



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings –2nd March 2025

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 2nd March: Sunday next before Lent (Green)

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:

Tuesday	4 th March 2025:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd Becky
Wednesday	5 th March 2025:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd Becky
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd John *
		St Aidan's	7.00pm	Revd Becky

Collect:

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Post Communion:

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change
and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Readings for 2nd March 2025: **Exodus 34:29-35** **2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2** **Luke 9:28-36**

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- Growth in our Churches, an outward focus in our hearts and minds, and a burning desire to see new people coming to know Christ.
- The Church of England – may we learn from our past mistakes to improve our future, and rebuild the trust of those who have suffered.
- All involved in appointing a new Diocesan Bishop after the withdrawal of the nominated candidate.
- Those who are lonely, hungry, and in desperate need, whoever and wherever they are at this time and especially those suffering due to the cold, asking God how we might be able to help.
- The challenging political situation around the world, especially praying for the situations in both Ukraine and Gaza, and conflict in Sudan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and elsewhere around the world.
- All discerning a call to ministry in the church, whether lay or ordained.
- Ward Jackson School, the staff, the children, and their families, and our relationship with them as our church school. Pray especially for Miss Sparkes, the new headteacher.
- Emma Cain, as she leaves our mission team to begin a full-time stipendiary curacy at St Mary's in Yarm
- Our own group of Churches, our Mission Projects, our clergy, and all those who minister to us.
- Peace and healing for all we know who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know God's love surrounding them.
- All those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time of year.

Notices

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

Cake & Coffee: 1st March at St Matthews Community Centre 2.00-4.00pm, all welcome.

Messy Church: 9th March at St Matthews Community Centre 4.00-5.30pm, all families welcome.

Lent Courses: This year's Lent course will be led by Mother Becky and will commence with a showing of the film 'The Way' on **Thursday 6th March** at **St Columba's** starting at **7pm**. A Five-week course will then run from Thursday March 13th to Thursday April 10th (you don't need to see the film to take part).

There will also be a daytime group reading and reflecting on *The Women of Holy Week* by Paula Gooder. This starts on **Tuesday 11th March, 10:30**, at **St Columba's**, and you're most welcome to join the 9:15 service at St Columba's before that.

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.

Foodbank: if you would like to donate any items to Hartlepool Foodbank, please place these in the box at the back of church.

Central Hartlepool Group Mission Project

Monday Meditation		Monday	7:00pm to 8:00pm	St Columba's
Stranton Toddlers	Term Time Only	Tuesday	9:00am to 11:00am	St Matthew's
Friday Drop-In Cafe		Friday	10:00am to 12:00pm	St Aidan's
Friday Meditation		Friday	2:00pm to 3:00pm	St Columba's
The Fireplace		Starting Friday March 7th at 3:30pm (see below) at St Luke's		

Team News: It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Emma. We are very sad to see her leave the team, but send her out with our best wishes as her curacy switches from a self-supporting curacy to full-time stipendiary one, based in Yarm.

Help Build a Fireplace: Our Mission Project are starting a new activity, *The Fireplace*, for young families offering crafts, hospitality, and on the last Friday of the month, a community cinema. All of which will have a faith basis as part of our witness. **We would love your help** and invite you to join us by praying for *The Fireplace* and helping us raise funds in imaginative ways – perhaps you could donate towards The Fireplace or take up a sponsored event (e.g. walks, swims, silences, even parachute jumps!?!)

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Bookings: please call in on Weds, 12pm to 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

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