

Readings and Collect for Sunday 9th April - Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-8, or Matthew 28:1-10

Eucharist Prayer D

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Readings for Thursday 13th April

Acts 3:11-end Luke 24:35-48

Readings and Collect for Sunday 16th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 J John 20:19-end

Eucharist Prayer E

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 20th April

Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-end

The next Focus is 23rd April - 6th May

Please email your items to standrewr@gmail.com
or phone Gill Crisp on 253743, or Claire Driver on 623419
by 9pm Monday 17th April



St Andrew's Rushmere

**Focus for Weeks
9th - 22nd April**



Easter Sunday Services

6.00am Dawn Service followed by breakfast
8.00am Holy Communion followed by second breakfast
10.00am Family Communion Service



Don't be afraid,
I know you are looking for Jesus
Who was crucified.
He is not here!
For He has been resurrected,
just as He said.
He is Risen!



Matthew 28

The Service of Induction for Reverend Alan Comfort Monday 17th April at 7.30pm

This service will take place at St Andrew's Church
and will be led by Bishop Mike.

Please come and support Alan as he starts
his new role within our parish and community.

All are very welcome.

Annual Meetings: at the meetings held on 23rd March 2023 the following people were elected:

Churchwardens: Teresa Rose and David Chaplin

Deputy Warden: Ruth Silburn

PCC Members: Claire Driver, Margaret Mellor, Mary Odam and Tim Oxbrow. David Gill was also appointed a member in his capacity as Reader.

Deanery Synod: Robin Brown and Hilary Platts.

We are very grateful to them for taking on these responsibilities, and our thanks to retiring PCC members Sue Scotchmere, Russell Scates and Gill Crisp, and Deanery Synod member Paul Hesketh. Our especial thanks to retiring Churchwarden Tim for all he has done over the last few years, and for seeing us through 2 vacancies during his watch – although he won't actually hand over the baton until the Archdeacon's Visitation in June!

People have been asking me where the bottle tops, which we are collecting end up?

Over the years they have helped charities fund wheelchairs, an eyesight charity in Africa, scout troop collected them for various charities. At present a lady in East Bergholt is collecting them to form part of softer surfaces in children's playgrounds.

If anyone gets to hear of any local charity which may require them, please let me know.

Can I remind people that it is not any old bottle tops, it has to be from plastic milk containers only, which are more pliable and have printed in the cap a triangle with the number 2 in it. This determines the quality of the plastic.

Many thanks Kevin Brazier.

Mother's Union.

Last month we had a very interesting talk by Simon Scott of the Children's Youth Ministry which is a local charity working with schools and young people in our local area.

In May we are going international with a talk about MAF-the Missionary Aviation Fellowship which promises to be another very inspiring talk. This is on Wednesday May 19th and, as always, visitors are welcome to join us for the afternoon.

We also have an extra activity in May. On May 2nd we are going to spend the day at The Hut in Felixstowe. The Hut is now run by a charity, it is on the sea front, (close to an ice cream kiosk!) We plan to get there mid-am for Coffee then have Fish and Chips for lunch and then Tea before coming home. There is a sign up list for this. We will arrange transport for those who need it.

On April 17th the Diocesan AGM of the MU takes place at 10am at the church of St Michael and All Angels Martlesham Heath. We hope that some of our members can attend.

We need to be aware that MU is not just our local branch but is a much wider organisation -in this country and worldwide.

A Prayer for the New Vicar

Lord, as we enter a new stage,
may you give us open hearts,
grace to grow in faith and prayer and
help us to serve you in our local community.

Lord, bless and equip Alan, who you are
preparing to lead here.

May he have vision and insight and a prayerful,
pastoral heart to serve young and old alike
in this community.

Services at St Andrew's

Every Sunday	08.00am	Holy Communion
1 st Sunday of the month	10.00am	Worship for All (Especially for families and children)
3 rd Sunday of the month	10.00am	Service of the Word
2 nd and 4 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Holy Communion
5 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Family Communion
Every Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Every 3 rd Sunday of the month	4.00pm	t@4
2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Sundays of the month	10.00am	Sunday School (Church Hall at term time)
4 th Sunday of the month	6.30pm	United Church Service
4 th Saturday of the month	8.30 – 10.00am	Prayer Breakfast (In the Church Hall)

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

ADVANCE NOTICE re Coronation Day

As I am sure everyone is aware the Coronation of King Charles 111 takes place on Saturday May 6th. Most of us can probably remember the Coronation of our late Queen, some of us may have been lucky enough to watch it on TV-or as I did on the Pathe News at the cinema a few weeks after!

