

## Sunday 19th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

9am Christ Church, Hepple      10.30am All Saints, Rothbury  
 10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton

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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

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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### Parish Upper Coquetdale Annual General Meeting Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm at Hepple Village Hall

Copies of the Agenda, Minutes and Reports and Nomination Forms are available at the back of each Church from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. We have vacancies for Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and Lay Members. If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please speak to a churchwarden.

Electronic copies of all paperwork including nomination forms are available – please email:

[toni\\_smith@talktalk.net](mailto:toni_smith@talktalk.net)

**If you require transport to Hepple, a churchwarden will be able to arrange this for you.**

#### Churchwardens

Jenny Sordy & Christine Nicholson (Alnham), Julia Stott (Alwinton), Marion Farndale & Helen Holmes (Holystone), Sue Bowmer (Rothbury), Margy Tasker-Brown (Hepple), Lesley Cowe (Thropton).

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Earth Day)

We than You Lord, for all your bounteous gifts on earth, all left in our care. We pray for people affected by climate change, facing failed crops, famine, disease and homelessness caused by natural disasters. Give your guidance to global leaders that they may reach just and fair decisions for the good of Your world and its people. Amen

From MU Prayer Diary 2026\_\_Submitted by Liz Cummings.

**Our Eco Churches encourage us to:  
Switch to eco cleaning products.**

### Sunday 19th April- Easter 3

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

**10.30am All Saints, Rothbury** - The Venerable Dr Catherine Sourbut Groves

**10.30am St Michael and All Angels, Alwinton** Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

**3pm Messy Church—Parish Rooms**

### Wednesday 22nd April All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

**Friday 24th April 2pm - Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Tom Mason at All Saints, Rothbury. Officiated by Rev'd Dr Rosie Stacey**

### Sunday 26th April—Easter 4

**9am St Andrew's Thropton** Rev'd Christine Purnell

**10.30am All Saints, Rothbury** Rev'd Christine Purnell

**10.30am St Mary the Virgin Holystone** Rev'd Diane Whittaker

**17.30am Evening Prayer All Saints, Rothbury—** David Carey

### Wednesday 29th April—All Saints. Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Bourne

**Wednesday 29th April at 7pm Annual General Meeting for the Parish of Upper Coquetdale in Hepple Village Hall.**

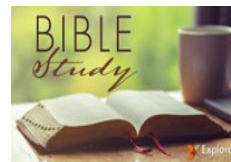
### Sunday 3rd May—Easter 5

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

**10.30am All Saints, Rothbury Morning Prayer** - David Carey

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

**10.30am St Michael & All Angels, Alnham—** Rev'd Dominic Holroyd



### Bible Study—Tuesday 5th May

In the Parish Rooms 2pm—3pm

With Alison Ball

Please bring along a bible



### Prayers

**Please pray for the family and friends of Tom Mason** whose thanksgiving Service is to be held on Friday 24th April in All Saints, Rothbury at 2pm

Also **prayers are being requested for Christine Purnell** as she undergoes medical appointments regarding her back. As we are told by her husband Toby that the problems she has will not be easy or quick to heal.

## Sunday 19th April— 3rd Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and 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 Acts 2.14a, 36–41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

### Second Reading 1 Peter 1 17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### Gospel Luke 24. 13-35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.