

Readings and Collect for Sunday 8th May -4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 36-43

Psalm 23: *Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

Revelation 7: 9-17

John 10: 22-30

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Thursday 12th May

Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar 1952

Acts 13: 13-25

Psalm 89: 1-2, 20-26 *Refrain: Truly the Lord is our shield.*

John 13: 16-20

Readings and Collect for Sunday 15th May -5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11: 1-18

Psalm 148: *Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord*

Revelation 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Readings for Thursday 19th May

Dunstann, archbishop, monastic reformer 988.

Acts 15: 7-21

Psalm 96: 1-3, 7-10 *Refrain: O worship the lord in the beauty of holiness.*

John 15: 9-11

Please note: These readings and collects may be subject to change.



St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for weeks
8th May – 21st May



Services at St Andrews

Every Sunday at 8.00am Holy Communion
(in the old end of church)

1st Sunday of the Month at 10.00am worship for All
Non-Eucharistic Service (in the new end of church)

2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 10.00am Holy Communion
(in the new end of church)
(Any 5th Sundays of the month will be a Holy Communion)

Thursdays at 10.00am Holy Communion
(in the old end of church)

Focus is available on our website along with a link to our online services at: <https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/>

You can also find us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
or telephone Claire Driver on 623419, or 07971 334142,
or Gill Crisp on 253743, or 07776 467999
by 9pm Monday 16th May deadline
Next Focus is **22nd May- 4th June**



Mother's Union May Meeting.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday May 18th at 2.30 pm**. We shall start in the Church Hall for our service and hope to have an Enrolment and Welcome to members from another branch who have joined us. We are then moving into the church where Anthony Foster is going to talk to us about the Falkland Islands where he and Sue lived for 2 years, he is also setting out an exhibition re the Falkland islands -this year it is 40 years since the Falklands War so it is an appropriate time to learn more about this part of the world.

Then - the Icing on the Cake so to speak -Anthony is providing one of his legendary teas for us to enjoy! This is in place of our tea at the Vicarage which was booked for our June meeting but by then sadly Anthony and Sue will be packed and ready for their move.

Anyone who would like to join us for this occasion is very welcome -if you were able to let either Anthony or myself know beforehand it would be helpful for catering purposes but as always there will be plenty of food so don't worry if you cannot let us know beforehand. We will collect £3 per head to cover expenses.

Look forward to seeing you then

Tricia Tyler (01473723458, 07951817543
or tylertricia@gmail.com)

CMS Mission Partners Visit

On **Sunday May 15th** our Church Mission Partners, Dick and Caroline Seed, are visiting us at the **10am service**. Do come along and meet them at the service and at coffee afterwards.

Dianne



Flower Pots

We have far more flower pots than we will ever be able to use. We have left a selection on the doorstep at 10 Playford Rd. Please help yourself if you would like some. They are not very clean and probably contain creepy crawlies so you may like to bring gloves to handle them.

If you need a particular size please let me know and I will put some out with your name on them.

Please consider making a donation to St. Andrews for any that you take.

Mary Odam

QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to the loss of revenue to the church due to Covid -19 the QR code below will continue to be seen in Focus on a regular basis.

The code can be scanned by a mobile phone with a camera and will connect to the Give-a-Little page linked to the website:

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/>

If you have a query, please ask the Treasurer (724211) or a Warden.



The Archdeacon's Visitation.

This is to be held on **Wednesday 22nd June at 7.30 p.m.** in **Rushmere St Andrew's church**. This is when the new Churchwardens are admitted to office.

Churchwardens are: Tim Oxbrow, Teresa Rose and David Chaplin (DeputyWarden)

PCC members are: Marion Walker, Russell Scates, Ruth Silburn, Sue Scotchmere, Kevin Brazier, Gill Crisp, Rachel Daniels, Bob Batchelor, Chris Gibson (Treasurer), Gill Ainslie, Hilary Platts (Secretary), Robin Brown, Paul Hesketh, David Gill, Chris Yule (invited to attend).

