

## Readings and Collect for Sunday 5th November

### All Saints Day

Nehemiah 6: 15 – 7: 5

Luke 14: 25 – 33

Eucharistic Prayer C

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 9th November

Romans 14: 7-12

Psalms 27: 14-end

Luke 15: 1-10

## Readings and Collect for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

### Remembrance Sunday

Colossians 3: 12-17

John 15: 9-17

Eucharistic Prayer D

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all; govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravage of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Readings for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Philemon 7-20

Psalms 119: 89-96

Luke 17: 20-25

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

**The next Focus is 19<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Please email your items to [standrewr@outlook.com](mailto:standrewr@outlook.com) or phone Gill Crisp on 253743, or Claire Driver on 623419

**By 9pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**



**St Andrew's Rushmere**

**Focus for the weeks**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November**



### FOCUS – Can You Help?



We are looking for someone to help compile Focus.

This is currently produced once a fortnight so your obligation would be once a month to edit an issue on your home computer and then print it at church.

If interested please talk to Gill Crisp 253743 or Claire Driver 623419.

In the interim the Focus will continue to be printed fortnightly until the end of the year with a view to changing it to a monthly publication from January 2024 if there are no volunteers.

#### For more information

Focus, church services and all our events and activities are also available on our website at:

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

Find us on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere](http://www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere)



## 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 has requested;

- Supermarket vouchers with accompanying receipts to the value of £10.00 upwards.  
These can be obtained from; Sainsbury, Aldi, Coop, Tesco, M & S, Primark or any Toy Stores.
- Tins/Tubs of chocolates.
- Boxes of biscuits or sweets

Please place them in a festive bag and bring to church by the last collecting date of **10<sup>th</sup> December**, so that they can be delivered to FIND.

A festive tree will be in church commencing **19th November** for four consecutive weeks from which you can collect your label's.

Once again thank you,

Gloria.



### Thank You

Following the very successful series of Autumn Concerts, we extend thanks to Mary Odam and all those who helped her with the after-performance catering. Providing a cup of tea and a cake makes a big contribution to people's enjoyment of the event and your help is very much appreciated.

## 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 :-

- Standing Orders.
- Inter-bank transfers.
- Pre-numbered weekly brown envelopes.
- Collection plate at each Sunday service.
- Our contactless terminal for debit & credit cards.
- White pre-printed envelopes for one-off Gift-aided donations, which need to be signed & dated, and with all the required information.
- The "Donate now" button on the Home page of our website <https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>
- Our QR code printed below, 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.

Rev'd. Alan  
Chris Gibson





## The Real Advent Calendar Last Orders!



It's less than 2 months to **ADVENT** so time to think about ordering **The Real Advent Calendar**

They are £4.50 again this year and if you would like to donate one to FIND please order with an 'F' by the number (and we will deliver for you).

There are some other lovely items which I am also willing to order for you:

- Christmas Blessings Milk Chocolate bar £3
- Host of Angels Tree decorations, 6 chocolate angels, sticker set and Christmas activity poster. £4.99
- A Meaningful Chocolate Orange, with Christingle features £ 3.50
- Reusable Real Advent Calendar ( with contents) £25

Please see more details about all of the above in the Church hall at 'coffee time' with order forms.

You can read more at [www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](http://www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk)

**Delivery is free if I order by 7th November so please sign-up by 5<sup>th</sup> November. Margaret M.**



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am - 4.00pm**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am – 12 noon.**

Please join us in the church and church hall for our annual sale, to meet friends and do some shopping!

Refreshments will be available both days including Ploughman's Lunch on Friday and Bacon Butties on Saturday morning, and coffee/tea and cake.

If you are able to help with setting up on Thursday afternoon or assisting on the sale days please let Ruth or Tricia know.

We still urgently need the following:

- Cakes and preserves please on the day or day before.
- Next to new and unwanted gifts
- Stationery, craft materials and Christmas items.
- Toiletries
- Draw Prizes

If you are able to donate items in advance, we will be very grateful for things to be brought in to church by 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Special visitor on Saturday morning – our local MP Dr Dan Poulter**

Ruth 01473 711872



### Lunch Club!



We are still looking for a cook to provide a main course and dessert for about 30 people.

This is **One Wednesday a Month** except in August.  
All help and support will be given.

**Phone Sue 01473 723957**



### 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)*




**Rushmere St Andrew's Church**

**Remembrance Service**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**10.00am**




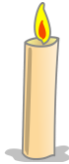

### Autumn House Groups – Exploring Paul's Ministry

- 14<sup>th</sup> November** Opposition in Macedonia (Acts 17: 1-15)  
**28<sup>th</sup> November** In front of the court at Athens (Acts 17: 22-34)  
**12<sup>th</sup> December** The Gospel in a Roman colony (Acts 18: 1-17)  
**23<sup>rd</sup> January** Paul at Ephesus (Acts 19: 1-10)  
**13<sup>th</sup> February (Shrove Tuesday)** Paul and the Ephesian Elders  
 (Acts 20: 17-38)

Contact: David Gill or Alan Comfort for details and booking in.  
[david@davidgill.co.uk](mailto:david@davidgill.co.uk)    [alancomfort11@gmail.com](mailto:alancomfort11@gmail.com)

**Join us at St Andrew's for a Service of Memories**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm**

Please bring friends and family members  
with you.

**Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council**



**Remembrance Service**

**Saturday 11th November at 10.45am**

We will be having a Remembrance Service on Saturday, 11th November beginning at 10.45 a.m. at St Andrew's Church in The Street, Rushmere

St Andrew, IP5 1DN. The service will be led by the Reverend Alan Comfort from St Andrew's Church and the Reverend Hazel Hunting, Minister from the Rushmere Baptist Church.



The service will be followed by free refreshments and entertainment at the St Andrew's Church Hall provided by the Parish Council in association with Communities Together East Anglia. The event will run from 12 noon – 2.00 p.m. and it is an opportunity for members of the community to get together in a safe, shared space to access useful information and enjoy some refreshments and light entertainment. The event is open to all ages and we welcome all members of the community to join us for the commemoration and event.

**Sunday 12th November at 6pm**

Join us for a Remembrance Water Tower Light Display together with free refreshments to see the Water Tower Light up with a poppy display. We will get together at Tower Hall, 5 Broadlands Way, Rushmere St Andrew, IP4 5WA where you can get a very good view of the water tower and enjoy some warm drinks while watching the display. This will be from 6pm until 8pm and all members of the community are welcome to attend.

## **HUMBUG AND HAPPINESS**

### **ADVENT HOUSEGROUP**

**Fridays from 24<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am – 12.00 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 Kings Speech during Lent, and hopefully this course will be as rewarding and enable us in the New Year to continue a fortnightly daytime Housegroup.

The First Session will be on November 24th, to watch the film together.

Chris Yule