

Sunday 16th August - Trinity 11

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury
Rt Rev'd Lee Batson Dean of Newcastle Cathedral
(No other Service in the Anglican Churches this morning)

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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

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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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Please pray for the family and friends of Joanna Wood whose funeral is to take place on **Friday 21st August at 11am** at St Michael & All Angels, Alwinton, followed by the internment at St Mary the Virgin, Holystone, officiated by Canon Bob Burston



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Wednesday 19th August - All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist Canon Bob Burston

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Sunday 23rd August - Trinity 12

9am St Andrew's Thropton—Rev'd Captain John Story

10.30am All Saints, Rothbury Rev'd Dr Ann Peters

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone Rev'd Captain John Story

17.30pm All Saints, Rothbury Evening Prayer Sandy Maccaulay

Wednesday 26th August All Saints, Rothbury

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Eucharist - Rev'd Christine Purnell

Sunday 30th August Trinity 13

10.30am UCCT Service at Armstrong Hall - Sandy Macaulay

(Please note there will be no other Anglican Service in the valley this morning)

Alnham Summer Lunch
Sunday, 30th August 2026
12:30 for 13:30

Tickets £25 (children under 12 – free)
Reserve your place as numbers are limited.

Contact:

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Pray for those people who are already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

(slife.org) submitted by Liz Cummings.

Our Eco Churches encourage us to: buy locally sourced foods where possible.

Induction Service to install Rev'd Stasi Tregartha as Rector of the Parish of Upper Coquetdale

Officiated by The Right Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley
Bishop of Newcastle

Stasi will be presented to the Bishop on behalf of the
Duchy of Lancaster by Sir James Leigh Pemberton

Thursday 3rd September 7.30pm
All Saints, Rothbury

Followed by refreshments in the URC church
all are welcome

Please note parking will be at a premium for this service. If you are able, please park at the Haugh Car Park and walk from the riverside please do so.

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Genesis 45 v 1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Second Reading Romans 11 v1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading Matthew 15. v 10-20, 21-28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.