

**Readings for Sunday 3rd May
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-end 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Readings for Thursday 7th May

Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10 John 15:9-11

**Readings for Sunday 10th May
The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-end John 14:15-21

Readings for Thursday 14th May – Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Luke 24:44-end

**Readings for Sunday 17th May
The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

Readings for Thursday 21st May

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Psalm 16:1, 5-end John 17:20-end

**Readings for Sunday 24th May
Pentecost – Whit Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13,
John 20:19-23, or John 7:37-39

Readings for Thursday 28th May

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12 Psalm 100 Mark 10:46-end



**St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for Weeks
3rd - 30th May**



**The May Charity of the Month is
Christian Aid
- a UK charity fighting global
poverty to create a world
where everyone can live a full life.**

They work to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to.

Please pray for their staff, volunteers and those they help and, if able, please give generously using the envelopes by the church door.

This giving opportunity runs from Sunday 26th April until Sunday 24th May.

Thank you – Mission & Giving Panel.



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:1-2



The next Focus is **31st May - 4th July**
Please email items to: standrewr@proton.me
or phone, or text Claire on 07971 334142
By 9pm Friday 22nd May



The next First Sunday United Service is 6.30pm on Sunday 7th June at St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Martlesham. IP12 4PQ

Don't miss this opportunity to join in worship and fellowship with fellow Christians from different denominations that serve the community of north-east Ipswich.



May Mission Breakfast is on Saturday 23rd May from 8.30am to 10am in the church hall.

This month we focus our conversation and prayers on our church, the parish, its residents, businesses and the wider community we live in.

All are very welcome to the breakfast and conversation and stay for prayers if you can.

Mission & Giving Panel.



Report on the Samaritans March 28th Mission Breakfast.

After an 8.30am breakfast, we listened to an inspiring and challenging talk by Glenn Yates from Ipswich Samaritans. He explained that the Samaritans is staffed with volunteers trained for at least six months or longer. Their aim is to prevent suicide and provide emotional support to those experiencing distress or despair.

Established in 1953 at St Stephen Walbrook in London and in Ipswich in 1963 at St Stephen's Church, the Samaritans now has 130 volunteers in Ipswich and provides a 24/7 service, including providing smartphones on Orwell Bridge since 1997.

Glenn spoke of those who seek their help, particularly men, who are three times more likely to die by suicide than women, especially the less well-off with long-term mental health issues. While people calling may not want to end their lives, the opportunity to talk often helps them see an alternative path. Volunteers show care, listen to questions, and discuss plans, but they don't offer counselling and encourage callers to find their own solutions.

The organisation has 200 branches and 27,000 volunteers. They're free to call on 116 123 and are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, answering one million calls for help. After the talk, we had time to pray for the leaders and volunteers of Samaritans and for those they support.

Mission & Giving Panel.

SAMARITANS

Ipswich & East Suffolk

Ways of Giving

We are very blessed to have a most generous congregation who give freely of themselves and their financial resources; we are extremely grateful, and we have many ways to make giving as easy as possible.

Also we can claim Gift Aid, increasing each donation by 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 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 so very much for your continuing generosity to our Church.

Revd Alan Chris Gibson

St Andrew's Mothers' Union

In April, we had a lovely afternoon at home when Mikki, one of our members, organised a 'Church Beetle Drive!' It's a bit like 'Beetle', but instead of drawing a beetle, you draw a church. Everyone had a great time, and we really appreciate Mikki's effort.

In May, we're having our special May Festival meeting on Wednesday 20 May. We'll meet at church at 2.30 pm for our 'festival service' and hear David Painting talk about the 'Drawn to Imperfection' exhibition, which is still on display in the church. After that, we'll head to the Hall for one of our MU's famous teas. We'd love for everyone to come and join us for this special event.

As many of you know, the Mothers' Union is celebrating 150 years since Mary Sumner started it. It has grown to over 80 countries and has 4,000,000 members worldwide. Some of us joined in a lovely service at Ipswich Minster on Lady Day to kick off the celebrations in this Diocese.

We'll keep you in the loop about other celebrations happening throughout the year. We always welcome visitors to our MU meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Tyler at 07951817543.

