

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**The Second Sunday before Advent**

Nehemiah 8:1-8    2 Timothy 3:10-17    Luke 4:16-30

Eucharist Prayer E

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Revelation 5:1-10    Psalm 149:1-5    Luke 19:41-44

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Christ the King – the Sunday next before Advent**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24    Ephesians 1:15-23    Matthew 25:31-46

Eucharist Prayer F

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at this feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**St Andrew's Day**

Isaiah 52:7-10    Psalm 19:1-6    Matthew 4:18-22

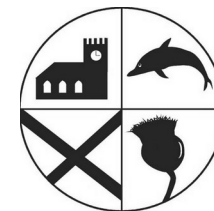
*NB: These Readings and Collects may be subject to change.*

The next Focus is **3<sup>rd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Please email items to: [standrewr@outlook.com](mailto:standrewr@outlook.com)  
or phone Gill 253743, or Claire 623419.  
**By 9pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**



**St Andrew's Rushmere**

**Focus for Weeks**  
**19<sup>th</sup> November -**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> December**



**Humbug and Happiness**

**Advent House Group**

**Fridays from 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10.30am – 12 noon**



During Advent we shall be running a daytime Advent Course. It will be based on the film 'Scrooge', which starred Alistair Sim, from the familiar Christmas Story by Charles Dickens.

Paul Hesketh has kindly agreed to host the sessions which will meet on Fridays at 10.30am.

Many of us remember the film with some affection and we will be using a book 'Humbug and Happiness' by Sheila Jacobs, which explores the key themes of the film in a biblical way.

Each session will finish by 12.00, and we will watch key scenes from the film, discuss, and worship together. Many of you enjoyed the Course on the 'King's Speech' during Lent, and hopefully this course will be as rewarding and enable us in the New Year to continue a fortnightly daytime House group.

The first session will be **November 24<sup>th</sup>**, to watch the film together.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday United Service on Sunday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm**

**At Woodbridge Road Salvation Army**

## 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:-

1. Standing Orders
2. Inter-bank transfers
3. **Cheques payable to: PCC St Andrew Rushmere.**
4. Pre-numbered weekly brown envelopes
5. Collection plate at each Sunday service
6. Our contactless terminal for debit and credit cards
7. White printed envelopes for 1-off Gift-Aided donations, which need to be signed and dated, and with all the required information
8. The "Donate Now" button on the home page of our website:  
<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>
9. Our QR code printed above, 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.

Revd Alan

Chris Gibson

Keep up to date with all the news.  
See all this and much more on our website at:  
<http://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/>

Also find us on Facebook at:  
<http://www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere>

Our new email address is: [standrewr@outlook.com](mailto:standrewr@outlook.com)



**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 3 - 5pm**  
**at the Scout Hall, Dumbarton Road,**  
**IP4 3JP**

*Crafts, food and great fun for all the family*

*Free entrance and all welcome.*

*(Children must bring an adult)*

For more information email: [alancomfort11@gmail.com](mailto:alancomfort11@gmail.com)

## Growing in God

**Saturday Morning Session 10am to 1pm**

**'Understanding Holy Communion'**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 1pm**

Session 3: How does the service  
of Holy Communion speak to us?

Each session is 'stand alone', so don't worry  
if you were unable to attend the first session.

To tell us you are attending, please add your name  
on the sign up sheet in church, or email:

[alancomfort11@gmail.com](mailto:alancomfort11@gmail.com)

The sessions are held in the Church Hall,  
are free and includes a light lunch.

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net/>

## FIND Christmas Appeal 2023

It's time again when we support our local charity FIND at Christmas.

It is following the same format as last year, Maureen requested Supermarket vouchers with accompanying receipts to the value of £10.00 upwards.

These can be obtained from: Sainsbury, Aldi, Co-op, Tesco, M&S, Primark, or any Toy Stores. Other acceptable gifts are; tins/tubs of chocolate, boxes of biscuits, or sweets; placed in a festive bag to bring to church by the last collecting date; 10<sup>th</sup> December, so they can be delivered to FIND.

A festive tree will be in church commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November for 4 consecutive weeks to collect your labels. Once again Thank You. Gloria



**St Andrew's Day Patronal Festival  
with the RUM OLD BOYS  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
7pm in the Church Hall**

Sea Shanties & Folk Songs

Fish & Chip Supper

Tickets £10

Sign-up sheet available after church  
on Sundays.



## Monday Prayers

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

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful' Col 4;2

Thank you to all who contributed towards the Christmas Boxes we made up at **MU for 'Operation Christmas Child'**. We had a great fun afternoon at Knit and Natter on Nov 1st assembling lots of boxes and filling them with the toys, stationery, woolly hats and other items that had been donated.

We have about 43 boxes ready to go and some more still to come from people who took boxes home to fill them-we hope we may make the number up to 50 by the time they are all collected. I am sure they will bring great joy to all the children who receive them. Thank you again to everyone who contributed.

## Children's Society Boxes

At last I have managed to collect and count all the boxes that people wanted opening this year-some people opted to wait till next year. One of the problems is that most of us use cash far less and therefore don't have the loose change to put in the boxes. One friend used to empty her husband's pockets each day when he came home and put all his change in her box-he now uses a credit card!

However we still did well and I have paid in a total of £663.40. If there is anyone else who would like to have a box or to donate please let me know.

Many Thanks again Tricia Tyler (07951817433)

## Focus – Can You Help?

We are looking for someone to help compile Focus. This is currently produced fortnightly and your help would be once a month to edit Focus on your computer and print at church. It will be produced fortnightly until the end of the year, with a view to change it to a monthly newsletter in the new year if there are no volunteers. Please talk to Gill Crisp 01473 253743, or Claire Driver 01473 623419 if you are interested.