday 5th October.

Volunteers Needed

We desperately need a couple of volunteers who could give maybe an hour of their time each week to help keep the church hall, toilets and kitchen clean.



At present only Sue Scotchmere and Kevin are doing the cleaning. If another two/three willing people could join us, the rota would work out once every three months.

Kevin and Sue would be most grateful, please speak to one of us.



Many thanks. Kevin.

StAR 3pm - 5pm
Messy Church
 in Dumbarton Hall,
 Sunday 28th September,
 Saturday 25th October,
 Saturday 22nd November.

Messy Church full of joy, fun and musical energy with crafts and food for all the family!
Free entrance! All welcome!
 Children must bring an adult. For more information email
 alancomfort11@gmail.com




FAMILY FIRST
 Supporting families through change

Family First – July Mission & Prayer Breakfast report. A representative from Family First came to speak to us and tell us about their work. Family First is a Christian Charity which enables families to develop their capacity in supporting themselves and find solutions to the challenges that impact their lives.


Support is offered and plans made. Christian prayer is offered and families are encouraged to join a church where they can become part of the community and receive support.

Families feel able to discuss their problems without a feeling of being judged. They may have problems with domestic violence, neurodiversity, poor physical or mental health, education, and housing issues.

Families are referred to Family First for the support of a family worker who helps them to set goals to enable them to solve their problems and increase their self-esteem.

Family First would like us to pray for the existing team and for continued financial support. Also, for the right person to be found to join them.

They would like more volunteers to come forward. Prayer for the families to cope with the summer holidays. Prayer for the trustees and management staff.



St Andrew's Church Hall
Saturday, 25th October 6.30 pm
 Two course meal included
£15 (£5 under 18s)
 Tickets from David du Boulay
 Tel: 01473 711888
 In aid of our CMS Mission
 Partners Dick & Caroline Seed

'Thank You' from Ipswich Town Pastors, our July charity of the month. Thank you to all the congregation who prayed for the pastors work and those they care for on the streets of Ipswich and for the generous donations which totalled £712.50 including tax recovered. Mission and Giving Panel.



Ways of Giving

We are very blessed to have a most generous congregation who give freely of their time, talents, energy, compassion, hospitality; and also their financial giving – for ease of which we have many ways:-

- 1) Standing Orders.
- 2) Inter-bank transfers.
- 3) Collection plate at each Sunday service.
- 4) Pre-numbered weekly brown envelopes.
- 5) Contactless terminals for debit & credit cards.
- 6) Cheques (payable to: **PCC St Andrew Rushmere**).
- 7) White pre-printed envelopes for 1-off Gift-aided donations, which need to be signed & dated, and with all the required information.
- 8) The “DONATE NOW” button on the Home page of our website <https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>
- 9) Our QR code printed above, scanned by a mobile phone camera and connecting to the Give-a-Little page linked to our website.
- 10) Donations via CAF Bank or Stewardship Organisation accounts.



Gift Aid can also be claimed by our Church, adding a further 25% at no extra cost to givers, so long as they pay sufficient Income Tax (or Capital Gains Tax) in the current tax-year to cover their donations.

If you have any queries please ask a Warden, or our Treasurer Chris - Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available from him.

Thank you so much for your continuing generosity to our Church.

Rev'd. Alan

Chris Gibson

August Coffee Morning

Thank you for coming to this bustling and sociable event. Bring & Buy, refreshments and the draw raised £266.50.

Thank you so much.



Sunday Afternoon Concerts

This year's autumn programme of Sunday afternoon concerts will be held in support of St Elizabeth Hospice in Ipswich which supports people living with progressive and life-limiting illnesses.



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.

28 September: Essentially Swing

Essentially Swing brings a unique sound to the music of the big band era. You can expect a journey in time, with numbers like 'Maple Leaf Rag', 'American Patrol', and 'Sing, Sing, Sing' to early rock 'n' roll songs such as 'Rock Around The Clock'. An afternoon of toe-tapping fun!

5 October: Stellar Acappella

Rushmere is delighted to welcome back this vibrant group of women singers and their infectious, joyous music. Expect a presentation of popular songs, show tunes and gospel, all in close harmony.

12 October: Christine Stevenson

Christine makes a welcome return to Rushmere after her last visit in 2022. She enjoys a distinguished career as a piano recitalist and concerto soloist throughout the UK and abroad, always achieving a rapport with audiences of all ages. Find her on YouTube!

19 October: Stacks Of Sax

Stacks Of Sax is a Suffolk-based saxophone group that has been performing around East Anglia for more than twenty years. Its very broad repertoire covers arrangements of classical pieces and traditional melodies as well as modern popular songs and tunes. A very enjoyable hour in prospect!

26 October: Mark Blatchly

Mark brings his extensive musical experience to Rushmere, starting as a chorister at Guildford Cathedral and 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. Catch him on YouTube!

All concerts begin at 3.00pm and we look forward to welcoming you to any or all of them!