

Sunday 8th March - Lent 3

9am St Andrew's Thropton (BCP)

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone

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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

Rothbury Parish Rooms Bookings - Kathryn Reynolds: 01669 620784

For the period between 11th March and 31st March any bookings or enquiries regarding the Parish Rooms should be made to parish123@btinternet.com

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

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

Funeral of Dorothy Gutherson, Monday 9th March at 1.00pm in All Saints, Rothbury. Followed by internment at Rothbury Cemetery. Officiated by Canon Bob Burston

Please pray for Dorothy's friends and family at this sad time

The Church Electoral Roll for the Parish will be undergoing its annual revision in April. If you are not already on the Roll, we would encourage you to join. The 2025 Roll and the application forms are at the back of each church. Completed forms should be handed to a Church Warden no later than Sunday 22nd March. If you have filled out a form since 2025 you do not need to complete another one.

Margaret Pope Parish Electoral Roll Officer

Heavenly Father, we pray for a world free of litter, for clean streets and pavements, country roads and lay-bys. Change the hearts and minds of those who drop litter without a care, and those who deliberately flout the law. Help us to protect the natural world from the selfishness of the human race. Amen.

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

Our Eco Churches encourage us to: Join a local Litter Pick during The Great British Spring Clean 13-29 March.

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9am St Andrew's Thropton (BCP) The Venerable Dr Catherine Sourbut Groves

10.30am All Saints Rothbury - Rev'd Diane Whitaker

10.30am St Mary the Virgin Holystone - The Venerable Dr Catherine Sourbut Groves

Monday 9th March 1pm—funeral Dorothy Gutherson at All Saints, Rothbury followed by internment at Rothbury Cemetery—officiated by Canon Bob Burston

Wednesday 11th March All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

Friday 13th March—Lent Lunch 12—1.30pm in URC

Saturday 14th March—Coffee Morning 10am All Saints

Sunday 15th March - Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

9am Christ Church, Hepple—Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

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

3pm Messy Church - Parish Rooms, all welcome!

Wednesday 18th March

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

Sunday 22nd March Lent 5

9am St Andrew's Thropton Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury Rev'd Ian Knox

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

16.00pm Café Church, Harbottle Village Hall—All welcome

17.00pm Evening Prayer All Saints, Rothbury—Reader

Sunday 29th March UCCT service 10.30am in All Saints,

Easter Flowers

Donations towards the cost of easter flowers in All Saints, Rothbury would be very welcome.

Please contact Margaret Sinclair or Francis Smallman if you can help.

Coffee Morning



Saturday 14th March
10am—12 noon in
All Saints, Rothbury

All Saints are responsible for the Lent Lunch in the URC on Friday 13th March

Liz Cummings is coordinating this, we need soups, cakes and helpers
Please contact Liz Cummings 01669 504018



World Day of Prayer Service

The theme is **I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME!**
(Written by Nigeria)

At 2pm on Friday 6th March in All Saints,
the speaker is Rev'd Dr Ann Peters and the choir of Dr. Tomlinson's Middle School will be performing.
Please come along and support this important event.

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Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life 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 : Exodus 17 v 1– 7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Second Reading : Romans 5 v 1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading: John 4 v 5 - 42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord

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