

Readings for Sunday 5th July
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-end Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Readings for Thursday 9th July

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9 Psalm 105:1-7 Matthew 10: 7-15

Readings for Sunday 12th July
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 25:19-end Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Readings for Thursday 16th July

Isaiah 26:7-9, 16-19 Psalm 102:14-21 Matthew 11:28-end

Readings for Sunday 19th July
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 28:10-19a Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Readings for Thursday 23rd July

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Psalm 36:5-10 Matthew 13:10-17

Readings for Sunday 26th July
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 29:15-28 Romans 8:26-end Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Readings for Thursday 30th July

Jeremiah 18:1-6 Psalm 146:1-5 Matthew 13:47-53

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive
one another... Let the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts..."* Colossians 3:12-15



Join us for Tuesday Prayer Time

Monday Prayer Time has now moved to
Tuesday from 4.30 – 5.00pm.

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



St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for Weeks
5th July - 1st August



St Andrew's Church, Rushmere



SUMMER FAIR
Saturday 11th July
10.30am – 4pm



Come and enjoy activities, including:



Bacon Butties
IceCream



Barbecue



Steel Band

Bouncy Castle



Parachuting Teddies

Bug Hunt

Green Quiz

Churchyard Trail





FAMILY FIRST - July Charity of the Month



An opportunity for prayer and giving to
support this local Ipswich charity -
from Sunday 5th July to Sunday 26th July

May Charity of the Month - Christian Aid

Many thanks to all who gave to Christian Aid in May. It raised an excellent amount; £1,418.75, including Gift Aid and a donation from the 'Fish & Chip Quiz'.

It has helped urban farmers in Africa to provide food for their families and sell surplus to have money to educate their children. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Dianne Davey



Coffee Morning Saturday August 15th

We need a lovely person to cook 20 scones for this occasion. Contact Sue on 01473 723957.

As previously advertised contributions of produce and plants will be much appreciated.



Coffee Morning *Plus...*



Saturday 15th August 10am-12noon

Refreshments ... *plus* ... sale of surplus produce, plants,
preserves, raffle, and much more.

- Not to be missed -



Thank you to all those who have come forward and sponsored a new chair for the hall, your generosity is much appreciated. If anyone else would like to know more about this project, or would like to sponsor a chair, please speak to Kevin, or another churchwarden. Many thanks. Churchwardens.



1st Sunday United Service

Salvation Army Citadel
Woodbridge Road, Ipswich



Sunday 5th July 2026: 6.30pm

Followed by refreshments, fellowship and an opportunity to
meet Christians from different denominations.

The August United Service is at All Saints,
Little Bealings, 6.30pm on 2nd August

Green Tips for July.

We are looking to continue our Green theme with some activities at the Summer Fair. We are looking for small amounts of wool/twine to make friendship bracelets, if you can help?

Now that summer days are here you may have a glut of fruit in the garden or find cheap local fruit in markets. Local vegetables should also become more available and cheaper. This is a good time to batch cook and freeze for winter months ahead. Large quantities of food use less energy to cook compared to lots of small ones.

This is also a good time to make jam and pickles for the year ahead. Make the most of surplus produce and use less energy. We also plan to have a produce stall at our next coffee morning on 15th August. Ruth

Mission Breakfast 8.30am to 10am Saturday 25th July



**Mission
Breakfast**



Join us for breakfast followed by
a short talk. If you wish, stay to
pray for our church, parish and
the community of north-east
Ipswich.

Mission & Giving Panel.

- All Welcome -



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

Children's Society

I have begun emptying boxes again and have already banked over £200. Please can anyone with a collection box bring it to church before long. I am away for 2 Sundays but the boxes will be safely stored in the safe until I am back.

I would like to complete the banking of the money by the end of July. Many Thanks Tricia Tyler. PS: I no longer have a land line phone. My mobile No is 07951 817543.

The next Focus is **2nd August - 5th September**
Please email items to: standrewr@proton.me
or phone, or text Claire on 07971 334142
By 9pm Friday 24th July

St Andrew's Mothers' Union

We enjoyed a lovely meeting in June when we listened to a talk about St Elizabeth's Hospice, given by one of their Ambassadors; Norman Lloyd. A raffle was held and several people gave donations so we were able to donate over £180. This month our meeting is on Wednesday 15th July. We will have our 'Wave of Prayer' service when we remember our Link Dioceses and the work of the MU in these places.

Looking forward; do make sure you have Wednesday August 19th in your diaries! More details will be in next month's Focus. We are having a 'party day' with a very special visitor to entertain us! We shall be raising money for the MU 150th celebration appeal which will be used to fund projects in the UK.

I hope most of you have been able to see the beautiful double bed quilt made by Meg Mateer which we are raffling in aid of the 150th fund. Tickets only £1 each. 'you have got to be in it to win it!'

Finally do lookout for our MU Postbox Topper which is decorating the postbox on the Rushmere Road on the Town side of the Colchester Road.



Lord, be with us to guide us,
Within us to strengthen us,
Without us to protect us,
Above us to raise us,
Beneath us to uphold us,
Before us to lead us,
Behind us to guard us, this day for ever more.
Amen.

Taken from the MU booklet; 'Prayers from the heart - talking to God'. (contributed by June Collins).