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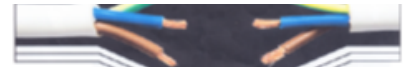
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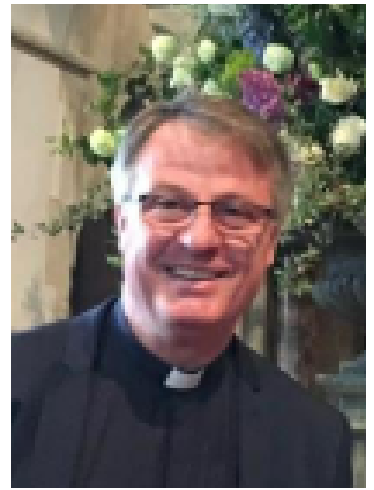
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OUR VICAR WRITES...

Have you heard the name Charles Blondin before? He was a French tightrope walker who performed quite remarkable and daring feats over the Niagara Gorge back in the mid 1800s. It's hard to imagine this, but he would carry his manager on his back or stop and cook an omelette in mid-air on this tightrope. He would then ask the crowd that gathered if they believed he could push a person across the tightrope in a specially made wheelbarrow? 'Yes' they would all shout, 'hop in then' he would say. but no one would volunteer to hop in. Apparently, he would then wheel his mother across. To trust is a very powerful action but it's not easy.



As we move towards Advent and into Christmas we remember how a young girl named Mary, probably no more than 14 years old, was told by an angel that she was to have a child even though she was not yet fully married, and she said those amazing words in Luke Chapter 1; 'may it be to me as you have said.' Or when Joseph, who was betrothed to be married to Mary, which meant she still lived at home with her parents, found out she was with child, was able to trust what the angel of the Lord told him and took Mary home to be his wife.

To trust is a powerful response and not always easy to do for many and varied reasons. Do we trust God? Not as a lucky charm we notice very occasionally, but do we trust God to save us from the mess we've got ourselves into, to guide us, to soften us, to love us, no matter how joyful or sad we may feel, do we trust God?

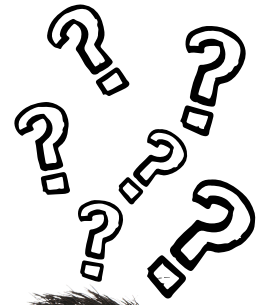
But why do we need to trust God you may ask? Because the world seems so big and so complicated, and we have so few answers. My Dad died just over ten years ago. In his last weeks we talked about God, that he did believe but had never followed, never put his trust in God. I remember saying to him, it's what you do now that matters most. Will you trust God now with the uncertain moments that you must face? We prayed and a real peace came to my Dad that I never imagined he would experience. I believe he did trust God through believing in Jesus, born that first Christmas morn as God's way for us to know his father in heaven. To trust God is an extraordinary thing. Mary did. Joseph did. Will we?

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A NEW SUNDAY SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S

We're really proud of St. Andrew's Church and the many different services and activities that go on, but able to see this does not meet everyone's needs. So, we have started a new, weekly, Sunday morning Service, 9.15-10am. This is uplifting with contemporary music, upbeat with shorter talks, and interactive with a children's and adult activity every week to work through the theme. Refreshments and Pastries to follow. Why not give it a try? For families and anyone of any age who want to try this kind of style of service. Theme for the month of November; 'remembering'. Just come.



