

Readings and Collect for Sunday 2nd July
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

Eucharist Prayer F

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Thursday 6th July

Genesis 22:1-19 Psalm 16:1-7 Matthew 9:1-8

Readings and Collect for Sunday 9th July
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Eucharist Prayer G

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thursday 13th July

Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5 Psalm 105:11-17

Matthew 10:7-15

The next Focus is 16th – 29 July
Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
or phone Gill Crisp 253743, or Claire Driver 623419
by 9pm on Monday 10th July



St Andrew's Rushmere

Focus for Weeks
2nd - 15th July



Mother's Union

Advance reminder of our next MU meeting. On Wednesday 19th July we have our 'Wave of Prayer' service followed by tea. We shall meet in the church at 2.30pm for our service and then move to the Hall for tea.

The MU 'Wave of Prayer' goes round the world and helps us to remember that MU is a worldwide Christian movement. We shall especially remember our 4 link dioceses in Malawi, Rwanda, Nigeria and Northern India.

As always we welcome anyone who would like to join us. 'Knit and Natter' is on Wednesday 5th July 2-4pm.

Children's Society Boxes

It is hard to believe that it is time to empty all the collecting Boxes again! I would be grateful if Boxes can be brought to church during July. If I am not there (Away Again!) they can be safely locked in the safe until I collect them. I know that many people now use very little cash so don't have loose change to put in their box however every little helps and it does all add up -we collected over £600 last year.

Several people generously added 'paper money' to their boxes for which I was very thankful - it is easier to count than pennies and 5p's! If you would like me to collect your box from your home please let me know.

Thank you very much.

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The deadline for items to be included in **Outlook Autumn Edition**, August – September – October is Friday 14th July. Send to:
The Editor, 8 Crofton Close, Ipswich IP4 4QR.



**Rushmere St Andrew's Church –
Summer Fun Day
Saturday 22nd July**



Coming soon 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 restrictions!

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

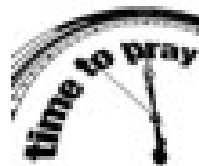
A Season of Blessings:

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 plumb, 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 will be available over the next few days. Paul Hesketh.

I am collecting elastic bands of all sizes and any colour for an event which is taking place on our fund-raising day which is on 22/07/2023. I will put a container next to the milk bottle top container in the lobby area of the hall.

Many thanks Kevin Brazier



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)*

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 linked to

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

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



Gentle Reminder!

Over the last few months we have seen Focus deadline stretched somewhat!

Please could you make sure that we receive the information that you would like printing in Focus by the deadline which is always printed in each Focus. This helps to avoid problems with altering the layout at the last minute, or delaying printing when we may not be around due to other commitments.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Claire and Gill.