

**Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Harvest Thanksgiving Festival**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4      2 Timothy 1:1-14      Luke 17:5-10

**Readings for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Malachi 3:13-4:2a      Psalm 1      Luke 11:5-13

**Readings for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c      2 Timothy 2:8-15      Luke 17:11-19

**Readings for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Romans 3:21-30      Psalm 130      Luke 11:47-end

**Readings for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 32:22-31      2 Timothy 3:14-4:5      Luke 18:1-8

**Readings for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Romans 6:19-end      Psalm 90      Luke 12:49-53

**Readings for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
The Last Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end      2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18      Luke 18:9-14

**Readings for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Romans 8:31-end      Psalm 109:20-26, 29-30      Luke 13:31-end

**October Charity of the Month** The charity will be MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). 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. Please remember MAF in your prayers and, if able, use the donations envelopes in church for your gifts – last collection is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.



Thank you - Mision & Giving Panel.



**British Summer Time Ends Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Don't forget to put your clocks back



**St Andrew's Rushmere**

**Focus for Weeks**

**5<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November**



**A new Sunday service is starting at St Andrew's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**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.



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.



**Join us for the next United Service  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm**

at St John's United Reformed Church,  
1 Cowper Street, Ipswich



**Autumn Coffee Morning**

Saturday October 11th 10.00-11.30am

In the Church Hall

Bring and Buy, Raffle and Refreshments



The next Focus is **2<sup>nd</sup> November - 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Please email items to: [standrewr@proton.me](mailto:standrewr@proton.me)

or phone Sylvia 07891 820803

**By 9pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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** 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAYS  
3pm - 5pm  
**Messy Church**  
in **Dumbarton Hall,**  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October,  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

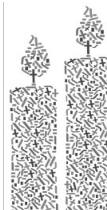
## Advance Notice of Road Closure

The Street is scheduled to be closed between Eaton Place and the temporary new entrance to Ipswich Town's premises from 17th November to 5th December. This means that anyone who normally approaches St Andrew's from the Bent Lane end will need to use an alternative route.

## All Souls - Service of Memories Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3pm. Please bring friends and family members with you.

If you wish for the name of a departed loved one to be remembered during the service please add their name to the list in church.



## It's OCTOBER and time to order ADVENT CALENDARS!

The Real Advent Calendar with a free 24 page Christmas Story Book.

Is not available in Supermarkets, so please order on the form in the Church hall at Sunday 'coffee' times during October.

The milk chocolate calendar is £4.95

and this year there is a DARK chocolate calendar for £5.50.

If you would like to donate a calendar (or 2) to FIND please put an 'F' by your quantity.

*I am very grateful to Sara (mob.07881884996) for organising this, if you have any queries, please contact her.*

*Margaret M*

## 8.30am Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October Prayer Breakfast

will be focus on the work of RTU (Reaching the Unreached in South India) – a Christian charity supported for over 20 years by the congregation at St Andrew's. Join us for breakfast followed by a talk about the wonderful work of RTU, and if you wish stay for RTU focused prayers.

*Mission & Giving Panel.*



## Ride and Stride Update

Many thanks to all those who sponsored our riders: Rachel, Kevin and Bob and thank you to all those who helped man the church on the day.

The total raised was £1,730.00, of which half will come back to this church and the other half to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Many thanks Kevin, Rachel and Bob.



## Reaching the Unreached

**Save the date: for our bumper sale 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Donations of goods nearer the time, will be gratefully received please.

**RTU will also be the theme for the October Prayer Breakfast, on the 25<sup>th</sup>,** when we plan to give you an update on how things are progressing in Kallupatti and to pray for their work.



After an 8.30am breakfast, Rev Marion opened the **August Prayer Breakfast** with worship: a short time of quiet offering the day to God followed by a hymn and reading from Philippians. Following this was an opportunity for prayer in small groups which was in three sections: Mission and Outreach, The Life and Worship of St Andrew's, and The World Prayers of thanksgiving and hope for Star Youth Club, Toddler Group, The Open Door, worshippers of St Andrew's, the new 9.15 Service, home groups, bible study groups, those who are unwell or housebound, and for other church communities in Ipswich.

