



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Reading 3rd October 2021: All Saints, Stranton Church

God's Blessing as we gather for worship in Church and online

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

Some services will continue to be streamed LIVE on Facebook pages, or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Streamed to Facebook...

9:00 am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Harvest Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Michelle	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Family Communion, Stranton	Revd Clive / Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>

Readings: Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

<i>Wednesday</i> 9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd Norman	<i>St Luke's</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 9:15 am	Mass	Revd Michelle	<i>St Aidan and Columba</i>

Collect for Trinity 18:

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this
sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you
reign with all your saints for ever

Amen



Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (NIVUK)

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified:

'What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him?

⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honour

⁸ and put everything under their feet.' In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. ⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says, 'I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.'

Mark 10: 2-16 (NIVUK)

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?'

³ 'What did Moses command you?' he replied.

⁴ They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.'

⁵ 'It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,' Jesus replied. ⁶ 'But at the beginning of creation God "made them male and female". ⁷ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.'

The little children and Jesus

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Intercessions

- We give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and all that we enjoy. We Pray for the Glasgow Climate Change conference for decisions and action to reduce the effects of global warming.
- We pray for peace there there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, freedom for the oppressed.
- We pray for national and local leaders: for wisdom in day-to-day decisions regarding the pandemic: for health, safety, and wise use of resources.
- We pray for the care of all who continue to be affected by the pandemic, for wisdom for the decision makers concerning public safety; we pray particularly for health and care workers, the police and community wardens, small businesses and local employers, and all who are seeking work.
- We pray that we may be a Community of Hope that we may reach out with love and hope to the vulnerable and marginalised. Pray for Emma and Jo, our Communities of Hope team as their work continues amongst the needy in our community. We pray for the recruitment of a new Project Leader.
- We pray peace and healing for all who are unwell in body mind or spirit, for those awaiting medical treatment, or are in hospital or recovering at home. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes. We pray for Hans as he has just been diagnosed with bowel cancer.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Brian Wates, Joyce Kelly, Joyce Brookbanks and Patricia Hall.

ATTENDING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP

Although the government has removed the legal requirement to wear a face mask and to social distance it is advising people to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable. In order to protect ourselves and others, Stranton PCC encourage you to observe these simple measures:-

- If you are attending a church service do please try to come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance as the service starts. Please (if you can) scan the NHS QR code poster using the NHS COVID-19 app.
- Wear a face mask when you enter church and although we encourage you to keep your mask on throughout the service you may take it off when seated.
- Please sanitise hands on entry and exit, and as you are directed for receiving Communion. Please wear your mask whilst going to and from the communion table.
- We ask you to register as you come in for "tracing". A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks.
- Holy Communion is offered by intinction (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday service will be displayed on the screens.
- Singing is now allowed. If you would like to join in singing with the music group we politely ask you to wear a mask.
- After the service, please meet outside, continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- Please respect other people's space and maintain the 1+ metre social distancing regime, some people may feel anxious and vulnerable. Families/"bubbles" may sit together.
- Seating is sanitised between services. Access to toilets is available if absolutely necessary, but please follow the guidance provided on cleaning
- If you become unwell with COVID-19 like symptoms within the week after attending a church service please advise a member of the clergy or a churchwarden so that the contact list information from that service can be used for test and tracing purposes.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

NOTICES:

HARVEST SUNDAY (NEXT WEEK): Our Harvest services will be on **Sunday 10th October**. Please either bring imperishable Food items for Hartlepool Foodbank or donations for TEAR Fund to support their work in supporting communities affected by climate Change.

Bacon Butty Sunday

Sunday 10th October **The Boys Brigade** is having a "bacon butty Sunday" - served from 10.15 to 10.45 at St Matthews A tasty way to start the 11 .00am Harvest Festival Service (or a tasty way to end the 09.00am Service)!

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE PROJECT LEADER: This week we have advertised for a new Project Leader at Communities of Hope. Please pray for the right person to be called to this role and the processes of appointment. See Church website for full details

Sunday Club News!

Join us for Sunday Club this week where we will be continuing to think about how God provides for us and how we can look after our planet. Our Bible reading is Matthew 6:31-34. **Kate** (Stranton Sunday Club Leader)

Helping in Church Services: We have reintroduced a rota for reading, interceding and welcoming at the 11 am service soon. If you are interested in helping out please chat with Maureen or contact her using the church office telephone or email below.

Messy Church is back: 4pm Sunday 10th October, St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road. This is particularly relevant to families with primary age children. Games, crafts and food alongside a short act of worship. All welcome.

Vacancy: Please pray for the 3 PCC's and our Group council as they continue to work with Rev Sheila Bamber in the processes to appoint a new priest within our group of parishes .

Open Church Saturday Mornings

Church is open each Saturday morning, 10:00 to 12:00, for visitors and for those wishing to receive some pastoral support or prayer. If you would like to be part of the team of people doing this please talk with Rev Michelle (07564 029010).

Stranton Toddler Group

Tuesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St Matthew's Community Centre

Fundraising Challenge: Tehran - Hartlepool in 61 days

Thanks to all who contributed miles and/or donated money to meet our fundraising challenge. We reached the 3,655 miles on 16th September - just 46 days instead of 61! Our current total is £1314 and the page will close on Friday 8th October, so it's not too late to show your appreciation and support for Asylum seekers in our town by sponsorship. It's been a great team effort! People have climbed the highest mountain and sailed the deepest sea to make this a massive success Link to our sponsorship page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tehran-to-hartlepool-in-61-days>

Parish Giving – how to support the mission and ministry of Stranton Church

The Parish Giving Scheme has been updated and it is now possible to join this direct debit scheme through the scheme's website. The link for Stranton church.

is <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/stranton-all-saints-ts24-7qt/>. We do still welcome and give thanks to those who give by standing order and / or envelopes but there are additional costs involved in these older methods. It is also still possible to join the scheme by obtaining a form if you prefer a paper application. If anyone has any questions about the scheme please let me know.

David Craig, Hon. Treasurer: **email - treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk**

Bear Ladies are having an event in the Duke of Cleveland on Saturday 9th October 2021 to support the KilimatindeTrust

Morning Family event 10am-1pm: See bear making in action,

Get involved, cutting sewing, decorating, stuffing bears, naming and giving personalities.....

12pm Teddy Bear Picnic and slide show. All ages welcome

Afternoon 2 - 4.30pm: hear about Kilimatinde Trust and how our bears can make a difference

2pm slide show and Talk about the Kilimatinde Trust and update from the burn unit/hospital and school (Stephen Taylor). 3pm afternoon tea and Craft sale 4pm bear auction

Evening event 6pm - 9pm

6pm welcome and drinks and nibbles

6.30 pm short introduction - who are the bear ladies why do they exist?

7pm the Bear Ladies meet for what's next! (For those who have joined the group)

Throughout the evening, browse the craft stalls meet the bear ladies, See the bears,

8pm Games including bear quiz/ bear bingo. 9.15pm raffle is drawn and close

Live online Services for w/c 3rd October 2021 Facebook addresses are below.

- The Wednesday 9.30 communion from St Luke's and the Thursday 9.15 Mass from St Columba's will also be streamed.
- If you would like to access a night prayer **Lectio 365 have introduced a daily night prayer** accessible by downloading the app. The Church of England has also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.
- Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

Streaming 11:00 am Sunday Services

The 11:00am service is now being streamed to <https://youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA> A link will be shared by Facebook.

Facebook and Web Addresses:

<https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/> <https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/>

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/> <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus

Church Office

The Church office is now open Tuesday to Friday. Trish can be contacted in the office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Parish Contacts: Church office please telephone or email.

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