

Readings and Collect for Sunday 12th September –15th Sunday after Trinity

Isiah 50: 4-9a James 3: 1-12

Psalm 116: 1-8 *Refrain: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living*

Mark 8: 27-38

God who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love; grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 16thSeptember– Minian Bishop 432 Edward Bouverie Pusey Priest 1882

1 Timothy 4: 12-end

Psalm 111: 6-end *Refrain: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion*

Luke 7: 36-end

Readings and Collect for Sunday 19th September-16th Sunday after Trinity-Mayor of Ipswich's Visit

Jeremiah 11: 18-20 James 3:13 – 4:3,7-8a

Psalm 54 *Refrain: Behold God is my helper*

Mark 9: 30-37

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 for ever.

Readings for Thursday 23rd September

Haggai 1: 1-8

Psalm 149: 1-5 *Refrain: Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth*

Luke 9: 7-9

Please note: These readings and collects may be subject to variation



**St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for weeks
12thSeptember-25thSeptember**



Services at St Andrews

Please see a Coronavirus update message later in Focus

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

**1st Sunday of the Month at 10.00am 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)**

To read more about the services and updates please visit our website at: <https://rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com>

Focus is available on our website and a link to our YouTube page for our online Services, news and more.

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 20th September deadline
Next Focus is **26th September- 9th October.**

Tom Tyler's Memorial Service

On Saturday 25th September we are having a Memorial / Thanksgiving service for Tom. As you all know we were only able to have 30 people at the funeral in January and many of his extended family and friends were not able to be there so this Service is to celebrate his life with more people able to attend. The Service will be at 2pm followed by a Cream Tea (Tom's favourite). We would love to welcome our local friends and members of our wonderful church family at St Andrew's Church. We are asking family and friends to do a LFT Covid test the day before if possible so that the day will be as 'covid safe' as possible.

We would like to have an idea of numbers to ensure that we have enough Scones and Cream so if you plan to come we would be very grateful if you could let us know -

tylertricia@gmail.com, 01473723458.

Very many thanks Tricia Tyler



Mayor of Ipswich's Visit – Sunday 19th September

Councillor Elizabeth Hughes (Mayor of Ipswich) will be visiting Rushmere St Andrew's Parish Church on **Sunday 19th September at the 10am service (Holy Eucharist)**. The emphasis will be on Giving Thanks for the extra mile service that so many people have provided during this past 18 months to help others and to acknowledge how tough it has been for so many people during this time

Reminders of Help Required

Below are a couple of notices where help is required within or Church community.

If you have a few hours to spare or feel you would like to become more involved you may be interested in the following

We can never have too much help!

Intercessions – Would you like to become involved?

We have lost a number of folk who used to regularly lead intercessions in our main and recorded services.

We need four more people who might be willing to undertake this ministry.

This is an important role for the congregation to play, bringing differing viewpoints and approaches that enrich our worship.

If you feel that you could contribute, or wish to know more, please contact **Chris Yule on 310992**, or speak to Revd Sue, or any member of the Ministry Team.

Resources and training will be provided. Chris Yule

Lunch Club Reminder

Church lunch club has now started. We need your help. We are still looking for more help to cook for lunch club. This would be once a month for about 30 people. All help and support will be given. Please do join our happy band and very appreciative clients. If you feel that you can help please contact Sue Scotchmere 723957 email r.scotchmere@btinternet.com.

Thank you Sue

Sunday Afternoon Concert

The Autumn programme will be starting on **Sunday 26th Septmeber 3-4pm** with a concert by Nil Miladin on the piano. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection in aid of Rushmere St Andrew's Roof Appeal.

For more details of the programme please go to the website: <https://rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com> where you will find more information regarding the forthcoming programme.

QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to a severe loss of income to our church as a result of the Covid pandemic (£12,000 and counting) we are exploring additional ways of raising funds.

You will continue to see the code in Focus but we are now able to display the QR code (shown below) at the entrance to the church which, when scanned by an appropriate mobile phone, will connect to the Give-a-Little page linked to our website;

<https://rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com>

This is just a more modern way for people to donate to our church. If you have a query, please ask our Treasurer (724211) or a Warden.



The Open Door

Now the church is regularly open during daylight hours this important growth, hospitality and outreach project has restarted providing a warm welcome through the open south door and offering fellowship and refreshment. At the moment tea, coffee and biscuits are provided to visitors to the church or relatives graves, walkers and all in our community on **Mondays (10am-2pm), Wednesdays (10am-12noon) and Fridays (10am-12noon)**. If you are passing by or fancy a chat please support this project and all the willing volunteers who have offered their time to get this restarted by popping in for a coffee. If you feel willing to be part of this community hospitality project please contact **Rev Marion** or **Tim**. See you there!!!

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.

Janet ; Ellen; Janet; Rodger and Mary; Betty; Nephat; Ann L; Mark; Fiona; Renee; Tim, and Margaret.

Died:

Sherri-Louise Brown, Margaret Cox.



Coronavirus Update

As we are all aware Coronavirus precautions have now been relaxed by the Government but we all understand that each person will have a different set of criteria by which they will judge what feels right and safe for them.

We at St Andrew's constantly reflect on and assess both the regulations and our own local situation.

At the Service

We would encourage people to continue to wear face coverings in church when moving about: arriving at church, leaving church. You may also choose to wear your mask in your place at your discretion.

We hope to continue to sing one congregational hymn (with masks on) at the end of the 10am service, with the option for anyone who prefers to leave before we sing to do so.

After Service Coffee

It has been such a joy to be able to offer coffee after the service with the opportunity to catch-up with each other. Whilst it is not mandatory, we would encourage social distancing, both inside and out but, especially in the Church Hall.

Please **DO NOT** attend the service if you have any of the following:

- **A new cough (or you are experiencing a cold or flu like symptoms)**
- **A temperature**
- **Lost your sense of smell or taste**

We expect to upload an on-line service each week throughout the Autumn and Winter months and will continue to offer a printed reflection sheet for anyone who is not able to come to Church and without access to the on-line service.

If you have not yet returned to in-person worship and would like to discuss how we can support you please don't hesitate to contact **Revd Sue** or one of the **Churchwardens**.

May God continue to bless St Andrew's Church family.

Prayer

*When we pray
God hears more
than we say,
answers more than we ask,
gives more than we imagine...
in His own time and in His own way.*

Amen

Taken from 'Beautiful Prayer Quotes'