



# The Parish of Upper Coquetdale

Alnham,  
Alwinton,  
Hepple,  
Holystone,  
Rothbury,  
Thropton

**Sunday 26th April - 4th Sunday of Easter**  
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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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).

Lord God, be with all who sail the seas. They see Your greatness in the heavens and experience Your majesty in storms and tempests. They also see the pollution which is spoiling the oceans and poisoning marine life. Allow them to tell others about it, and the ability to prevent it when they can. Amen.

From MU Prayer Diary 2026 Submitted by Liz Cummings.

**Our Eco Churches encourage us to: only iron clothes that really need it.**

## 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 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— Rev'd Dominic Holroyd  
Wednesday 6th May—All Saints, Rothbury  
9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Eucharist

## 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

**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 26th April— 4th Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading Acts v42 - 47

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### Second Reading 1 Peter 2 v19 - 25

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### Gospel John 10 v1 – 10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.