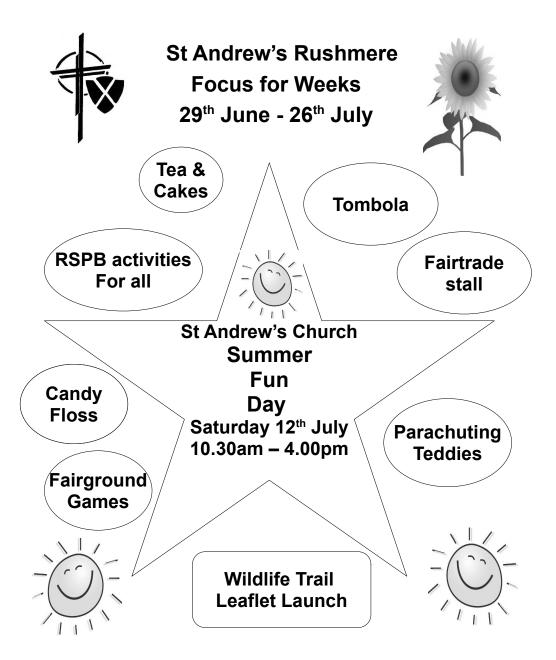




1st Sunday Joint Service is on Sunday 6th July at 6.30pm hosted by Rushmere Baptist Church All are very welcome to join in this time of sharing our faith as the united Church of Jesus Christ



Live Music – Essentially Swing Band Fun Day Theme – 'Looking After Our Planet'



Come and support our Churchwardens, Ruth and Kevin, as they make their formal declarations at the Archdeacon's Visitation service. This year it will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd July in St Thomas' Church, Bramford Lane, Ipswich, IP1 5BS.

An opportunity to celebrate the work of our and the many other churchwardens, as well as to meet the new archdeacon of Ipswich – Archdeacon Samantha.

July Charity of the Month It is an opportunity for prayer and giving to support the vital work of **Ipswich Town Pastors**.



For those who attended the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 28th June you will have been on a journey with them as they described their "Caring on the

Streets" work, experiences and a mix of joy and sadness.

They were formed in 2006, every child born when they started is now someone they could meet on the street during their patrols. They have seen remarkable moves of God and great changes over the years – please support them in what ever way you can through prayer and giving. Flyers and giving envelopes will be available from Sunday 6th July until Sunday 27th July.

St Andrew's at Dumbarton Hall
Informal Worship of a more contemporary flavour
Music Group, great worship songs, overhead screen, relaxed children's table for families, time to enjoy being in God's presence. Tea and cake will follow.
Indays from 3pm in Dumbarton Hall.
13th July 2025
To find out more speak to Rev Alan 01473 270976 or Jim Ainslie 01473 720618

The 'Big' Discussions Saturday 19th July 10.00 – 11.15am at St Andrew's Church Hall



We will be asking the question; 'Refugees in the UK; crisis or opportunity?'

Our discussion will have input from Alan Cutting, who brings a wealth of experience from his work in international aid and development and his current role in welcoming refugees to lpswich, as well as offering the space for us to explore this question from a Christian perspective in smaller groups.

The session will finish with coffee and cake.



July Mission Breakfast: sharing food, a talk, and opportunity for prayer on Saturday 26th July 8.30am to 10am in the church hall. Supporting families through change – the charity 'Family First' is a local

Christian charity which helps families find solutions to the challenges they face in every day life to help build self-esteem and confidence without judging.

Come and listen to this transformative work going on in our community.



St Andrew's Mothers' Union

We had a very interesting meeting in June despite technical issues with projection! We were very grateful to Alan who came to our rescue and enabled our speaker's laptop to talk to the screen - or something! Many thanks Alan!



Val Dufour from Tear Fund told us all about the work they do in Nepal - one of the over 50 countries they work in. Her talk was illustrated by beautiful photos taken when she visited Nepal a few years ago. A raffle was held and we were able to donate £50 to Tearfund.

We also had another visitor; Jeanette Appleton, who is the Diocesan president of the MU. She spoke briefly about the MU, then talked to members about the reasons why they joined. This is one of the topics to be discussed at a meeting of all the Diocesan MU Presidents that Jeanette will be attending shortly.

The Theme for MU in 2025 is 'Join Us, Join In'. We always welcome new members and MU has a new idea - that one can become a 'Friend of Mothers' Union' if for some reason you don't wish to join as a member. More information from Tricia if you are interested.

Our meeting in July is on **Wednesday July 16th** when we shall meet in Church for our 'Wave of Prayer' service when we especially remember the dioceses throughout the world that St Edmundsbury and Ipswich are linked with. We shall then return to the hall for Tea and 'Chat'! As always we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Ways of Giving

We are very blessed to have a most generous congregation who give freely of themselves and their financial resources. For this we are extremely grateful and we have many ways to make giving as easy as possible.

Also, we can claim Gift Aid, increasing each donation by a further 25% at no extra cost to the givers, so long as they pay sufficient Income Tax, (or Capital Gains Tax) in the current tax year to cover their donations.

Save the Dates

'Wednesday Wonders' are back; come and enjoy a different activity on each Wednesday afternoon in August – further details to follow.

The Social Panel

Short update on recycling: we no longer have a suitable location for the magazines in the church hall so that is discontinued for the time being. Also Terracycle are not taking biro pens anymore. We would like to use that bin for any unused spectacles.

A reminder about our **Fun Day on 12th July**, which will have an environmental theme. We will have Ipswich RSPB present with activities for all, waste management information and a Fairtrade table. We will also launch our wildlife trail leaflet and have other activities for children. All that and music, food and traditional games!

Thank you Ruth



The deadline for items to be included in **Outlook Autumn** Edition, which covers August – September – October is Friday 11th July.

Please send to: The Editor, 8 Crofton Close, Ipswich, IP4 4QR

The next Focus is **27th July - 30th August** Please email items to: standrewr@proton.me or phone Claire 07971 334142 **By 9pm prompt Friday 18th July**