

**Readings for Sunday 5th April
Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18, or
Matthew 28:1-10

Readings for Thursday 9th April

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

**Readings for Sunday 12th April
The Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-end

Readings for Thursday 16th April

Acts 5:27-33 Psalm 34:1, 15-end John 3:31-end

**Readings for Sunday 19th April
The Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

Readings for Thursday 23rd April

2 Timothy 2:3-13 Psalm 126 John 15:18-21

**Readings for Sunday 26th April
The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-end 1 Peter 2:19-end John 10:1-10

Readings for Thursday 30th April

Acts 13:13-25 Psalm 89:1-2, 20-26 John 13:16-20



The next **First Sunday United Service**
is **6.30pm on Sunday 3rd May** at St John's URC,
Spring Road.

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.
[No joint service first Sunday in April as it is Easter Sunday.]

The next Focus is **3rd - 30th May**
Please email items to: standrewr@proton.me
or phone, or text Claire on 07971 334142
By 9pm Friday 24th April



St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for Weeks
5th April - 2nd May



**Fish and Chip Supper
And Quiz Night**

Saturday 11th April
At 7pm in the Church Hall

Adults £12 and Children £5

Sign-up sheets and tickets
are available in the Church Hall
After the Sunday service



Coffee Morning
Saturday 18th April
10.00am - 11.30am



Enjoy delicious scones, tea and coffee
Win a prize with our raffle
Bag a bargain on our Bring & Buy

**April Mission Breakfast in on Saturday 25th
April from 8.30am to 10am** in the church hall.

With a short introduction and film about the work of Christian Aid – a UK charity fighting global poverty to create a world where everyone can live a full life.

Come and hear about their work with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to.



Report on 28th February Mission Breakfast focusing on the work of the Salvation Army.

After breakfast and a hymn, we listened to an informative, inspiring talk by Majors Stephen and Sandra Battle.



Giving
Hope
Today

William Booth founded the Salvation Army bringing people together, offering shelter to the homeless and spreading the word about Jesus.

In 1892 they served 30,000 breakfasts per week, catering for people who didn't want to attend an established church. They were giving people 'a hand up' not 'a hand out', and providing schools with whatever is needed for them. The Salvation Army helped those with special needs and anyone discriminated against or sidelined by society.

Locally they strive to achieve William Booth's vision through their work flowing out from their three centres in Ipswich since 1881 and now working from: Ipswich Citadel Woodbridge Road, Bramford Road Church and Community centre, where they are launching a Community Café, hoping to attract young people, to work with people of different nationalities, and also at Ipswich Priory in Queen's Way; a new centre where more volunteers are needed. They run weekly activities, including helping people to find employment and an art for fun club, a cafe and Charity shop.

Many stayed to pray for their work, all those they work with and also for their continued service in our community. The Mission and Giving Panel thank you for supporting these Mission & Charity Breakfasts.

StAR 4pm - 5.30pm
MESSY CHURCH
in Dumbarton Hall
Saturday 25th April from 4 - 5.30pm,
Messy Church full of joy, fun & 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

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

StAR May Festival 2026: details of all May Festival events are contained in our Festival Brochure, available in church, or posted through your door in the next week.



St Andrew's Mothers' Union

In March we enjoyed a happy afternoon with an illustrated talk by Ken Stone, entitled 'A Royal Year'. He took all the photos himself and gave a very comprehensive account of the 'Working Royals'. It made us realise how hard they work!

We also enrolled another new member. We are delighted to have new members join us – all are welcome!

On Lady Day; 25th March a good number of us attended the service at Ipswich Minster to celebrate 150 years of MU. Four of our members acted as stewards for the occasion doing a great job, including trying to keep a gentleman quiet, who wandered into the Minster a little worse for drink. Such are the hazards of town centre churches!

On 15th April we will have a light hearted 'home-made' afternoon. Mikki King is providing a 'Church Beetle Drive'; instead of drawing beetles we draw churches, easier to draw! It will be a good opportunity to get to know other members that we may not have had chance to talk to before. Do come and join in. As always we welcome anyone who would like to join in our meetings.

Any queries re Mothers' Union please contact Tricia on 07951 817543, (my landline phone, in the Church Directory is now defunct), or email me at tylertricia@gmail.com

Trip to India

The next trip to India to see the work of RTU as well as a bit of sightseeing is leaving on 30 September for two weeks. If anyone is interested in joining me please let me know and I will discuss in more detail.

Kevin Brazier.

Eco WhatsApp Group

We now have a church eco WhatsApp group and if anyone would like to join to share information or request donations of items such as jars or material please talk to Ruth S.



“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9



Annual Meetings

At the annual church meetings on 19th March 2026, the following people were elected:

Churchwardens

Kevin Brazier and Jim Ainslie - Churchwardens
Ruth Silburn – Deputy Churchwarden.

PCC members

Donna Finch, Phil Garnham, Sara Laxton, Margaret Mellor, Mary Odam.

Deanery Synod members

Robin Brown, Belinda Mottram, Hilary Platts.

A full list of PCC members can be found on the noticeboards in the old and new ends of church.

At the APCM Bob Batchelor stood down as a PCC member and Parish Safeguarding Officer. We thank him for his strong leadership in this important area of church life over the last 5 years. There is now a vacancy for a PSO, and Bob would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested in finding out more.

The following is the April Eco Tip from the A Rocha Calendar:



"Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try.

Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open). For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes.

For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine."

