

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 7th May
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60 John 14:1-4

Eucharist Prayer A

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Thursday 11th May

Genesis 8:13-19 Psalm 66:8-20 John 14:18-31

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 14th May
The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday**

Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Eucharist Prayer B

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 18th May – Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Luke 24:44-53



St Andrew's Rushmere

**Focus for Weeks
7th - 20th May**



This Sunday 10am Service

a Celebration of the Coronation at the Worship for All
Service followed by a Bring and Share Lunch
in the Church Hall



**St Andrew's Away Day Saturday 13th May
10am to 4pm.**

A new vicar, spring in the air and a key time for
St Andrew's - the theme for the day is
"Discussing the future together" - don't miss it!!!

Not far! to be held at Rushmere Baptist Church,
The Street, Rushmere. As there is limited parking it
would be useful if those that feel they can, use our
church parking and walk up the street.

Coffee and tea will be provided and there will be a
sign-up sheet in church. Lunch will be 'bring and share'
so please indicate on the sheet what you
are able to provide.

For additional information contact
Tim, Teresa or Revd Alan.



Help dreams come true this Christian Aid Week. Soaring costs are affecting people here and around the world. Families in Malawi are paying the price of this global crisis. Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in

price in the last 12 months. And hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather.

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for their crops, and build happier futures for their children.

Malawi is just one of the many countries where Christian Aid, with our support, aim to "Help dreams come true."

Christian Aid is St Andrew's May Charity of the Month running from Sunday 7th May.

Please accept the flyer given out at church, if you are able, place your donation in the envelope and hand in one Sunday by 28th May.

Gift Aid adds 25p to each £1 given.

Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week. Christian Aid won't stop until everyone has the chance to live a full life, free from poverty. They and their partner agencies are united in hope that, with your help, more young people will be able to transform their lives. Many thanks, Dianne and Parochial Giving Panel.

Jesus Christ, Superstar

Jesus Christ, Superstar is coming to the Regent next January.

If people would like to go as a group I will try and get a block booking for the Saturday 20th January matinee performance.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hall after services (in the vestry at other times). Please fill it in as soon as you can as I am hoping to book by the middle of May.

Tickets are priced from £15 to £48.50 - I have no idea what will be available when I book, so please give an indication of what your upper limit is on cost.

As there is no lift in the Regent I also need to know if you cannot manage stairs to the circle or if you need a wheelchair space.

Mary Odam

**The United Church Service is held
on Sunday 28th May at 6.30pm
at the Woodbridge Road Salvation Army
Citadel**

Spring 2023 Sunday Afternoon Concerts

After the recent series of Sunday afternoon concerts, we have been able to make a donation of £1,500 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance Service.

We convey our warm appreciation to all who supported these events and, more particularly, to Mary Odam and her friends who provided the unsurpassable refreshments afterwards. Look out for further concerts in the Autumn!

Lunch Club Cook

Owing to illness we do not have a cook for one Wednesday a month. Lunch Club is the highlight of many peoples' week. It would be a great shame to deprive our clients. Can you help?? Once a month cooking for about 30, (very appreciative) people.

All help and support given.

Contact: Sue Scotchmere 01473 723957

QR (Quick Response) Code

Due to severe loss of revenue to our church due to Covid the QR code will continue to be seen in Focus.

The code can be scanned using a mobile phone with a camera and will connect to:

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

Any queries please ask our Treasurer on 01473 724211, or a Church Warden.



Focus is also available and more on our website at:

<https://standrewschurchrushmere.onesuffolk.net>

Also find us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere



Mother's Union news

By the time you read this we shall have had our day at The Hut in Felixstowe. As I write we are ready to go tomorrow morning and are hoping for some sunshine to go with our Fish and Chips and Ice Cream!

We shall also have had the celebrations for the Coronation with the Hall decorated with colourful decorated crowns many of which were made by MU members.

Our main meeting is on Wednesday May 17th at 2.30 when we have a speaker from the charity 'Medical Detection Dogs'. We shall also have a Raffle.

As usual we welcome visitors to join in our meeting and also to join us for 'Knit and Natter' which is on the 1st Wednesday of every month so the next one is on June 7th.

Bible Study

The study group will meet on Zoom on **Tuesday 9th May at 7.45 pm**. We will be exploring Grace. Please contact David Gill, david@davidgill.co.uk

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

The next Focus is 21st May – 3rd June

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com or phone Gill Crisp 253743, or Claire Driver 623419

By 9pm Monday 15th May