

Sunday 25th January 26 - Conversion of Paul (Epiphany 3)

9am St Andrew's Thropton

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury—Eucharist

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone

17.30pm Evening Prayer—All Saints, Rothbury

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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

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Curry Night

At Netherton Village Hall

Friday 30th January at 7.30pm

Tickets £20

Contact Sharon 07780463807

100 Club Renewal is now due

Everyone is welcome to join. A draw takes place every month. You could win up to £460 in twelve months, Monies raised goes towards the upkeep of our three churches at this end of the valley.

Would you like to have a number - £12 for 6 months

Contact Sandy on 07978591559

Warm Hub All Saints, Rothbury

Parish Rooms

Every Friday Morning until Lent Lunches

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.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the integrity and diversity of all living creatures. Enlarge within us a sense of fellowship with our brothers and sisters, the animals, with whom we share the earth, and who love the life you give us. Grant us compassion in our dealings with all creatures great and small. **Amen**

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

Our Echo Churches encourage us to:

Reduce waste – buy less.

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9am St Andrew's, Thropton - Rev'd Ric Waite

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury - Rev'd Ric Waite

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone Rev'd Dr Rosie Stacey

16.00pm Café Church—Harbottle

17.30pm All Saints, Rothbury Evening Prayer - David Carey

Wednesday 28th January - All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

Thursday 29th January Interment of Mr Chris Small at Rothbury cemetery at 2pm - David Carey

Friday 30th January - Curry Night at Netherton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Sunday 1st February - Presentation of Christ

9am Christ Church, Hepple The Venerable Dr Catherine Sourbut Groves

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury - Morning Prayer David Carey followed by the Produce Stall.

10.30am St Michael & All Angels Alwinton - Venerable Dr Catherine Sourbut Groves.

10.30am St Michael & All Angels Alnham - Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

2nd February Bible Study 2—3 pm in the Parish Rooms with David Carey—please bring along a bible

Wednesday 4th February All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

Sunday 8th February 2nd before Lent

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 11th February— All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Rev'd Dr Ann Peters



Produce Stall is back!

Every First Sunday in the month

in All Saints, Rothbury

following the morning service.

Stock up on both sweet and savoury treats!

Marmalade Season is with us once again.

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Collect

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 1 v4 - 10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms.'

Second Reading: Acts 9 v1 –22

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19 v27 - 30

Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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.