

Sunday 1st February - Presentation of Christ in Temple

9am Christ Church, Hepple 10.30am All Saints, Rothbury—Morning Prayer
10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton
10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alnham

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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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Lent Lunches

In the URC Church, Rothbury 12 noon until 1.30pm

6th March run by URC

13th March run by Anglican Churches

20th March run by Armstrong Hall

Everyone is welcome to enjoy soup and rolls followed by cake, coffee or tea

Please consider making a donation of £5 for Christian Aid

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.



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

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9am Christ Church, Hepple The Venerable Dr Catherine Soubut 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

Sunday 15th February Sunday next before Lent

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

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

10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton tba

15.00pm Messy Church - Parish Rooms

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**

Heavenly Father, we pray for guidance in the global economy. We give thanks for the diversity of foods and products available to us, and remember those who provide the goods that we enjoy. Help us to support the principles of fair trade and to practice it in our daily lives.

Amen

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

**Our Echo Churches encourage us to:
Reduce waste – choose durable items.**



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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading : Malachi 3 v1-5

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2 v14 - 18

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2 v22 - 40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons".

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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