



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.



## All Saints (Stranton) Church

### Notices and Readings – 5<sup>th</sup> January 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 5<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany (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

#### Weekday Services:

Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd John *
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd Becky
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd John *

#### **Collect:**

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

#### **Post Communion:**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

#### **Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025:**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Ephesians 3: 1-12**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

#### **Intercessions – Please pray for:**

- Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, to show up in our lives this Epiphany and into the New Year
- Growth in our Churches, an outward focus in our hearts and minds, and a burning desire to see new people coming to know Christ.
- All who are persecuted and unable to celebrate the birth of Christ, or bear witness to their faith.
- Those who are lonely, hungry, and in desperate need, whoever and wherever they are at this time, asking God how we might be able to help
- Peace in the midst of conflict in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, relief for all who are injured, displaced and suffering loss as a result: and healing and reconciliation for the people of Syria
- Disaster struck nations across the world, and relief for those affected by the storms here in the UK.
- Our families and friends, especially thinking of those who don't yet know the true meaning of Christmas
- Our own group of Churches, our Mission Projects, and all those who minister to us.
- Peace and healing for all 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.

**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.

**Coffee & Cake:** Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm to 4pm**, at St Matthew's Community Centre, for coffee, cake, and an opportunity to chat to one another as we begin a new year.

**Messy Church:** join us for our family focussed Messy Church, with Bible themed craft, fun, and food on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm to 5:30pm**, at St Matthew's Community Centre. All families welcome

**Group Meal:** our post Christmas meal is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. If you have booked to go, please pay the balance of your booking as soon as possible. Thank you

**Candlemas Coffee Morning:** at **St Luke's**, on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

### Central Hartlepool Group Mission Activities

- **Stranton Toddlers**      **Term Time Only**      Tuesday 9:00 am-11:00 am at **St Matthew's**
- **Friday Drop-In Cafe**      **Restarts 17<sup>th</sup> Jan**      Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at **St Aidan's**

## Contacts:

**Priest in charge:**      **Revd John Bell (Stranton & St Luke's)**      Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.  
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**Church Office:**      **Trish (Parish Administrator)**      Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009  
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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 contact to arrange a time.**

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

**Facebook:**      [https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en\\_GB](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](https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB)

**St Aidan's and St Columba's:** [https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB)



Wishing you all a Blessed and Christ-Filled New Year

*Revd John*