



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 3rd December 2023

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

*Streamed services (marked *) are available on Facebook or our YouTube pages*

Sunday 3rd December: First of Advent

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd John Bell	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Tony Roach	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd John Bell	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Family Communion	Revd Andrew Craig	Stranton

Weekday Communion Services:

Wednesday	6th December:	St Luke's	9.30am	Revd John Bell
		St Matthew's	10.00am	Revd Kevin Tones
Thursday	7th December:	St Columba's	9.15am	Revd John Bell

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: Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-end

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- Peace where there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, and freedom for the oppressed, including in Gaza, Israel, Niger, Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen
- Growth in our churches, with new people seeking to know Christ, and more people stepping forward to serve and volunteer, wherever it is needed, especially with our children's and youth work on Sundays and throughout the week.
- All those in our community who are struggling in any way, that they might find the help they need, and that we as a wider society may reach out to all those needing help.
- Our uniformed organisations, and all those who use our churches and church halls.
- Those seeking baptism within our group of churches.
- Our mission partners Andy and Kati Walsh in Brazil and all who work for CMS
- Peace and healing for all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, that they may know God's love and peace in the midst of difficulty.
- All those who mourn and who remember loved ones who have died and especially the family and friends of Christine Glenn, Catriona Robertson, Joyce Whitton, Audrey Bartleson and Harry Lynn.

Notices

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

Help Needed: On Sundays, we are looking to expand our Children's Ministry to two separate groups as our numbers grow, so we are keen to grow the team, and need both leaders and helpers. We are also seeking people to support Stranton Toddlers (Tuesday Morning), Youth Fellowship, and Messy Church. If you would like to be involved in any of these activities (as leaders or helpers) then please contact Revd John. All volunteers will be subject to the usual Safer Recruitment process, but please don't let this put you off.

Communities of Hope Hamper Appeal:

Communities of Hope are again planning to make up and distribute Christmas hampers to families in need in our parishes. Cheques payable to "Stranton PCC" - mark on back "*Communities of Hope*", or send online to Stranton PCC Account 20 - 82 -18 10146501 with reference "CoH"). Cash donations in a sealed envelope marked "Hampers". All donations will be very much appreciated. Any questions or offers to help pack the hampers please speak to Hayley Liversidge or Emma Cain. Emma@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk Hayley@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk

We are holding a Four Week Advent Course for the Central Group looking at our Advent Journey through Frank Capra's film '*It's a Wonderful Life*' is being held in St Columba's Church, continuing on **7th, 14th and 21st December, starting at 7:00 pm**. You do not have to come to the first session to be able to follow the course.

Brownies and Guides Fun Night Monday 4th December 6:30 to 8:00 St Matthew's CC. Adult £2 Child 50p includes a mince pie and drink. They are raising money to support one of their members who has been selected to represent Hartlepool and North East England Girlguiding in Norway July 2024.

St Luke's Cheese & Wine and Carols by Candlelight is on Friday 8th December at 6:30 pm in St Luke's Parish Centre. Tickets cost £5 and are available in church.

Stranton Christingle Service Sunday 10th December 4:00 pm - collection in aid of The Children's Society.

Choir: would you like to be involved in either the band or the choir at All Saints Carols by Candlelight on 17 December? Please contact Andrew Rogers on 07831 314375

Group Christmas Meal: will be at the Golden Lion on 19th January 2024. Look out for details at the back of church.

Communities of Hope (Help needed – speak to one of the team to find out how you can support us)

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| ● Sid's Kitchen | Monday 10.00am-12.00pm at St Matthew's |
| ● Stranton Toddlers | Tuesday 9.00am-11.00am at St Matthew's |
| ● A Bit of God Time | Tuesday 1pm to 2:30 pm at St Aidan's |
| ● Friday Drop In | Friday 10.00am – 12.00pm at St Aidan's |

Contact Us

Priest in charge

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The Church Office is at St Matthews Community Centre, 143 Elwick Road, TS26 8JF.
Bookings: please call in on Wednesday, 12pm & 2pm, or phone to arrange a time.

Website:

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

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton>

YouTube:

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

Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

St Luke's

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

St Aidan's and St Columba's

https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB

Communities of Hope

<https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh>