

# The Parish of Upper Coquetdale

Sharing God's Love—Growing Together—Enjoying Community

Alnham,  
Alwinton,  
Hepple,  
Holystone,  
Rothbury,  
Thropton

## Sunday 8th September - Trinity 15

9am St Andrew's Thropton  
10.30am All Saint's, Rothbury  
10.30 St Mary the Virgin, Holystone  
5.30pm All Saint's, Rothbury Evening Prayer

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**The Rector: Position currently in vacancy**

**Lay Ministers :**

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**Clergy with permission to officiate :**

Rev'd. John Storey , Canon Bob Burston, Revd. Dr. Rosie Stacy,

Rev'd. John Wylam

**Rothbury Parish Rooms Bookings - Kathryn Reynolds:**  
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### Sunday 8th September: 15th Sunday after Trinity

9am St Andrew's, Thropton BCP - Rev'd Dr. Ann Peters

10.30am All Saint's Rothbury Rev'd Dr. Ann Peters

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone Rev'd Dr. Rosie Stacey

5.30pm All Saint's Rothbury, Evening Prayer David Carey

### Wednesday 11th September 9.30am All Saint's Rothbury

Rev'd Alison Hardy

### Saturday 14th September—Coffee Morning All Saint's, Rothbury 10am - 12 noon

### Sunday 15th September: 16th Sunday after Trinity

9am Christ Church, Hepple - Rev'd Robert Chavner

10.30am All Saint's Rothbury - Rev'd Dr. Ann Peters

10.30am St Michael's & All Angels, Alwinton Rev'd Robert Chavner

### 4pm Messy Church - Parish Rooms Rothbury

Wednesday 18th September 9.30am All Saint's Rothbury

Rev'd Dr. Rosie Stacey

### Sunday 22nd September: 17th Sunday after Trinity

9am St Andrew's, Thropton Rev'd Dr. Rosie Stacey

10.30am All Saint's Rothbury Rev'd Dr. Rosie Stacey

10.30am St Mary the Virgin, Holystone Canon Bob Burston

### 4pm Harbottle Village Hall—Café Church

5.30pm All Saint's Rothbury - Evening Prayer Margaret Pope

Wednesday 25th September 9.30am All Saint's Rothbury

Canon Bob Burston

Sunday 29th September 10.30am UCCT Service St Michael &

All Angels Alwinton celebrating the patronal festival, speaker Ed Butlin (No other service in the Anglican Churches this morning)

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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### Appointment of New Rector

Following a second advert for the post of Rector for the Parish of Upper Coquetdale, sadly we have had no applications for the post. The relevant committee met on 5th September to discuss a way forward. Please pray for the right person to put them selves forward when the post is readvertised.

### Harvest Festival : All Saint's, Rothbury

Sunday 6th October at 10.30am, everyone is very welcome to join us. We will be collecting food for the food bank therefore contributions of suitable food would be very welcome.



### Coffee Morning: Saturday 14th September 10am - 12noon

In All Saint's Rothbury. As well as coffee and biscuits, there will be a Raffle, Cake and Produce stall, Bring and Buy Stall.



### New Times : Post Office

From Monday 23rd September Bessy is changing her hours on Mondays and Wednesdays. Monday 9.00—10.00 Hepple, 10.30 - 12.30, Netherton, 13.00 - 14.00 St Mary's Church, 15.00 - 17.30 Hepple. No session on Weds

### Season of Creation

Father God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and placed us in a garden. Remind us of our place as your creatures at home in your creation. Forgive us when we forget our connection to the earth, and our dependence upon the goodness of your world. Lord have mercy.

[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) submitted by Liz Cummings.

**Our Eco Churches encourage us to: eat things in season when possible.**

### Café Church at Harbottle Village Hall - An UCCT event Sunday 22nd September at 4pm—5ish

**All Welcome!**

We would love you to join us for an informal service with a cuppa and cake , songs, talk and creative activity. This is an opportunity for all generations to be together. For more information or to get involved please contact: Catherine Iley 01669 650059

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### Farewell Libby Crispps

The Parish will be sorry to learn that Libby Crispps is to start a fresh ministry in Seghill & Seaton Delaval starting next week. She goes with our heartfelt thanks for the work she has done here.

## Sunday 8th September —Trinity 15

### Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 : Proverbs 22. v1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and dispoils of life those who despoil them.

### Second Reading: James 2 v 1-10 (11-13) 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 7 v24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

### Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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