

Readings and Collect for Sunday 18th June

Trinity 2

Genesis 18: 1-15; (21:1-7) Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35-10:8
Eucharistic Prayer D

Lord you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings for Thursday 22nd June

2 Corinthians 11: 1-11 Psalm 111 Matthew 6: 7-15

Readings and Collect for Sunday 25th June

Trinity 3

Genesis 21: 8-21 Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39
Eucharistic Prayer E

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 and Collect for Thursday 29th June

Acts 2: 1-11 Psalm 125 Matthew 16: 13-19

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

The next Focus is 2nd – 15th July

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

By 9pm Monday 26th June



St Andrew's Rushmere

Focus for weeks

18th June – 1st July



Reminder RTU – Monday 19th June at 6pm

Father Arockiaraj and Mo Houlden, the UK coordinator for RTU, are on a whistle-stop tour and will be visiting Rushmere St Andrew on **Monday 19th June 2023**.

You are invited to come for **6pm** start for hot food - Jacket potatoes with a selection of fillings, salad and a choice of puddings.

The **talk and slides** will start at **7pm**, with a chance to meet and ask questions, hear about what is new and hear about what projects the money you raised last year will be spent on.

We would like children from Sunday School to join us if they can.

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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)

Rushmere St Andrew's Church - Summer Fun Day
Saturday 22nd July 2023

Coming up next month is our first ever Summer Fun Day, when the day will be given to enjoying a range of activities at the church for the young and young at heart.

Amongst the many activities being planned, are a number of exhibitions that we will use to decorate parts of the church with. Entries are invited to help form displays in the following groups:

Flower or Vegetable Arrangements
Photography
Art

There is no cost involved in entering, but your display may be available for sale during the day (collection at the close) on a fifty-fifty basis. There are no age restrictions!

The theme for all displays is the poem written especially by Caroline Gill.

A Season of Blessings:

Songs in a seashell, lemon-scented thyme, fountains of rainbow spray;

Ultramarine for the swallow's crown, flashes of blue on a jay.

Meadow and molehill, thistledown tufts, scales from a butterfly's wing;

Moths in the moonlight, cherry and plum, brambles where nightingales sing.

Emerald insects, lavender oil, roses as petals unfold;

Rich are the blessings bestowed by the Lord, whose grace is more precious than gold.

Contributions may be brought in on the **Friday before, or by 9.30am on the day.** Please do consider what you may like to do to help in making this event memorable and a real success. Further details about the day will be available over the next few weeks. Paul Hesketh.

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council
Public Meeting

Tuesday 20th June 7.30pm –Village Hall IP4, 3PD.

You are invited to this public meeting to discuss the proposed permanent road closure of Humber Doucy Lane by Suffolk County Council.

This directly affects you!

Have your say!



Christian Aid

Many thanks to those who generously gave to May's Charity of the Month; Christian Aid.

We raised £855.00 and with Gift Aid the total was £1,051.25, a little down on last year, but a great help to people like Esther, who does amazing things like pigeon peas.

QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to a severe loss of revenue to our church due to Covid-19 the QR code will continue to be seen in Focus. 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>

Any queries, please ask our Treasurer on 724211 or a Church Warden.



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

Going for Gold – Eco Church Award – Personal Lifestyle Audit

We are making good progress towards our Gold Eco Church Award but you can help further –by improving our Lifestyle ratings. I have some Personal Lifestyle Audit forms which can be completed anonymously and confidentially.

If you are willing to take part please ask me for one!

Thank you,
Ruth Silburn.

ECO Tips for June

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Make plans to source locally grown foods that you can add to your diet/shopping list throughout the seasons. Produce grown locally is picked at the peak of its ripeness and will be full of flavour, tasting better than the produce that has been imported and travelled thousands of miles. For more eco-tips sign up to: A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at arocha.org.uk/wild-christian.

Thank you,
Ruth



Mothers' Union June Meeting

Our meeting in June is on **Wednesday 21st June at 2.30pm** in the **Church Hall**.

We are much looking forward to welcoming Rev Alan to talk to us. It is going to be a special afternoon and as usual we welcome any visitors who would like to join us.

Our **MU** focused **Holy Communion** will be the following day - **Thursday 22nd** as that will be the 4th Thursday of the month. **10am** in church.

Lunch Club.

We now have a cook! but are looking for stand by helpers and drivers, so not every month but as and when required. Do join our happy team. Contact Sue 723957.

Thank you,
Sue

Ipswich in Prayer Prayer Breakfast Saturday 24th June 7.30-9.00am

Praying for the transformation of Ipswich.

St Andrew's will be joining Burlington Road Baptist Church so please come and join us.

Venue: Burlington Road Baptist Church, London Road,
Ipswich, IP1, 2EZ



t@4 –Sunday 18th June at 4.00pm

Come along to a gathering for worship and tea.
Please bring a plate of food to share.

Everyone is welcome, especially suitable for families and children.