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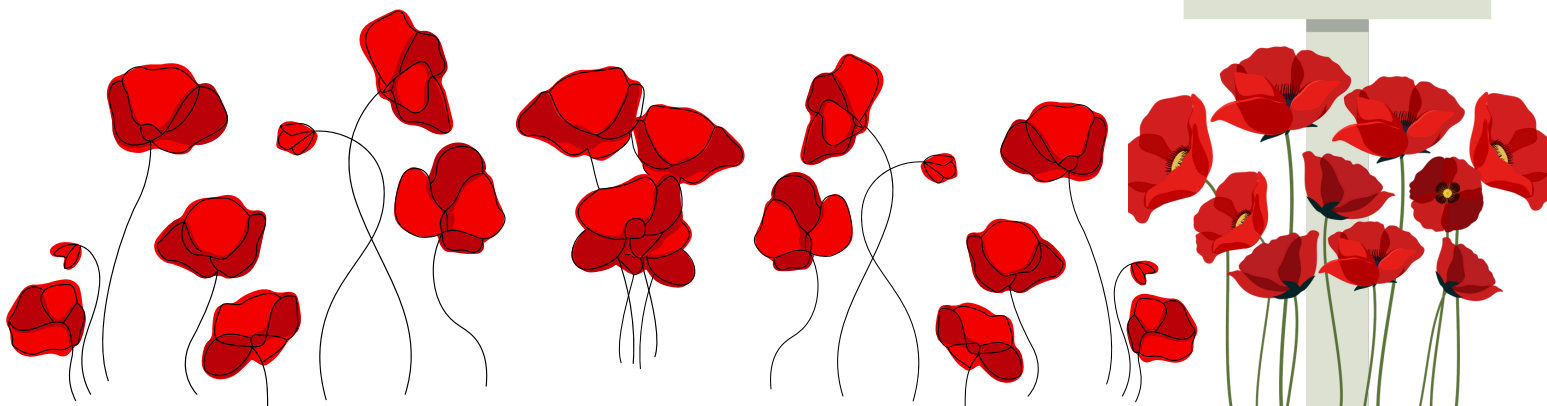
REMEMBRANCE 2025

Remembrance Sunday - 9th November 2025:

10.30am at St Andrew's Church Remembrance service with uniformed organisations

Armistice Day - Tuesday 11th November 2025:

10.45am Civic Service of Remembrance held by the WWI memorial in ²St Andrew's Churchyard.



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THOSE BEATITUDES

During the Autumn the Monday Housegroup has been reading a book by Bishop John Pritchard entitled 'Living Jesus' exploring together our own pictures of Jesus, how we see Him and what He means to each of us. In our second session we looked at parts of the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew's Gospel, Chapter Five. The most well known section of that Chapter sets out the sayings of Jesus that have come to be known as the Beatitudes, which have challenged us, and Christians down the ages. They seem to turn not just the values of the world upside down, but our own emotional reactions as well. I mean.. How happy are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Bishop John provided us with a very helpful expansion of the Beatitudes which the Group felt would be really helpful for all to read, and absorb. I hope you too will find it helpful.

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Letting go of our need to be 'somebody'.

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Letting go of our pain

Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth. Letting go of our need to be right.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they will be filled. Letting go of our concern for ourselves.

Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy. Letting go of our need for revenge.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Letting go of our need to look good.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God. Letting go of our need to win.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Letting go of our 'safety first' approach.

As we considered those responses, I think we all became aware of our own unspoken, and sometimes unrecognised needs, and this was quite liberating.

Living Jesus published by SPCK in 2010 ISBN
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MR CHRIS YULE (ST ANDREW'S MINISTRY TEAM)

MISSION & PRAYER BREAKFASTS



Held in St Andrew's Church Hall, IP5 1DH, 8.30 - 10am

All are welcome for the free breakfast followed by an informative talk from a speaker for a charity we support. If you wish, please stay for prayers.

Saturday 29th November 2025: FIND (Families in Need - Ipswich) a talk by the founder of this local food bank charity on their essential work supporting the basic needs of families in the Ipswich area, so often sidelined by society.

Saturday 24th January 2026: Open Doors. Listen to a talk of how this amazing charity supports Christian victims of violence and persecution in over 60 countries to live in dignity and hope, giving them a voice so they can stand strong for Jesus Christ.



FIND Christmas Appeal is the charity of the month in November

Pop into church to find out about this opportunity to give Christmas gifts for FIND, and add a little extra in a Christmas food box for families in need.



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FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL
IS FRIDAY 9 JANUARY**

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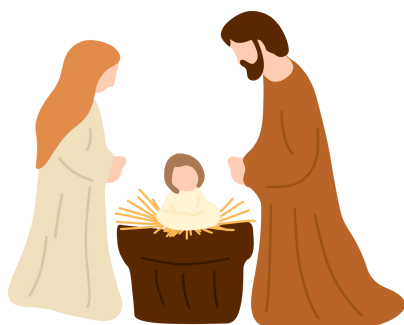
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Saturday. StAR Messy Church. 4.00 - 5.30pm. Scout Hall, Dumbarton Road, IP4 3JP. See details below. ✨

Sunday. 9.15-10.am church service aimed at adults & children.



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Saturday 22nd November

Saturday 13th December

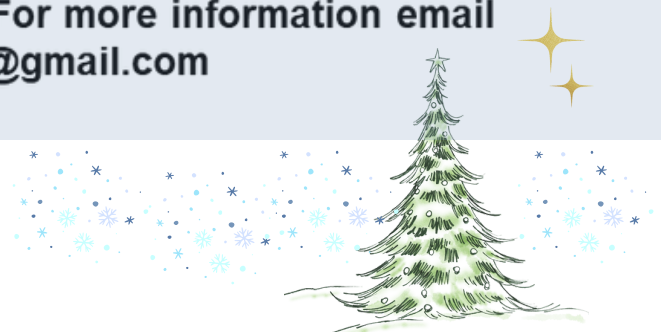
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Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm

A delightful evening for all, singing those well known and greatly loved carols while listening to the story leading to the birth of Jesus. Choir, music group and organ and possibly some new-to-your carols.

Crib Service on Christmas Eve

Wednesday, 24th December 4pm

For children and all the family - join in the story of the birth of Jesus, sing those carols that we all love - very child friendly, they can even bring their grandparents!



Christmas Services at St Andrew's Church

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Service

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December

10.00am, Family Communion



In 2026 the Mothers' Union celebrates 150 years since it began. It was founded by Mary Sumner who was the wife of a Rector in Hampshire. Her aim was to provide support to mothers in bringing up their children. It has spread worldwide and has 4 million members in 83 countries!

The MU has developed their work and aims to help create a peaceful and safe environment for all; fight for gender justice (a very big problem in many parts of the world) and build individuals' self-reliance. Much of this work revolves around help to families - to give support to families and to help those when family life has met with adversity. In many parts of the world literacy help and support is important. In many places girls often do not get the opportunity to go to school either at all, or only for a short time and therefore are unable to read or write or manage money. It has been proved that when women are able to read, write and manage finances the whole family benefits and this benefit spreads to the whole community.

In Rushmere the MU was 're-launched' in 2016, so we celebrate our 10th birthday in February. The group has grown from a small group of about 12 to nearly 40 members which includes people from St John's and St Augustine's churches. We welcome anyone to join us - you don't have to be a mother, married or even a woman!

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2.30 in St Andrew's Church Hall, The Street Rushmere. We have a varied programme throughout the year.

On November 19th we are going to be 'making' Christmas cards - using pictures cut from cards. These will be given to all the people in our local prisons. The MU helps with support to our prisons through the prison chaplains. Many of the prisoners do not have contact with any family and for some of them the card from the MU will be the only one they get.

On December 17th we have our Christmas party. We shall be singing some of our favourite carols and then enjoying a magnificent tea - the full works with sandwiches, scones, cakes and all the trimmings! Visitors are always welcome.

On January 21st we have a speaker to tell us about life and the MU in Kagera Diocese in Tanzania. Anji Dawkins and her husband are there at the moment helping in schools so we shall have a first hand, up-to-date account of what is happening there.

Advance Notice - on March 25th at 2pm there is going to be a special service for the MU throughout the diocese at Ipswich Minster. (St Mary le Tower church). This will be a very special occasion celebrating 150 years of MU.

In the next edition of Outlook we will share a little more about what the MU does locally and perhaps persuade some of you to come and give it a go!

Any queries please contact Tricia Tyler (07951817543 or tylertricia@gmail.com).



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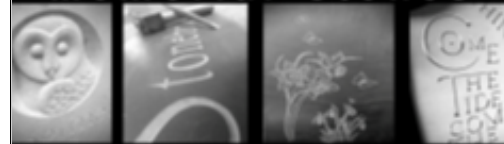
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