

Sunday 21st December 4th Sunday in Advent
9am Christ Church, Hepple
10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton - Carol Service
3pm Messy Church Parish Rooms, Rothbury

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Please contact Gail with any safeguarding concerns.

The Rector: Position currently in vacancy

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

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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

Joan Storey is requesting clothes for next years 'Gladrags' Sale. If you are sorting out cupboards etc please pass good quality items to Joan Storey she is happy to store them out of your way. Please clearly mark items with the size. Thank you

Messy Church

Christmas Messy Church Session
Sunday 21st December
in the Parish Rooms Rothbury
at the new time of 3pm

I hope you are able to come along and experience this family friendly worship/craft session. All are welcome!



FAMILY CEILIDH



Family Ceilidh

Sunday 28th December 4—6pm

Harbottle Village Hall

£8 per family

Any profit will be donated to Alwinton & Holystone Churches
 Feel free to bring your own refreshments

We praise you for the Word made flesh, for heaven come down to earth and earth raised up to heaven. Being found in human form, Christ embodied his love for the material world. Help us, like him, to care for the earth of which we are part and to give substance to our concern for the environment.

Praying for the Earth – Rob Kelsey submitted by Liz Cummings.

Our Echo Churches encourage us to:
calculate our own Carbon Footprint at
www.climatestewards.org

Saturday 20th December 11am Carols at the Mart.

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9am Christ Church, Hepple - Rev'd Ian Knox

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury - Canon Bob Burston

10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton Carol Service

Rev'd Ian Knox

3pm Messy Church Christmas Session—Parish Rooms

6.30pm UCCT Carol Service at All Saints, Rothbury - David Carey

Monday 22nd December 1.30pm - Funeral of Mrs Helen Murray at All Saints, Rothbury, followed by internment at Rothbury Cemetery - David Carey

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th December

10.30am St Michael & All Angels Alwinton - Crib Service with Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

4.00pm Crib Service - All Saints Rothbury, Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

18.00pm St Michael & All Angels, Alnham Rev'd Captain John Storey

11.30pm Midnight Mass All Saints, Rothbury Rev'd Captain John Storey

Christmas Day— Thursday 25th December

9am Christ Church, Hepple Rev'd Captain John Storey

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury Rev'd Captain John Storey

11am St Michael & All Angels Alwinton Canon Bob Burston

Sunday 28th December The Holy Innocents

9am St Andrew's 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 Captain John Storey

Wednesday 31st December 9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

Sunday 4th January Christmas 2

9am Christ Church, Hepple Rev'd Captain John Storey

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury Morning Prayer—David Carey

10.30am St Michael & All Angels Alwinton Rev'd Captain John Storey

10.30am St Michael & All Angels Alnham—tba

Monday 5th January Bible Study 2—3pm—Parish Rooms with David Carey—please bring along a bible

Please sign the Communal Christmas Card at the back of All Saints, Rothbury and help save the planet—Liz Cummings

Notice from the Flower Ladies

The Flower Ladies in Rothbury would be very grateful for donations towards the cost of Christmas Flowers in All Saints. Donations may be given to: Francis Smallman or Margaret Sinclair



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Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading : Isaiah 7 v10 - 16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test."

Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste."

Second Reading: Romans 1 v1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God, by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1 v18—25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.