

Readings and Collect for Sunday 10th September –Trinity 13

Nehemiah 1 Colossians 1: 15-23 Matthew 21: 18-22

Eucharistic Prayer A

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings for Thursday 14th September

Numbers 21: 4-9 Psalm 22: 23-28 John 3: 13-17

Readings and Collect for Sunday 17th September -Trinity 14

Nehemiah 2: 1-10 Acts 15: 1-21 Mark 13: 1-13

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings for Thursday 21st September

2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 Psalm 119: 65-72 Matthew 9: 9-13

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

The next Focus is 24th September – 7th October

Please email your items to standrewr@outlook.com or phone Gill Crisp on 253743, or Claire Driver on 623419

By 9pm Monday 18th September



St Andrew's Rushmere

Focus for the weeks

10th – 23rd September



THANK YOU

August is the month our hard working lunch club ladies and their helpers have their well-deserved break. The social panel came up with a programme named “August Treats” and what an eclectic mix they came up with, surely something there for everyone to enjoy. Starting off with an interesting talk and slideshow of Suffolk women in two world wars, where we found that Ransomes was prominently involved. This was followed by a really interesting trip to the Ipswich Transport Museum. We were transported there by a vintage Eastern Counties double deck bus ably driven by Bob, not an easy task as there were no power steering or pre-selected gears in those days. Then it was the Mothers’ Union turn to entertain us in the church garden with a mad hatter’s tea party, great fun with a quiz and games and finishing up with a very tasty and generous tea. Then we came to the ever popular hand bell ringing and singalong with Margaret, much enjoyed by everyone. Finally we came to the Ukulele Trio (Shirley, Chris & Jim) reviving songs of days gone by; this brought back memories and was great to see everyone really enjoying themselves. And of course we had to finish with the customary tea and cakes. Thank you all for making the “August Treats” such a happy, sociable and memorable time and a chance is now taken to express good wishes to each of you involved in the organisation and presentation of these events.

Derek C and Shirley T



Mothers' Union – Operation Christmas Child.

Our next meeting is before the next Focus comes out so a final reminder!

We meet on Wednesday September 20th, 2.30 in the Church Hall. All are welcome to hear a talk about Operation Christmas Child. After we have heard the talk we will report in Focus about how we hope to help with Shoeboxes for children who are so much less fortunate than our own. Look forward to seeing you then.

Reaching the Unreached (RTU) Sale

Save the Date – Friday 17th and Saturday 18th November

Following our successful sale again last year we have booked the dates for this year's sale, **Friday 17th November** and **Saturday 18th November**. We felt that the slightly different format worked well last time with the introduction of Bacon Butties on the Saturday morning.

Donations of:

- Books/puzzles and toys
- Toiletries and Scarves
- Cakes and preserves (nearer the day)
- Next to new and unwanted gifts.
- Crafts and stationery

We will not be taking clothes, bric-a-brac or soft furnishings.

More information to follow in future editions of Focus.
Please save the dates.

Please Note!

Change of email address to:

standrewr@outlook.com

Donate, Reuse, Rewear and Restyle during #SecondHandSeptember.

Reduce the demand for new clothes and the damage to our planet by taking part in the Oxfam initiative. Find out how what we buy – or don't buy – can make a big difference.

*For more practical eco-tips, sign up to **Wild Christian***

It's estimated that more than two tonnes of clothing are bought each minute in the UK, more than any other country in Europe. That amount produces nearly 50 tonnes of carbon emissions, the same as driving 162,000 miles in a car.

In one month alone, the carbon footprint of new clothes bought in the UK was greater than flying a plane around the world 900 times. This is the same amount of carbon emissions the nation could save if we all took part in [Second Hand September](#).

<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action>

Potatoes!

I hope to have potatoes again from mid - September – the red ones are not yet quite ready. I am not sure of the price per 25kg sack yet – I am afraid it will be up on last year as all costs have risen for farmers. However, they will be good value and £1 from every sack will go to RTU. As anyone who has had them before will tell you they are the best potatoes in Suffolk if not the country!

Many thanks,

Tricia Tyler

Our Next United Service

24th September at 6.30pm

Rushmere Baptist Church

**Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists (BCD)
Saturday September 16th
Church Hall**

Those who remember Tom will realise where the name BCD originated!

Members will come from all over the south of England bringing many of their most beautiful Jigsaws with them -mostly wooden ones but some cardboard as well. Some members will have sales tables with puzzles for sale. They are a very friendly and hospitable group and anyone who would like to come and see what is going on will be very welcome.

We plan to use the opportunity to make some money for CMS (Church Mission Society) by providing Ploughman's lunches with Apple and Blackberry Crumble for pudding. We are going to charge £7.50 per lunch. If anyone would like to come and have lunch with us and help to raise money for CMS they would be very welcome -we would like advance notice if possible so we can cater appropriately.

I do hope some of you will have time to call in during the day - free tea and coffee on tap all day!

Tricia Tyler

Lunch Club –Help Required.

We are still looking for a cook to provide a main course and dessert for about 30 people. Every Wednesday – except August. All help and support given.

Please contact Sue on 01473 723957 if you are able to help.

Reminder - CMS Support Group Meeting

This will be held at 5 North Lawn at 2.30pm on Monday September 11th.

Do come along and learn more about CMS.Dianne.

**Music at Rushmere
Sunday Afternoon Concerts 2023, 3-4pm**

24th September – Suffolk Soul Singers

1st October – Daniel Law (Piano)

8th October – The Gainsborough Quartet

15th October – Musicology –Vocal Group

22nd October – Ipswich Hospital Band

Free admission with voluntary contributions towards the Blossom Appeal at Ipswich Hospital.



Refreshments are provided after the concerts.



MONDAY PRAYERS

A time of coming together to pray for the church and parish from 4.30-5pm every Monday in church. All welcome.

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful' (Col 4:2)

For more information

Focus, church services and all our events and activities are also available on our website at:

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

Find us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere

Ways of Giving

We are very blessed to have a most generous congregation who give freely of their time, talents, energy, compassion, hospitality, and their financial resources; and to make this giving as easy as possible we have a number of ways :-

- Standing Orders.
- Inter-bank transfers.
- Pre-numbered weekly brown envelopes.
- Collection plate at each Sunday service.
- Our contactless terminal for debit & credit cards.
- White pre-printed envelopes for 1-off Gift-aided donations, which need to be signed & dated, and with all the required information.
- The “Donate now” button on the Home page of our website <https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>
- Our QR code printed below, scanned by a mobile ‘phone camera and connecting to the Give-a-Little page linked to our website.

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.

Thank you very much for your continuing generosity to our Church.

Rev'd. Alan
Chris Gibson



Growing in God

**Saturday 30th September 10am - 1pm
(including light lunch in the Church Hall.)**

Title - 'Understanding Holy Communion'

On 30th September we will begin a three session look at the central part of our worship, Holy Communion. In the first session David Gill will help us explore the Passover to the Last Supper, and the Last Supper to the Lord's Table. After each input, we will have a chance to explore the Biblical origins of this special moment of worship in small groups. Not to be missed! To tell us you're coming, put your name on the sign up sheet in church or email alancomfort11@gmail.com.

Session 2 – Saturday 28th October -10-1pm

Holy Communion and Common Worship: The Church of England Tradition

Session 3 – Saturday 25th November- 10-1pm

How does the service of Holy Communion speak to us today?

All are welcome.

Your Church Needs You

Gardening Group meets Mondays 9-12 noon

Join a friendly team

Refreshments provided

Contact Sue if you can help 723957

