

Sunday 21st September - St Matthew (Trinity 14)

9am Christ Church, Hepple 10.30am All Saints, Rothbury
10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton
4pm Messy Church - Parish Rooms

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The Rector: Position currently in vacancy

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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

**Funeral of Isobel Blakey of Rothbury at
West Road Crematorium 6th October
officiated by Canon Bob Burston**

Family only

Please pray for Isobel's family and friends



Messy Church



Sunday 21st Sept at 4pm—Parish Rooms

Messy Church is an informal session including six crafts all based on one Christian theme, a brief child friendly worship session followed by tea. Families learn about their faith in a non-threatening environment where they are free to be themselves.

All ages welcome—come along and give it a try!

SEASON OF CREATION 1st September - 4th October

Heavenly Father, We acknowledge with gratitude the mysterious gift of ripened grain and the simple goodness of a loaf of bread. We give thanks for the seed, the soil, the rain and the sun, and for the joyful hope of a bountiful harvest. Give to all people the nourishment they need for their souls and bodies.

Praying for the Earth – Rob Kelsey Submitted by Liz Cummings

Our Eco Churches encourage us to: step outside and spend time with nature and dedicate this time to God as the Creator.

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9am Christ Church Hepple - Rev'd Ian Knox

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury - Rev'd Ian Knox

10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton - Rev'd Diane Whitaker

4pm Messy Church Parish Rooms—All welcome

Wednesday 24th September 9.30am All Saints, Rothbury
Rev'd Dr Rosie Stacey

Sunday 28th September—Trinity 15

9am St Andrew's Thropton Canon Bob Burston

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury—Harvest Festival -Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone Canon Bob Burston
17.30pm All Saints, Rothbury Evening Prayer—Margaret Pope

Wednesday 1st October 9.30am All Saint's Rothbury - Rev'd Christine Purnell

Sunday 5th October Trinity 16

9am Christ Church, Hepple Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury—Morning Prayer David Carey
Followed by the Produce Stall

11am St Michael & All Angels - Harvest Festival followed by pooled lunch - Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alnham = Canon Bob Burston

17.00 Deanery Evensong at Chevington

6th October 2—3pm Bible Study in the Parish Rooms

Wednesday 8th October 9.30am All Saints, Rothbury Rev'd Canon Philip Bourne

Sunday 12th October Trinity 17

9am St Andrews, Thropton Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone Rev'd Christine Purnell

Wednesday 15th October 9.30am Rev'd Christine Purnell

Harvest Festivals

All Saints Rothbury Sunday 28th September at 10.30am—
please bring contributions of packets or tins which will be donated to the Food Bank.

St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton Harvest Festival - Sunday 5th October at 11am followed by a pooled lunch

UCCT Walk through the bible

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

10am—4.30pm Ticket price £14 free for 11—17 year olds

Please bring a packed lunch Doors will be open from 9.30am
Tickets are available from: Alison Ball, Roz Brench and Roger Coley

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Collect

O almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading : **Proverbs 3 v13-18**

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 4 v 1-6**

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 9 v 9-13**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.