



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 1st December 2024

Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus, Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit

*Streamed services (marked *) are available to watch at the time or later on Facebook pages.*

Sunday 1st December: First Sunday of Advent (Purple)

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd Becky	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd John	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd Becky	St Aidan's
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd John	Stranton

Weekday Services:

Wednesday	4 th December 2024:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd John
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd Becky
Thursday	5 th December 2024:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd Becky

Collect:

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Post Communion:

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Readings for 1st December: **Jeremiah 33:14-16** **1 Thessalonians 3:9-end** **Luke 21:25-36**

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- All who have been impacted by the abuse disclosed in the Makin Review
- The Archbishop of Canterbury and his family, following his difficult but understandable decision to resign.
- The searching light of Christ to shine into the darkness of this time and reveal what needs to be seen and dealt with, whatever and wherever that may be.
- Words of peace and effective action by people of goodwill, in the midst of conflict in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, and relief for all who are injured, displaced and suffering loss through conflict.
- Disaster struck nations across the world, including relief for those affected by the floods in Spain.
- All those persecuted for their faith, and all who are oppressed across the world.
- Our own group of churches and all those who minister to us.
- Growth in our Churches, an outward focus in our hearts and minds, and a burning desire to see new people coming to know Christ.
- Opportunities for mission to grow our presence in our community, and the appointment of a mission enabler in our Group of parishes.
- Peace and healing for all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know God's love surrounding them, praying especially for Tim and Viki, and their families following the very sad death of their baby daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Beatrice.
- All those who mourn at this time especially remembering the family and friends of Stuart Leighton.

Notices

Please let a Minister or Church Warden know of any **special occasion** you are celebrating and would like to share.

Opportunities to Serve: If you would like to help with our **Children's and Youth work**, our **Music Group**, our **Group Mission Project** or in any other way, please have a chat with Revd John as we look to grow these areas of our ministry.

St Luke's Cheese and Wine Night: is on Friday 6th December at 7pm. Tickets £5 for this popular event. Please contact Julia, admin@stlukeshartlepool.org.uk to get your ticket.

Coffee & Cake Saturday 7th December 2.00-4.00pm at St Matthew's CC. All Welcome.

Musicians/Singers - there will be a rehearsal **in Church at 7:00 pm on 11th December** for those who would like to help lead the music in the Carol Service on 15th December.

Boys Brigade Carol Service Friday 13th December 7.15pm at Stranton Church All Welcome
Refreshments served afterwards.

Christmas Tree Festival Friday 13th December 1.45-4.45pm at St Columba's Community Centre, Dryden Road. All families are welcome.

Group Post Christmas Meal: If you would like to join us for the Central Group post Christmas Meal at the Golden Lion on January 17th, please pick up a form from the back of church, & return it as soon as possible.

Central Hartlepool Group Mission Activities

- **Stranton Toddlers** Tuesday 9:00 am-11:00 am at **St Matthew's**
- **A Bit of God Time** Tuesday 1:00 pm-2:30 pm at **St Aidan's**
- **Friday Drop-In Cafe** Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at **St Aidan's**

Our Christmas Services at Stranton

Sunday 8th December: 4pm Christingle Service (Messy Church)

Sunday 15th December: 6pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December: 11am Nativity Service (at our usual service time)

Tuesday 24th December: 4pm Family Service & 11:30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December: 10am Christmas Day Service (Central Group Joint Service at Stranton)

Other Christmas Services across the Central Group

St Aidan's will be holding services each Sunday at 3pm during Advent

(1st Advent Service, 8th & 15th Benediction, 22nd Nine Lessons and Carols)

Christmas Eve: 3pm St Aidan's Crib Service

6pm St Luke's Nativity Service

Contacts:

Priest in charge: **Revd John Bell** Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.
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Church Office: **Trish (Parish Administrator)** Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009
admin@stranton-church.org.uk Contact hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 12pm
The Church Office is at St Matthews Community Centre, 143 Elwick Road, TS26 8JF.
Bookings: please call in on Wednesday, 12pm & 2pm, or contact to arrange a time.

Website: <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en_GB

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>

Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

St Luke's: https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB

St Aidan's and St Columba's: https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB