

**Readings for Sunday 5th January
Epiphany**

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

Readings for Thursday 9th January

1 John 4:19-5:4 Psalm 72:1, 17-end Luke 4:14-22

Readings for Sunday 12th January

The First Sunday of Epiphany – The Baptism of Christ

Genesis 15 Galatians 3:1-9 John 8:31-38

Readings for Thursday 16th January

Hebrews 3:7-14 Psalm 95:1, 8-end Mark 1:40-end

Readings for Sunday 19th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Ruth 1:6-22 Matthew 9:35-38

Readings for Thursday 23rd January

Hebrews 7:25-8:6 Psalm 40:7-10, 17-end Mark 3:7-12

Readings for Sunday 26th January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22 Luke 17:20-37

Readings for Thursday 30th January

Hebrews 10:19-25 Psalm 24:1-6 Mark 4:21-25

Monday Prayers A time of coming together to pray for the church and parish from 4.30pm every Monday in church. All are welcome.

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful'. Col 4:2



**St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for Weeks
5th January - 1st February**



**St Andrew's at Dumbarton Hall
Sunday 12th January at 3.00pm**

Music group, great worship songs, relaxed children's table for families, time to enjoy being in God's presence.
Tea and cake to follow.



**St Andrew's Church Prayer Breakfast
Saturday 25th January at 8.30am
in the Church Hall**



Join us and share breakfast, followed by a speaker from Tearfund to help us to learn about the charity. There will be a short break before a time of prayer if you would like to stay.
<https://www.tearfund.org>



**Messy Church
Sunday 26th January 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 deadline for items to be included in
Outlook Spring Edition
February – March - April is Monday 6th January
Please give items to Mary, or send to:
The Editor, 8 Crofton Close, Ipswich, IP4 4QR

Charity of the Month – FIND Christmas Appeal

Dear all at St Andrew's. THANK you so much for your generous donations to the FIND appeal, which I am sure will be much appreciated by all who receive them.

On the 17th December, 59 vouchers, 12 tins/tubs of chocolate, 24 tins of biscuits/cakes, also socks and a hot water bottle were delivered to FIND premises.

Thank you also to Teresa and Tim for helping me to count them all and for packing the car.

Gloria



Coffee Morning Saturday 15th February 10.00 – 11.30am in the Church Hall



Join us for lovely morning for refreshments,
scones, Bring & Buy Sale, Raffle.

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. 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

The next Focus is **2nd February - 1st March**
Please email items to: standrewr@proton.me
or phone Claire 07971 334142
By 9pm prompt Monday 27th January

St Andrew's Mothers' Union



In December we had a very enjoyable Christmas Party. Alan spoke to us at our service then we had some very amusing and thought provoking home made entertainment before our usual sumptuous tea!

Our programme for 2025 was given out at the meeting. We have plenty of copies so please ask if you would like to have a copy. On January 15th we look forward to a talk about Guide Dogs for the Blind by James Wright. We are promised 2 and possibly 3 4 legged visitors as well! As always visitors are welcome to join us -2.30 in the Church Hall. Happy New Year to all from St Andrew's MU.

Lunch Club. Incredibly another year has flown by and that means our splendid lunch club ladies, helpers and drivers have entertained us each Wednesday so a big thank you to everyone. As normal we have a four week break each August and this was filled by Sue and her helpers with an eclectic mix of entertainment each Wednesday.

Sadly during the year we had to say good-bye to our long standing cook and friend dear Jenny, it was comforting that we were able to say our good-byes in a short service ably led by our vicar Alan. On a happier note happy NewYear everyone. Derek C.

A Prayer of St Benedict

O Gracious and Holy Father
Give us Wisdom to perceive Thee,
Diligence to seek Thee,
Patience to wait for Thee,
Eyes to behold Thee,
A heart to meditate upon Thee,
And a life to proclaim Thee;
Through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.