



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 4th May 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 4th May: Third Sunday of Easter (White)

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

Midweek Services:

Tuesday	6 th May 2025:	St Columba's	9.15am	Revd Becky
Wednesday	7 th May 2025:	St Luke's	9.30am	Revd John *
		St Matthew's	10.00am	Revd Becky
		St Aidan's	6.00pm	Revd Becky

Collect:

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 4th May 2025: Acts 9:1-20

Revelation 5:11-end

John 21:1-19

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- People to hear and respond to the Good news of Christ this Eastertide, praying for all who don't yet know him – especially those dear 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, praying that we might bear fruit.
- All involved in appointing a new Diocesan Bishop, and for those discerning a call to this role, with shortlisting on 3rd September and interviews on 9th and 10th December.
- All those discerning a call to a vocation within the Church of England, whether lay or ordained.
- 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.
- Ward Jackson School, the staff, the children, and their families, and our relationship with them as our church school. Pray especially for the start of summer term and the lead up to SATs.
- Pray for all those about to sit GCSEs and A Levels at this time – especially all those known to us.
- Our own group of Churches, our Mission Project, 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.
- Our Brothers and Sisters in the Catholic Church grieving the loss of Pope Francis, and all those affected by his death.

Notices

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

Sunday Refreshments: Join us each week between our two services as we look to share fellowship across our two congregations.

New Midweek Eucharist: St Aidan's are launching a new midweek eucharistic service which aims to give an uplifting midweek liturgy for church regulars as well as being welcoming to people not so familiar with church. We will meet every other week at 6pm in the Lady Chapel for about 45 minutes, **beginning on the 7th May** and continuing on the 21st May and the 4th June. Those who wish can then go on to Pub Theology (see below)

Pub Theology Group. Meets **Wednesday 7th May** gathering at 7.00 to 9.00pm in the Causeway pub (TS24 7QT near Stranton Church). We meet in the first room on the left.

VE Day Afternoon Tea at St Luke's **Thursday 8th May** 2.00pm. Tickets £3.

Worship 24/7: Join us on **Saturday 10th May**, at Stranton Church, between 3pm and 9pm for an extended time of worship and prayer. Come for as little or as much as you are able.

Messy Church Sunday **11th May** 4.00-5.30pm at St Matthew's Community Centre. All families welcome.

Boys Brigade Open Night: is on Friday 16th May at St Matthews starting at 7.15pm ending no later than 9.00pm. All Welcome.

Morning Prayer – you are invited to join us for Morning Prayer at **Stranton Vicarage** (34A Westbourne Road), starting at **08:45am**, on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings**.

Cell Group – Revd Becky will be starting up a cell group (like a home group), following on from the Lent Course at St Columba's, most likely starting on **Thursday 8th May**, open to people from across the whole group. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Revd Becky.

Opportunities to Serve: If you would like to **join our PCC**, 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.

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

APCM 18th May 2025: Our APCM this year will be on 18th May, after a combined service at **10.00am** to allow both congregations to attend. Please note the date in your diary.

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
Spiritual Oasis		Wednesday	8:30am to 2:00pm	St Columba'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		Friday	3:45pm	St Luke's

Contacts:

Priest in charge: **Revd John Bell (Stranton & St Luke's)** Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.
revdjohnbell@stranton-church.org.uk **Usual day off – Friday.**

Revd Becky Reeve (St Aidan & Columba) Tel: 01429 671358
revbeckystaidanandcolumba@gmail.com **Usual day off – Saturday.**

Church Office: **Trish (Parish Administrator)** Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009
admin@stranton-church.org.uk Contact hours: Mon-Fri 9.00am to 12.00pm
The Church Office is at St Matthew's Community Centre, 143 Elwick Road, TS26 8JF.
Bookings: please call in on Weds, 12.00pm to 2.00pm, or contact to arrange a time.

Safeguarding: **Jacqui Rogers (Parish Safeguarding Officer)** Tel: 07749 163606
safeguarding@stranton-church.org.uk

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

Mission Project: **Patrick Reeve (Mission Enabler)** Tel: 07712 150190 patrick@hartepoolcoh.co.uk