We are planning an All Day Coronation Party for anyone who would like to come. The technology will be in place to show the TV footage in our Church Hall-thank you to the tech wizards who understand these things!

We will be open by 10am-tea/coffee and cake available-TV programme ongoing. After the ceremony we will serve lunch - What else but Coronation Chicken with Jacket potatoes and salad? (vegetarian option for those who request it) + a pudding. Then we will have scones and cream for those who stay till 3.30-4pm.

We will have a Sign-up list in church after Easter-obviously we need to have an accurate idea of numbers for catering purposes. We will hope to provide transport for those who need it.

We will ask for donations from those who attend to cover the costs of all the food.

We look forward to having a day to remember!
Tricia Tyler and Mary Odam

**The United Church Service is held
on Sunday 23rd April**

at St John's Church, Brightwell
Old Felixstowe Road, Brightwell
IP10 0BD

This is a message from the REAL EASTER EGG COMPANY:

As we entered 2023 we were unsure what it would bring. There were economic pressures, inflation and, sadly, Traidcraft ceased to trade.

We stuck to our belief that people should have a choice when giving Easter eggs and that The Real Easter Egg is a great way to share the Easter Story.

I am happy to say that people still agree. We have sold out of most of our eggs and have just a few left. This year, more than 130,000 Real Easter Eggs will be given and more than 450,000 people will read the Easter story, many for the first time.

You are part of a network which stretches from Orkney to Land's End, which covers all church traditions and which every year comes together to share the Easter story, support Fairtrade and charitable causes. So thank you and have a blessed Holy Week and Easter. David Marshall (Founder of Meaningful Chocolate).

AND a 'thank you' from me for all collecting your eggs and paying so promptly. ALSO a special 'thank you' to all who donated the 25 eggs to FIND Happy Easter to all the givers and receivers. MM

“He comes in the form of the beggar, of the
dissolute human child in ragged clothes,
asking for help. He confronts you in every
person that you meet.
As long as there are people,
Christ will walk the earth as your neighbour...”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

From the Tower

As I was leaving having rung a quarter peal, a member of the congregation asked about what we had just been ringing. On this occasion it was a quarter peal to celebrate the arrival of Liz's new grandson, Remy. Ringers are always looking for an excuse to ring quarter peals - but you might wonder what one is.

A peal is made up of all the different changes (orders of the bells) that can be rung on seven bells – that's 7 factorial, or 5040. We have only six bells so we need to ring each change 7 times to reach the required number for a peal or 42 times if we ring on five bells with a tenor “cover”). Peals take about 3 hours to ring and only the most dedicated ringers ring lots of them!

Quarter peals are far more manageable, but still a significant challenge for an inexperienced ringer. As you might guess they are only a quarter of the length, so 1260 changes. On our bells this takes about 40 minutes.

Where this is leading is that we would like to invite you to request a quarter peal. Perhaps you, or someone you know, has a significant birthday or anniversary, or maybe you would like a half-muffled quarter in memory of a loved one. All we ask is a donation to Church funds. You are welcome to come along and listen. Why not try and count the number of times an individual bell rings?



Going for Gold- Eco Church Award

We have registered for the final stage and have already made good progress with two toilets in the church and church hall twinned with ones in Malawi and Tanzania, renewed floodlighting and security lights outside the church and a plan to reduce our carbon emissions.

But you could help us further! – by improving our Lifestyle ratings. I have some Personal Lifestyle Audit forms which can be completed anonymously and confidentially if you are willing to take part? please ask me for one!

Eco tips for this month:

Most of the large supermarkets will now take clean plastic food packaging and crisp packets for recycling. I am investigating a collection service for empty medication blister foils.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Perhaps this would be a good time to look around your home to see what you have that could be resurrected. We are often keen to throw things away and get new ones, when we could probably upcycle instead. Old chairs, cupboards, tables may look a lot better sanded down and repainted. If you are very handy then you could just use the wood to make something else. Remember reuse, reduce, recycle!

Ruth

Thank you

The final note in the Spring season of Afternoon Concerts has died away, the last piece of cake has been consumed, and the last cup dried and put away. If you were one of the people who helped in any way, or simply attended the concerts - thank you very much. These events couldn't happen without you.

Coffee Morning



Saturday 15th April

10.00am – 11.30am

In the Church Hall



Drop in for refreshments, bring and buy stall and raffle



Quiz Night

Saturday 29th April

In the Church Hall-7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Cost £7.50,

which includes cheese ploughman's supper, soft drink, tea/coffee and cake.

Tables of 6

Contact: Sue 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.

