



# The Parish of Upper Coquetdale

Alnham,  
Alwinton,  
Hepple,  
Holystone,  
Rothbury,  
Thropton

**Sunday 3rd May – 5th Sunday of Easter**  
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

**Parish Safeguarding Officer :** Gail Johnson 07733379270  
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**The Rector: Position currently in vacancy**  
**Lay Ministers :**  
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John Farndale [farndoc@doctors.org.uk](mailto:farndoc@doctors.org.uk)  
**Clergy with permission to officiate :**  
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

**Sunday 3rd May— Easter 5**  
9am Christ Church, Hepple BCP—Rev'd Dr Ann Peters  
10.30am All Saints, Rothbury Morning Prayer - David Carey—**followed by the Produce Stall**  
10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton Rev'd Dr Ann Peters  
10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alnham— Captain The Reverend Dominic Holroyd LD Of Catterick Barracks along with the Light Dragoons.  
**Wednesday 6th May—All Saints, Rothbury**  
9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Eucharist

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

**Sunday 10th May—Easter 6**  
9am St Andrew's Thropton BCP—Rev'd Zoe Heming  
10.30am All Saints Rothbury—Rev'd Zoe Heming  
10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone—Canon Bob Burston—Christian Aid  
**Wednesday 13th May - All Saints, Rothbury**  
9am Morning Prayer - David Carey  
9.30am Eucharist— Rev'd Dr Rosie Stacey  
**Thursday 14th May—Assension at Holystone Well – (weather permitting) Canon Bob Burston**  
**Sunday 17th May—Easter 7**  
9am Christ Church Hepple—Rev'd Ian Knox  
10.30am All Saints, Rothbury - Rev'd Dr Rosie Stacey  
10.30 St Michael & All Angels , Alwinton - Rev'd Ian Knox  
**Wednesday 20th May—Alcuin All Saints, Rothbury**  
9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Eucharist—Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

**Gladdraggs Sale**  
We are planning to hold another sale of good quality previously loved clothes on the weekend of the Music Festival. Please start sorting out your wardrobes and consider donating good quality items to the sale. Clothes may be left in the outer vestry in All Saints, Rothbury, clearly marked with their size or you can also donate by contacting Joan Storey on 01669 640221  
[joanstorey@coquetdale.net](mailto:joanstorey@coquetdale.net)



**Coffee Morning Saturday 9th May 10am—12 noon**  
All Saints, Rothbury  
Raffle, Cakes/Produce, Plants, Bric a brac  
Tea coffee and hot chocolate available  
Bell Ringers and The guides will also have a stall



Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4pm a group meets in the churchyard to work on the herb garden. Volunteers are always appreciated—you are most welcome to join us

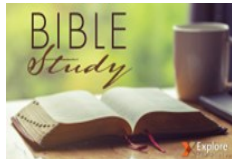
Creator God, You have given us a beautiful world, wonderfully diverse in its plant and animal life. Help us to involve ourselves in its nurture. Give us the courage to speak out against all that would harm our planet, and the commitment to keep it safe. Amen  
From MU Prayer Diary 2026 submitted by Liz Cummings.  
**Our Eco Churches encourage us to: when using a washing machine, ensure there is a full load.**

**Week Beginning 10th May - 16th May Christian Aid Week**



**Fund Raising for Mother's Union**  
Liz Cummings is going to climb Cheviot in order to raise money for the Mother's Union and would like to ask members of the congregation to sponsor her . At the ripe old age of nearly 78 it will take some effort on her part. Sponsorship forms will be left on the Mother's Union Table at the back of All Saints. or phone Liz directly on 07849403316

**Bible Study—Tuesday 5th May**  
In the Parish Rooms 2pm—3pm  
With Alison Ball  
Please bring along a bible



## Sunday 3rd May— 5th Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

### First Reading Acts 7 v55 –60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### Second Reading 1 Peter 2 v2 - 10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### Gospel John 14. v1– 14

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.