

Readings and Collect for Sunday 16th January –Epiphany 2

Isiah 62: 1-5

Psalm 36: 5-10 *Refrain: With you, O God, is the well of life*

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11

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 forever.

Readings for Thursday 20th January – Richard Rolle of Sample, spiritual writer, 1349

1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7

Psalm 56:1-2, 8-end *Refrain: In God I trust, and will not fear.*

Mark 3:7-1

Readings and Collect for Sunday 23rd January – Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19 *Refrain: The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes*

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21

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 forever.

Readings for Thursday 27th January

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-end

Psalm 132:1-5, 11-15 *Refrain: Arise, O Lord, into your resting place*

Mark 4:21-25

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



St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for weeks
16th January - 29th January



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 24th January deadline
Next Focus is 30th January- 12th February



Mothers Union

We had a wonderful Christmas party in December with entertainment by the Ukulele band and a fabulous tea! This month we meet on **Wednesday 19th January at 2.30 pm** in the Church Hall. Ruth Silburn is going to entertain -and inform-us about our parish of Rushmere St Andrew which will be a great afternoon. We look forward to all our members joining us and if anyone else would like to join us they will be very welcome.

Tricia Tyler and the MU

World Day of Prayer -Advance Notice!

The World Day of Prayer used to be known as the Women's World Day of Prayer and is written each year by groups of Women from a different part of the world each year. This years' service has been written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The theme is God's Promise 'I know the plans I have for you' and focuses on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace. The service is on **Friday 4th March at St Andrew's Church Rushmere**. All are very welcome and we hope that many of you will come and join in and also help to welcome people from all the other local churches of all denominations.

Children's Society Box Collection

I have just managed to finalise the accounts for the box opening of 2021. The annual opening was very disrupted because of the pandemic. The total for 2021 was amazing considering that not everyone wanted their box emptied - £643.60 has gone to help with the vital work of the Children's Society.

If anyone else would like a box or to donate to the work they do please contact Tricia Tyler 01473 723458, tylertricia@gmail.com

Beacon of Love

Sponsor the Floodlight on the church at St Andrew's in memory of Loved Ones.

Dates available from 1st November to Valentine's Day.

Names will be written in a special leather bound book. Just £10 donation. Gift Aiding adds £2 more at no extra cost to you.

Please see the sign-up sheet in church. Place your gift in a white envelope provided.

Names will be entered in the memorial book each week.

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.



Diary of Dates –A Weekly View

Activities as they currently stand. More may be added at a later date.

DAY	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Mon	Open Door-weekly	Church	10am-12noon
Tues	Bible Study- 2 nd Tuesday of month	Zoom	7.45pm
Tues	Open Door-weekly	Church	10am-12noon
Wed	Open Door-weekly	Church	10am-12noon
Wed	Lunch Club-weekly	Church Hall	12.30pm
Wed	Knit and Natter -1 st Wednesday of month	Church Hall	2.30pm-4pm
Wed	Games Afternoon-2 nd Wednesday of month	Church Hall	2.30-4pm
Wed	Mothers Union-3 rd Wednesday of month	Church Hall	2.30pm
Thurs	Toddler Group	Church Hall	9.45 -11.30am
Thurs	Open Door-weekly	Church	10am-12noon
Fri	Open Door-weekly	Church	10-12noon
Fri	Friends Round Friday-weekly	Dumbarton Road Scout Hall	2-3.30pm

FIND (Families In Need, Ipswich) Christmas Tree Appeal.

An enormous thank you from FIND and all the families you gave joy to this Christmas through your generous donations of gift vouchers and consumables, that added to their food bank delivery, enabled so many of the disadvantaged in Ipswich and surrounding areas to provide food for their children and a Christmas present with a little Joy in these difficult times. But more than that, their knowing that someone cares about others less fortunate in their community. Please continue to support our regular FIND donations bin each Sunday - that regular food bank delivery is so vital to these families as they work towards building their role in the community that we all belong to. A big thank you to Gloria, who again coordinated this year's appeal. Thank you from your PCC Parochial Giving Panel.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 20ue

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. This year resources have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

I aim to record a service on Thursday 20th January, at 12noon, to be available on-line on Sunday 23rd January. If you would like to be part of the recording, there are several reading parts, please contact Revd Sue.

Reaching the Unreached

After our successful sale in November, we are looking forward to our 2022 sale and would ask you to think of us, and if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts that we can recycle, we would be grateful.

We will have a box in the church hall for collection purposes over the next couple of weeks or contact **Kevin** on **01473 729125** if you are unable to bring items to church.

We have provisionally booked 2022 Sale dates for next November, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th, and hope to be able to set up on Thursday 24th.

In the meantime we will keep you updated on news from RTU and thank you for your continued support.

Ruth

St Andrew's Rushmere Bible Study Group.

This continues on Zoom, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, on the **second Tuesday** of each month at **7.45pm**. All are welcome.

The Heart of the Message

Two studies will consider the heart of Paul's message by looking at his sermons delivered at Pisidia Antioch and Athens.

Tuesday 8 February 2022, 7.45pm

Paul in Athens: '....that they should seek God'
Acts 17: 22-34

For further details contact David Gill: david@davidgill.co.uk

Note: 8 March and 12 April will look at a Lent theme.

Volunteers Needed!

We are still looking for people who are able and willing to help with the following:

'Church Opener and Locker' – We are looking for someone to unlock and lock the church on **Tuesdays**. The person who has faithfully performed this task is retiring. We say a big thank you to Jack for all your, often, unseen work over the years.

If you feel that you can fill this vacancy please contact one of the churchwardens. It may be possible to swap the day with another member of the team who keep our church available to all throughout the week.

Booking Secretary – after sterling work over the last few years, Gloria, who has fulfilled this role, is standing down. If you are keen to help the church in this role please chat to Gloria and the churchwardens to find out what it entails. It is a job that can be done from the warmth of your own home! Thank you Gloria for all that you have done and continue to do in other roles.

Thank you to anyone considering either of these roles and please do get in touch.

Churchwardens Gill, Tim and Teresa.

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; Mary; Betty; Nephth ; Ann; Mark; Fiona; Renee; Margaret; Abbie; Jane; William ; Myra; and Widge.

