

Sunday 22nd March - Lent 5 (Passiontide Begins)
9am St Andrew's Thropton 10.30am All Saints, Rothbury
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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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

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Lent Lunches

In the URC Church, Rothbury 12 noon until 1pm
Friday 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

Gladraggs Sale

We are collecting good quality previously loved clothing for both men and woman for the Gladraggs Sale in July. Please hunt out any clothing you could donate and give them to Joan Storey or place in the outer vestry in All Saints. Please include a label indicating the size.

Annual District Meeting for Rothbury, Hepple and Thropton
The ADM will be held on Wednesday 25th March in Rothbury Parish Rooms at 6.30pm.

The paperwork for this meeting can be found at the back of each church from Sunday 15th March or electronically by emailing parish123@btinternet.com

You are encouraged to think and pray about putting your name forward for election onto the RHT DCC. Please speak to your church wardens for further information:

Lesley Cowe: Thropton, Sue Bowmer: Rothbury
Margy Tasker-Brown: Hepple

Heavenly Father, We give thanks for St. Cuthbert and all the northern saints. As they lived in harmony with the environment, may we also acknowledge your presence in the natural world. Open our eyes to the wonders of creation and help us to delight in the rhythm of times and seasons.

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

Our Eco Churches encourage us to: Avoid peat-based compost.

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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

17.30pm Evening Prayer All Saints, Rothbury—Reader

Sunday 29th March UCCT service - Palm Sunday

10.30am in All Saints, Rothbury - Canon Bob Burston

There is no other service in the Coquet Valley this morning

Wednesday 1st April All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Christine Purnell

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

18.30pm All Saints, Rothbury - Rev'd Captain John Storey

18.30pm St Mary the Virgin Holystone - Canon Bob Burston

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

10am Messy Church - Parish Rooms and completion of the Easter Garden in All Saints, Rothbury.

11am -UCCT Walk of Witness followed by refreshments in the URC

13.00pm Easter Garden in St Michael & All Angels Alwinton

14.00pm All Saints, Rothbury—Good Friday Liturgy

Rev'd Captain John Storey

14.00pm St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton - Good Friday

Liturgy - Canon Bob Burston

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

9am Christ Church, Hepple - Rev'd Capain John Storey

10.30am All Saint's Rothbury - Rev'd Captain John Storey

10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton - Canon Bob

Burston

10.30am St Michael & All Angels Alnham tba

Wednesday 8th April - All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Rev'd Christine Purnell

Produce Stall—There is no produce stall on Easter Day in All Saints—apologies—back as usual on First Sunday in May.

Annual General Meeting for Alwinton and Holystone

will take place on Sunday 12th April in St Mary's Holystone following the morning service.

Please support this important meeting.

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.



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Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 : Ezekiel 37 v1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Second Reading : Romans 8 v6 - 11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading: John 11 v1-45

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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