

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Esther 7:1-6, 9, 10:9, 20-22

Psalm 124 *Refrain: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

James 5:13-20      Mark 9:38-50

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you 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 for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420**

Nehemiah 8:1-12

Psalm 19:7-11 *Refrain: The commandment of the Lord is pure.*

Luke 10:1-12

**Readings and Collect for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving Festival. Worship for All.**

Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126 *Refrain: The Lord has indeed done great things for us.*

1 Timothy 2:1-7      Matthew 4:18-22

Creator God, You made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Malachi 3:13-4,2a

Psalm 1 *Refrain: The Lord knows the way of the righteous.*

Luke 11:5-13

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



**St Andrew's Rushmere**

**Focus for weeks**

**26<sup>th</sup> September - 9<sup>th</sup> October**



**Services at St Andrew's**

**Every Sunday at 8.00am Holy Communion**  
**(in the old end of church)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month at 10.00am Worship for All**  
**Non-Eucharistic Service**  
**(in the new end of church)**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10.00am Holy Communion**  
**(in the new end of church)**  
***Any 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month will be Holy Communion***

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



**T @ 4 is on 17<sup>th</sup> October and is now held**  
**every third Sunday of the month indoors**

Come along to a gathering  
for worship and tea.

Refreshments are provided.

Everyone welcome and is especially  
suitable for families and children.



To read more about the services and updates please visit our website at: <https://rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com> Focus is available on our website along with a link to our online services via YouTube.

You can also find us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/standrew.rushmere>

## 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  
Rodger and Mary, Betty  
Nephat, Ann  
Mark, Fiona,  
Renee, Tim  
Margaret.

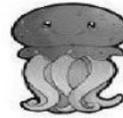
For those recently Died:  
Margaret Cox, Fr Aidan May CR



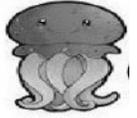
## Mothers' Union

On the 15<sup>th</sup> September Val Jeffries came to tell us of her time as President of the Mothers' Union for this area. She told of stories from many of the other delegates at the annual world-wide conferences she has attended. It was very interesting.

Our next meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> Graham Platts will be talking to us about Oman. At 2.30pm in the church.



## Harvest Event Fun Craft Activities for Children



Join us to celebrate Harvest with Harvest of the sea based craft activities and food.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 2.30 – 5.30pm**

Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you stay with your child please book an adult space as we are limiting the number of people in our buildings as part of our Coronavirus control measures.

Please book by contacting Alison Byard by 26<sup>th</sup> September at: [rushmeresundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:rushmeresundayschool@gmail.com)

## Youth Club Helpers Needed

Our Youth Club at St Andrew's is in need of more helpers; 18 years and over. Two references would need to be provided and also undergo a DBS check, it is a role which involves regular contact with children. Interested, or know someone who is? Please contact Penny Braybrooke at: [yfworkerstar@gmail.com](mailto:yfworkerstar@gmail.com)

## EGG BOXES AND MARGARINE TUBS

Very many thanks for all the empty egg boxes and margarine tubs donated for FIND and TWAM respectively. They have been very well received and put to good use. We do still need margarine tubs, so please continue to bring them, but for the time being we have enough egg boxes so we will advertise again when we'll commence collecting these. Thank you.

## Bible Study - Gold for A King: Aspects of Jesus

These three online studies will explore aspects of Jesus through the lens of the gifts brought by the wise men (The Magi): gold, frankincense and myrrh.

[9] ... And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. [10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. [11] And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, **gold and frankincense and myrrh**. [12] And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. (ESV)

### Matthew 2:9–12

The group will meet using Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm.

#### Tuesday 12 October, 7.45 pm

Jesus, our King: 'Gold I bring to crown him again'.

Study: John 18:33–40.

#### Tuesday 9 November, 7.45 pm

Jesus, Son of God: 'Incense owns a Deity nigh'.

Study: John 20:24–31.

#### Tuesday 7 December, 7.45 pm

Jesus, God in Human Form: 'Sealed in the stone-cold tomb'.

Study: John 19:38–42.

