



# The Parish of Upper Coquetdale

Alnham,  
Alwinton,  
Hepple,  
Holystone,  
Rothbury,  
Thropton

**Sunday 10th August - Trinity 8**

**10.30am All Saints, Rothbury—Eucharist**

**N.B. There are no other services in the Parish of Upper Coquetdale this morning**

**Parish Safeguarding Officer :** Gail Johnson 07733379270

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Please contact Gail with any safeguarding concerns.

**The Rector: Position currently in vacancy**

**Lay Ministers :**

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**Clergy with permission to officiate :**

Rev'd. Captain John Storey , Canon Bob Burston, Rev'd. Dr. Rosie Stacey, Rev'd. John Wylam

**Parish Hall Bookings between 5th—23rd August please contact [parish123@btinternet.com](mailto:parish123@btinternet.com)**

To discuss Weddings or Funerals, please contact the numbers below

For all other enquiries please contact David Carey who will put you in touch with the relevant Churchwarden.

David Carey: 01669 621635

Canon Bob Burston 01669 650160

## Tea Party at Cove Bank, Hillside West,

Rothbury 10th August at 3pm to raise money for St Andrew's Thropton. Parking will be available next door at Antons Folly.

Sadly, Garden not suitable for the infirm or children.

**£5 entrance includes tea and a slice of cake**

## VJ Day Friday 15th August

There is to be a special service at the War Memorial at 10.45am with Rev'd Dr Ann Peters and David Carey.

## Alnham Church Summer Lunch

St Michael & All Angels, Alnham NE66 4TL

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 12.30 for 13.30

Pimms on arrival followed by a Summer Lunch

Tickets £25 per person – Children up to 12 Free

Payment: BACS: Please state name on BACS as reference

Acc: 34157460 Sort Code: 30-99-50

Cheques payable to Alnham District Church Council

RSVP no later than 15<sup>th</sup> August – inc. any special dietary requirements

Please contact [jenny@alnhamfarm.co.uk](mailto:jenny@alnhamfarm.co.uk) 07736486357

Cash Bar

## Sunday 10th August - Trinity 8

**10.30 All Saints, Rothbury** - The Rev'd Canon Thomas Woodhouse assisted by Rev'd Captain John Storey see notice below

**No other service in the Anglican churches this morning**

**Wednesday 13th August 9.30am All Saints, Rothbury** Rev'd Christine Purnell

**Wednesday 13th August @4pm Historical Tours (ACE Cultural Tours) visiting All Saints, Rothbury**

**Friday 15th August VJ Day—service at the War Memorial Rothbury at 10.45**

## Sunday 17th August—Trinity 9

**9am Christ Church Hepple** - Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

**10.30am All Saints Rothbury—**Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

**10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton** Rev'd Zoe Heming

**Wednesday 20th August All Saints, Rothbury 9.30am** Rev'd Christine Purnell

**No Messy Church Today—Holiday—we return on Sunday**

## Sunday 24th August - Trinity 10

**9am St Andrews, Thropton** - Canon Bob Burston

**10.30am All Saints, Rothbury** - Canon Bob Burston

**10.30 St Mary the Virgin, Holystone** - Rev'd Diane Whitaker

**17.30pm Evening Prayer—All Saints, Rothbury—**David Carey

## UCCT Date for your Diary:

'Walk through the bible New Testament' in the URC church on Saturday 4th October led by Paul Keelys

**Coffee Morning Saturday 9th August 10am—12 noon**  
All Saints, Rothbury



Run by the Mothers Union.

Please support this fundraising event.

## Visit by Rev'd Canon Thomas Woodhouse

Chaplain, The King's Chapel of the Savoy within the Duchy of Lancaster  
Chaplain of the Royal Victorian Order  
Deputy Priest-in-Ordinary to H.M The King

Thomas is to visit the parish during the weekend of **Fri 8th - Mon 11th August and will be presiding at All Saints, on 10th August followed by light refreshments. He will also be visiting the Coffee Morning in All Saints on Saturday 9th August for anyone who wishes to meet him but can't make it on Sunday.**

Thomas is on the appointment panel for the appointment of a New Rector in The Parish of Upper Coquetdale. Any appointment has to be approved by the Duchy of Lancaster.

**Tea/coffee and Light refreshments are being provided following the service—no contributions required.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for world leaders: that God may grant them wisdom to make just decisions which respect the earth and all that lives in it, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable. Amen  
(slife.org) submitted by Liz Cummings.

**Our Eco Churches encourage us to:**

**Work with other organisations on environmental and climate justice issues.**

## Sunday 10th August - Trinity 8

### Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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.

### First Reading : **Isaiah 1. 1, 10—20**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

### Second Reading: **Hebrews 11. 1-3,8-16**

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### Gospel Reading: **Luke 12. 32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

### Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.