It would be good to have a good attendance from the congregation.
Many thanks.

Prayers

For those in our Parish who have asked for prayers to be said for them and for those who have recently died. Please may permission be sought from the person for whom prayers are said before they are added to the list. Thank you.

Long-term Sick

Janet; Ellen; Janet; Betty; Ann; Fiona; Renee; Margaret; Abbie; Jane; and David.

Recently Died:

Revd Kit Grey and Brad Bradbeer.



Christian Aid Week 2022

Christian aid week is May 15th-21st, and like last year Christian Aid is the charity of the month for May. The theme is "Hungry for Justice", focusing on our neighbours in Zimbabwe, where the impact of the climate crises is keenly felt and drought is leading to widespread hunger. Our gifts can provide drought tolerant seeds and training for farmers. Thank you. Dianne.



Hall Cleaner - Can you help?

We have been blessed with having Anthony volunteering as a hall cleaner. With his leaving and the retirement of Bob and Joan the hall is at risk of not being cleaned for 2 months every quarter. If we are unable to find a replacement the employing of a paid cleaner will greatly reduce the income the hall generates for our church mission.

The volunteer would be cleaner for a month (usually every 4th month) and during that month they would be responsible for checking/cleaning the hall 2-3x/week depending on who has booked the hall.

If you can help please contact a warden or Kevin.

Friend Round Friday –Time Change.

Please note this regular meeting for coffee, chat and companionship now takes place between **10.30 and 12 noon** every Friday and is no longer in the afternoon. Everyone welcome.

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Our next gathering for worship and tea will be on **Sunday 15th May at 4pm**. All are welcome.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 3rd and 4th June 2022



Please join us for a Jubilee celebration on **Friday 3rd June 10.00 am to 4.00 pm or Saturday 4th June at 7.30pm.**

We would like to bring together as many people of all ages in the parish to celebrate this unique event and to have a great time enjoying each other's company and sharing memories.

The event on **Friday 3rd June**, we hope, will be reminiscent of times gone by, with some great food, traditional games, historic vehicle display, history/memorabilia exhibition, table quiz and music from the 50s and 60s.

If you have any memorabilia connected with the Queen's seventy years or past celebrations and would be willing to loan for the day, please let Ruth know.

Refreshments will be served all day, with bacon butties from 10-1 and Afternoon Tea from 2-4pm.

If you are able to help with draw prizes, cake making or with activities on the day please contact

Ruth on 01473 711872.

On **Saturday, 4th June** we are planning a Jubilee Quiz starting at 7.30 pm.

Places will be limited, so please contact Sue or Ruth to book a place for your team (up to six); the cost will be £5 per person to cover refreshments, which will be Chips and Trifle!



St Andrew's Rushmere Summer Bible Study Group 2022 Studies from 2 Timothy

This series of three studies will consider the nature of the Gospel that had been entrusted to Timothy. What has Timothy been commissioned to undertake in his role as minister? What is the pattern for Christian ministry today? What are the characteristics of ordained and lay Christian leaders? What is the purpose of Christian teaching and preaching? How are Christians to be encouraged as they inspire others to consider the Christian faith?

Studies -7.45pm by Zoom

Tuesday 10 May

Guard the Gospel (2 Timothy 1:3-18)

Tuesday 14 June

Come, Labour On (2 Timothy 2: 14-26)

Tuesday 1 July

Pass the Promise (2 Timothy 4: 1-8)

Please contact David Gill david@davidgill.co.uk who will send you details of how to join. The meetings will be at 7.45 pm and will be on Zoom. Each study stands by itself, though the three also form a series. All are welcome!



Ukraine Lent Appeal – Thank you.

An enormous thank you for all your donations and prayers for the emergency facing families in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Over £2,340 for the World Vision DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal was raised. A wonderful response to the Lent Appeal of Bishops Martin and Mike. Thank you from the Parochial Giving Panel.