All are welcome.

For further information and to obtain joining details, please email David Gill [david@davidgill.co.uk](mailto:david@davidgill.co.uk)

Please email your items for Focus to [standrewr@gmail.com](mailto:standrewr@gmail.com)  
or telephone Claire Driver on 623419, or 07971 334142,  
or Gill Crisp on 253743, or 07776 467999  
**by 9pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October deadline**  
**Next Focus is 10<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

## Friends Round Friday – Volunteers Needed

Friends Round Friday is a Rushmere Good Neighbour Scheme which is held every Friday at 2pm to 3.30pm at Dumbarton Road Scout Hall, Ipswich, IP4 3JP. Supported by local churches; including Rushmere Community Church, Rushmere Baptist Church, Colchester Road Baptist Church and St Andrew's.

It offers chat, companionship, free refreshments, books, games, puzzles, a toddler corner and a children's clothing swap on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month.

Volunteers are needed from St Andrew's. If you would like some more information, or are interested in volunteering please contact Michelle on 07570 093097, or email: [michelle.msmljones@ntlworld.com](mailto:michelle.msmljones@ntlworld.com)

## Different Ways of Giving

Due to a severe loss of income to our church as a result of the Covid pandemic (£14,000 and counting) we are exploring additional ways of raising funds.

One way is to display a QR code, (shown below) at the entrances to the church which, when scanned by an appropriate mobile phone, will connect to the 'Give-a-Little' page linked to our website.

Another way is to use a Contactless card terminal, which will enable people to give using credit or debit cards. Our Diocese is very kindly loaning us a terminal to try for a year free of charge, and it will be available for us to use very soon.

These are just more modern ways for people to donate to our church, and will add to the more traditional methods our congregation is used to. If you have a query, please ask our Treasurer, or a Warden.



**Annual Bring and Buy Sale RTU  
– our Charity we support in India  
26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

A big thank you to all those who have already donated goods and/or offered to help on either day, or with preparing. We are very grateful and are hoping to continue the success of previous years – so please make a note of the dates and come and support us!

A reminder of the stalls we are planning and would appreciate further donations:

- Books and stationery
- Puzzles and toys
- Unwanted gifts
- Cakes and Preserves (near the day)
- Toiletries
- Next to new bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts
- Craft materials

We especially would like more prizes for the draw and tombola.

Please contact Gloria Woolner on 01473 725470 who is organising the tombola if you would like to donate, or Ruth Silburn on 01473 711872 if you have items to be collected. Alternatively Jenny Coe on 01473 610292, who has kindly offered some storage!

We will be sharing more information in November and look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you.  
Ruth Silburn.

**Sunday Afternoon Concerts**

If you're reading this for the first time on Sunday 26 September, then please come along to this afternoon's concert from 3 - 4pm. Royal Academy of Music student and prizewinning pianist Nil Mladin will be launching the autumn series with a performance of Beethoven's mighty 'Waldstein' Sonata and Chopin's Sonata in B flat minor (the one with the famous Funeral March as its slow movement). Admission is free, with a retiring collection in aid of St Andrew's Church Roof Appeal, and there are refreshments afterwards.

Speaking of refreshments, we are in urgent need of people to help with the organising, serving, and provision of these, so if you are able to help out by baking a cake or two, or volunteering your time and tea-making talents for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon over the next few weeks, please contact either Alan Loader (01473 727274 and [alan@rushstan.plus.com](mailto:alan@rushstan.plus.com)) or Graham Platts (01473 724456 and [gcplatts@fastmail.net](mailto:gcplatts@fastmail.net)).

The concert on Sunday 3 October will be given by the recently-formed vocal consort Helmingham Voices, who are singing music by Elgar, Josquin, Monteverdi, Palestrina and Vaughan Williams among others. For details of the other concerts in the series, which runs until 24 October, please visit [www.rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com/concerts](http://www.rushmerestandrews.wordpress.com/concerts) and/or [www.facebook.com/rushmeremusic](http://www.facebook.com/rushmeremusic), or pick up a leaflet in church.

**Alan Loader**

