

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 2nd January
The Second Sunday of Christmas**

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12 Psalm 147:13-21 *Refrain: Great is our
Lord and mighty in power.* Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:1-18

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings and Collect for Thursday 6th January – The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72: (1-9), 10-15 *Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.*
Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 for ever.

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 9th January
The Baptism of Christ**

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 *Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the
blessing of peace.* Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 for ever.

Readings for Thursday 13th January

Hilary, bishop of Poitiers 367
Kentigern (Mungo) missionary bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603
George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, (Quakers) 1691

1 Samuel 4:1-11 Psalm 44:10-15, 24-25 *Refrain: Rise up,
O Lord, to help us.* Mark 1:40-end

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



St Andrew's Rushmere
Focus for weeks
2nd - 15th January



Services at St Andrew's

**Sundays 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)**

(5th Sundays of the month will be Holy Communion)

**Thursdays at 10.00am Holy Communion
(in the old end of church)**

T @ 4 is held every third Sunday of the month

Focus is available on our new website along with a link to
online services via YouTube at:

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

Find us on Facebook at:

<http://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 10th January deadline
Next Focus is 16th - 29th January

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, Myra
Jane.

For those recently Died:

Denis Beaumont, Carl Watson,
Dennis Pilcher.



QR (Quick Response) Code

We are continuing to include the QR code in Focus due to the severe and continuing loss of income to the church due to the pandemic.

The QR code below is also displayed in the entrance to the church and is a more modern way to donate to the church alongside the more traditional ways.

The code can be scanned by a mobile phone with a camera and will connect to the Give-a-Little page linked to the church website.

Any queries, please ask our
Treasurer (724211)
or a Warden.



Are You Able and Willing to Volunteer?

'Church Opener and Locker' - the person who for many years has faithfully unlocked and locked the church on Tuesdays is retiring from this important role of ensuring the church is open for all who wish to use it during daylight hours.

We say a big thank you to Jack for all your, often, unseen work over the years.

If you feel you can help 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 during the week.

After sterling work over the last few years, Gloria, our 'Church Booking Secretary' is standing down and we are looking for someone to take on this role. 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 can all be done from the warmth of your home! Thank you Gloria for all that you've done and continue to do in other roles.

Thank you for considering if you can help out in one of the above roles.
Churchwardens - Gill, Tim & Teresa

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 extra at no extra cost to you.

There is a sign-up sheet in church. Place your gift in white envelope provided.

Names will be entered in the memorial book each week.

Contact: Revd Sue for more details 01473 270976

New Year, New Website!

We now have a new church website: to replace the old *Wordpress* site. I hope you can still find everything that you need, but please let me know if there's anything missing or anything new you think should be on it.

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

Thank you, Hilary Platts.



St Andrew's Rushmere Study Group 2022

The Heart of the Message

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

Tuesday 11 January 2022, 7.45 pm

Paul in Pisidian Antioch: 'we bring you the good news'
Acts 13:13–43

Tuesday 8 February 2022, 7.45 pm

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

All welcome.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic these group studies will be available via Zoom.

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

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

Outlook

We are now planning a new edition for February 2022, hopefully to be the first of four a year; Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter. First edition will have 12 pages of articles. Please give, or send Mary Duncan any articles you would like to add. The copy date for the first edition is **Friday 7th January 2022.**

They say there is 'no such thing as a free lunch' but the lunch club proved this wrong when they served up a delicious Christmas meal, and this was financed by a certain lady, thanks Jenny.

But it is not only Christmas that these kindly people entertain us but every week throughout the year and our thanks go out to all the cooks, helpers and the drivers, thank you and have a happy new year. Derek Catchpole,

Angel Trail and Christmas Displays – A Big Thank you

A very big, warm thank you to everyone who helped with the Angel Trail and to everyone who knitted wonderful angels. These were very much appreciated by all who visited the church, saw them and by all who received them.

A very big thank you also to everyone who worked hard to build the wonderful displays in church and who made the dozens of angels for those displays.

These were all loved and appreciated by the congregation, visitors to the church and the Open Door mornings.

Revd Marion

Coming up in the New Year!

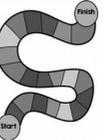
Knit and Natter

Our first meeting of 2022 will be **Wednesday 5th January at 2.30–4pm** in the **Church Hall**. Please come and join us.



Games Afternoon

Our first meeting in 2022 will be on **Wednesday 12th January; and there after every second Wednesday of the month at 2.30-4pm.** Games, such as jigsaws, draughts and board games will be played. All welcome to this popular event. Sue 723957.



Coffee mornings

We are pleased to announce that our Saturday Coffee mornings are starting again. The first is on **January 15th at 10.00am in the Church Hall.** The usual attractions; bring & buy, raffle, refreshments and good company will all be there. All are welcome.



We usually have 4 per year, so please come and join us for our first one. With thanks Sue Scotchmere