

Sunday 28th December -The Holy Innocents
9am St Andrew's Thropton **10.30am All Saints, Rothbury**
10.30am St Mary the Virgin Holystone

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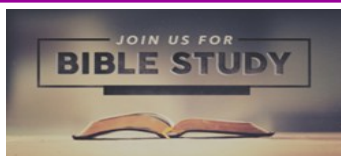
Joan Storey is requesting clothes for next years 'Gladrags' Sale. If you are sorting out cupboards etc please pass good quality items to Joan Storey she is happy to store them out of your way. Please clearly mark items with the size. Thank you

Produce Stall

There is no produce Stall in January
Normal service will be resumed on the 1st February 26

Bible Study

Monday 5th January 2—3pm
in The Parish Rooms
Please bring along a bible



FAMILY CEILIDH



Family Ceilidh
Sunday 28th December 4—6pm
Harbottle Village Hall
£8 per family

Any profit will be donated to Alwinton & Holystone Churches

Heavenly Father, We thank you for sabbath moments in the busyness of our lives. May we have time to stand and stare, to reflect on the beauty of creation, and to appreciate the many blessings of this life. Help us to be satisfied with enough, and to live within our means in relation to the earth. Amen.
Praying for the Earth – Rob Kelsey submitted by Liz Cummings.

Our Echo Churches encourage us to:
eat more plant-based food.

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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 Christine Purnell

Wednesday 31st December 9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne
Sunday 4th January Epiphany - 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—Rev'd Christine Purnell

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

Wednesday 7th January - All Saints, Rothbury.

9am Morning prayer
9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Canon dr Philip Bourne

Sunday 11th January - Baptism of Christ

9am St Andrew's Thropton Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne
10.30am All Saints, Rothbury tba
10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne.

Wednesday 14th January - All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Eucharist - Rev'd Canon Dr Phillip Bourne

Warm Hub All Saints, Rothbury

Parish Rooms

Every Friday Morning
from 2nd January 10—12 noon
For anyone who would like some warmth, coffee, tea, and biscuits and someone to talk to. There is no charge.



Saturday 10th January

Coffee Morning 10—12 noon
All Saints, Rothbury



Notice from the Flower Ladies

The Flower Ladies in Rothbury to thank everyone who donated towards the cost of flowers for Christmas at All Saints—the church looked really beautiful this year. Well done to all involved.



Sunday 28th December - 4th The Holy Innocents

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs establish your reign of justice and peace; 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.

First Reading : Jeremiah 31 v15 - 17

Thus says the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the LORD: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the LORD: your children shall come back to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1 v26 - 29

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2 v 13 - 18

When the Magi had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realised that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ in your humility you have stooped to share our human life with the most defenceless of your children: may we who have received these gifts of your passion rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents to the purity of your sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.