



St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for the Weeks
15th - 28th January



Readings and Collect for Sunday 15th January
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

Eucharist Prayer F

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 19th January
Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester 1095

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 24:42-46

Readings and Collect for Sunday 22nd January
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Eucharist Prayer A

Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 26th January
Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

2 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 10:1-9

Join us for the following services

Every Sunday	08.00am	Holy Communion
1 st Sunday of the month	10.00am	Worship for All (Especially for families and children)
3 rd Sunday of the month	10.00am	Service of the Word
2 nd and 4 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Holy Communion
5 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Family Communion
Every Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Every 3 rd Sunday of the month	4.00pm	<u>t@4</u>
2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Sunday School (Church Hall at term time)
4 th Saturday of the month	8.30 – 10.00am	Prayer Breakfast (In the Church Hall)

The next Focus is 29th January - 11th February

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
 or phone Gill Crisp on 253743, or Claire Driver on 623419
 by 9pm Monday 23rd January

Focus is also available and more on our website at:
<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

Find us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere

Our New Vicar

It seems some time since we said farewell to Revd Sue Foster as she left this parish to take up a new appointment last July.

During our vacancy period St Andrew's has been fortunate and blessed with the energy, guidance and enthusiasm given by Revd Marion Walker, David Gill and Chris Yule and having the support of local retired ministers. This has enabled the life of the church and ministry to continue and be strengthened.

After advertising and interviews the Bishop is pleased to announce the appointment of Revd Alan Comfort to the post of vicar at St Andrew's. Revd Alan will be moving from his current parish of St John the Evangelist, Upper Holloway, London to take up his new appointment in Rushmere after Easter.

His **Service of Induction by Bishop Mike will be held on Monday 17th April at 7.30pm** in St Andrew's Church and all are very welcome.

Revd Alan writes.....We as a family are very excited about this new beginning and opportunity to serve God in Rushmere. I met Jill, my wife, when we were just 24, three children and three grandchildren ago!

I was a professional footballer, playing for Leyton Orient back then, and Jill a new social worker, but from the very start we were united by a passion to share our faith in Jesus and serve the church.

This has been an amazing adventure so far, sharing life with so many people inside and outside the church, whilst helping the churches we had led to grow stronger in faith, and make a visible difference in the communities in which they were located.

We bring lots of ideas, the belief that church should be fun as well as profoundly meaningful, and a friendliness to all.

It is St Andrew's hope we will create some new connections to bless and serve the community they love and in which they want to make a difference for God, so keep an eye out for us.

I'm still running every morning with my beloved dog Mambo, so shout hello when you see me in early April.

Revd Alan.

A prayer for Alan as he prepares to take up this new post.

Let us pray, with our hearts filled with thanksgiving, to the God who loves us so completely.

Bless your Church with gifts of care and nurture, and strengthen those who are called to be spiritual leaders.

Strengthen Alan as he prepares to lead us to you, guiding us in faith and prayer.

Lord, support and care for Alan, his family and his current parish as they face new challenges and grant Alan and us your grace to work together in your service.

Amen

QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to severe loss of revenue to our church due to Covid the QR code will continue to be seen in Focus.

This code can be scanned by a mobile phone with a camera and will then connect to the Give-a-Little page which is linked to the church website:

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

For any queries please ask our Treasurer on 724211, or a church warden. Thank you.





**Held every 4th Saturday in the month. The next is
Saturday 28th January 8.30am – 10am
in the Church Hall**

Enjoy breakfast together, followed by a time of worship
and prayer for our church, outreach to St Andrew's Parish
and the local community.

Quiz Night

Saturday January 28th 7.00 for 7.30pm

Come and join us at our next quiz.
Cost £7.50 per person, which includes cheese
ploughman's supper, soft drink, tea/coffee and
home made cakes.



StAR Family Event

**Saturday 4th February 3.00-5.30pm
At St Andrew's Church**

Bring your child and share crafts,
worship and food with us.

Book you places by 31st January
email: yfworkerstar@gmail.com



The next **United Service is Sunday 22nd at 6.30pm**
at Rushmere Baptist Church

From the Tower

You may have seen in the press or heard on the radio that there is a shortage of bell ringers to ring for the King's coronation. What's stopping you? Ringers are a sociable group of people, and with very few exceptions you would be warmly welcomed in any ringing chamber in the country (and the ones beyond).

Is it that you think you're not strong enough? A child can learn to ring a bell weighing several hundredweight – it's all a matter of technique.

Is it your age? The oldest person we can remember learning at St Andrew's was Bill Strong, who was 82 when he started ringing. The youngest was probably about 9. You do need to climb the spiral staircase to get to the ringing chamber, but if that presents problems there are towers where they ring on the ground floor.

Maybe you think you're not good enough at maths. Well, if you can count from one to twelve and back again your maths is good enough!

Why not come up and see us one Friday evening at 7:30?

*"He comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute
human child in ragged clothes, asking for help.*

He confronts you in every person that you meet.

*As long as there are people, Christ will
walk the earth as your neighbour..."*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer