

Readings and Collect for 27th August

Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 31st August

1 Thessalonians 3:7-end Psalm 90:13-end Matthew 24:42-end

Readings and Collect for Sunday 3rd September

Romans 12:9-end Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b,
(or Psalm 115) Matthew 16:21-end

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thursday 7th September

Colossians 1:9-14 Psalm 98:1-5 Luke 5:1-11

NB: The readings, or Collect may be subject to variation

Our Next United Service is on 24th September at 6.30pm
at Rushmere Baptist Church



St Andrew's Rushmere

Focus for Weeks 27th August - 9th September



Music at Rushmere Sunday Afternoon Concerts Autumn 2023, 3 – 4pm



24th September – Suffolk Soul Singers

1st October – Daniel Law (piano)

8th October – The Gainsborough Quartet

15th October – Musicology – Vocal Group

22nd October – Ipswich Hospital Band

Free admission with voluntary contributions
are invited for the Blossom Appeal
at Ipswich Hospital

Refreshments are provided
after the concerts



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)

The next Focus is **10th - 23rd September**
Please email items to: standrewr@gmail.com
or phone Gill 253743, or Claire 623419, 07971 334142
By 9pm Monday 4th September

From the Tower

On a bright sunny August morning the Rushmere Ringers and some of their friends set out on an outing. "Tower grabbing" is a common activity amongst ringers, and many of us have a copy of 'Dove's Church Bells of Great Britain' with annotations by the towers at which we have rung. On this occasion we didn't travel far, sticking to relatively local churches.

We began at Clopton, where we were greeted by David. The bells were rehung in 2013 and were easy to ring and pleasant on the ear. The only challenge really was climbing the ladder to get to the ringing chamber. Our next stop was Otley, another pleasant ring of 6. This was a ground floor ring, so the bells were quite quiet and needed careful listening. Finally we progressed to Ashbocking. I have memories of ringing at Ashbocking in the winter when I was a teenager, and I declare that it is the coldest belfry in Christendom! What my memory didn't retain was that these are quite challenging bells to ring, and our inexperienced ringers did very well to cope.

Lunch was in Henley in the much needed shade of a tree, and then up the narrow spiral staircase into the tower for the only ring of 8 of the day. Fitting 8 bells in instead of the 6 we are used to at Rushmere means that the bells are rung much closer together, and for some this was their first experience of ringing on 8. Henley bells are light and very easy to ring. Finally we moved on to Barham where the bells have only recently been restored and augmented to 6. They are rung from the porch, so presumably the congregation uses another door rather than having to run the gauntlet between rising and falling ropes! As you might expect from a brand new ring they were easy and enjoyable to ring – a good choice to end with as by this time we were quite tired.

To conclude we all repaired to the Sorrell Horse for a well earned drink.



QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to 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 camera and will connect to the Give-a-Little page inked to

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>



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



Mother's Union News

Thank you to everyone who came to / helped at The Mad Hatter's Tea Party on August 16th. Especially thanks to the team of Chris, Kevin and Rachel who put up Gazebos in the morning and packed them all away in the evening. The Church garden looked very festive. We raised £165 which has been sent to the MU Charity 'Summer of Hope' which helps families who are struggling.

Our next meeting on **Sept 20th** we are having a talk about 'Operation Christmas Child'.

I expect many of you have heard of their Shoebox appeal when they send boxes with toys and useful items to children in many countries who never receive any gifts at all. We have been collecting shoeboxes but more would be welcome - what we do need is colourful paper to cover them with. If any of you have any left over Christmas or other suitable paper that you were able to give us we would be very grateful - it does not need to be new as long as it is clean and not torn - Anyone iron their wrapping paper ready for reuse??

After the talk we will give information about the items that they want in the boxes if anyone would like to contribute. As always visitors are welcome to come and hear this talk and join in our meeting.

Many Thanks Tricia



Ride and Stride
Saturday 9th September
9.00am – 5.00pm



Bob Mellor, Kevin Brazier and Rachel Daniels will be cycling on behalf of St Andrew's Church, Rushmere and would be grateful if you could sponsor them.

The money raised will help save this wonderful part of our history, with half going to the Trust to give out as grants for church buildings, and half to the participant's chosen church. Hundreds of churches across the county will be open to welcome visitors.

We need volunteers to help in the morning for an hour or two, on the day by signing in visitors to St Andrew's; please contact our local organiser Kevin Brazier. Tel: 07831 201554.

Unused Prescription Glasses

If anyone has old glasses they no longer wear, or need and would like to donate them to people in need all over the world, I am collecting spectacles for the Lions Charity. I will put a box in the church hall, but if you cannot get to church please email me and I will do my best to come to collect them.

Ruth Lloyd ruthlloyd12@gmail.com



CMS

There is a meeting of the Church Mission Support Group (CMS), on Monday September 11th, at 2.30pm held at 5 North Lawn.

Do come along and learn more about CMS. Dianne

Children's Activities at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere

Wednesday – StAR Youth Club 6.30pm during term time
 For ages 9-15 years 50p per session, plus snacks.
 Contact: yfworkerstar@gmail.com

Thursday Star Toddlers 09.45-11.30am during term time
 Suggested donation £1.50 per family.
 Contact: Ros 01473 723381

Thursday Toddler Service 11am 2nd Thursday of the month during term time Contact: Ros 01473 723381

Sunday StAR Sunday Club 10am on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month, during the church service.

Sunday Worship for All 10am held on 1st Sunday of the month
 This service is especially suitable for families with children

Sunday StAR Messy Church held on 4th Sunday of the month
 3-5pm at the Scout Hall, Dumbarton Road, IP4 3JP
 Contact: alancomfort11@gmail.com

Service Times at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere

Every Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion

1st Sunday of the month 10.00am Worship for All
 (a service especially for families and children)

3rd Sunday of the month 10.00am Service of the Word

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 10.00am Holy Communion

5th Sundays of the month Family Communion

Every Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