Wider prayers giving thanks for God's goodness and provision and those who work for freedom, justice and peace in the world. Prayers for the nurture of the environment in a time of climate change, and prayers for areas of the world that are in our hearts at this time. Concluding with The Lord's Prayer and the grace.

The September Prayer Breakfast was on the 27<sup>th</sup> focusing on the amazing work of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) – report next issue...

### St Andrew's Mothers' Union

We had a great meeting in September hearing about MU in the Solomon Islands. With the money from the raffle and generous donations we were able to send £100 for the work of the MU in SI.



In October, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> we have Lynne Mortimer coming to tell us about 'Being Mayor' which promises to be a very interesting afternoon. We also have the MUe stall coming with all their lovely cards and gifts.

The following Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, which is St Luke's day, we have the MU service of Prayer, Praise and Healing which last year was held at our church and much appreciated by all who came. This year we are going to St Felix Church at Rendlesham. If anyone would like a lift there I have 3 seats in my car!

Looking ahead to 2026 it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mothers' Union (it is also the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of restarting MU at Rushmere!) There will be special events throughout the year and there is hope that more people will be inspired to join MU. The Diocese has a target of 150 new members, we hope that some of them will be from Rushmere!

All are welcome to join, you don't have to be a mother or even a woman to be a member. Anyone is welcome to come and visit us with no obligation at all - Give us a go! Tricia Tyler (07951817543)

### 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

**The deadline for Outlook Winter Edition  
November – December – January**  
is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
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St Andrew's Church Hall  
**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

### Sunday Afternoon Concerts

This year's autumn programme of Sunday afternoon concerts continues 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. Concerts begin at 3.00pm Refreshments are provided and we invite voluntary contributions after each event.

#### **5 October: Stellar Acappella**

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

#### **12 October: Christine Stevenson**

Christine makes a welcome return to Rushmere. 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**

A Suffolk-based saxophone group that has been performing around East Anglia for more than twenty years. A 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!

### **Big Green Challenge for October**

The current which brings warm water to the west coast of the UK (often called the North Atlantic Drift) is in danger of being turned off within the next 100 years a study has concluded, making deep cuts to fossil fuel emissions even more urgent to avoid the catastrophic impact.

Scientists have warned previously that the collapse of the current must be avoided "at all costs". It would shift the tropical rainfall belt on which many millions of people rely to grow their food, plunge western Europe into extreme cold winters and summer droughts, and add 50cm to already rising sea levels.

### **Green Tips – October**

A good way to save money and the planet is to try to batch bake in your electric or gas oven. It takes a lot of energy to heat an oven up, but relatively little to maintain the temperature. If you can arrange it so that items are baked or cooked one after the other while the oven is hot, then you will save money and release less carbon.

Another great way to save money and the planet is to make sure that all your electrical devices are shut down at night. This may mean switching them off at the mains, as many stay on stand-by when you switch the device itself off. Stand-by means they are still using electricity.

### **Thank you**

This is an edition of Focus where some 'thank you's' must rightly be said as we prepare for some future changes. Firstly, a huge thank you to Mary Duncan as she stands down as editor of our Outlook magazine after twenty six years in the role. The PCC noted at our recent meeting the huge debt of thanks we owe to Mary for serving us and our community with such careful thought and creativity over so many years. We propose to say thank you with more than words, but our words are clear, thank you. For future editions of Outlook, can I ask that you send any information to our new Parish Administrator Sylvia Stannard as she takes on this role at: [standrewr@proton.me](mailto:standrewr@proton.me) or ring her on 07891 820803 with the deadline for the next winter edition being Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

We also want to say thank you to Claire Driver as she steps down from her role of producing Focus after this month's edition. Claire has been part of the team producing Focus for a number of years, and more recently on her own, as well as heading up our Facebook interactions. Claire is handing this onto Sylvia so please send it to: [standrewr@proton.me](mailto:standrewr@proton.me) or ring her on 07891 820803.