



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 5th December 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 are streamed LIVE on Facebook and YouTube pages, or via Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards on YouTube or Facebook.

This week we welcome Tony and Katherine Paton our CMS partners, with two of their children Euan and Eilidh: they have returned from Mission in South East Asia, and we look forward to hearing of their news and next steps.

Sunday 5 December: Advent 2.

Streamed to Facebook...

9:00 am	Holy Communion 1, Stranton	Revd Michelle & Patons	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Sheila Bamber	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Sheila Bamber	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Family Communion	Revd Michelle & Patons	Stranton
1.00pm	Baptism	Revd Clive	Stranton

Readings Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3:1-6

Wednesday 10.00 am Communion at St Matthew's Revd Clive

Wednesday 9.30 am Holy Communion BCP Revd Andrew St Luke's

Thursday 9:15 am Mass Revd Norman St Aidan and Columba

Collect:

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

Post Communion:

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Philippians 1: 3-11

Thanksgiving and prayer

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist prepares the way

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracōnitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.'"

Intercessions

- We give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and all that we enjoy. We pray that we may all care for the environment and that world leaders will act to reduce the effects of global warming.
- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, freedom for the oppressed.
- We pray for the world-wide Church, for those who face persecution or discrimination because of their faith, for those who serve and minister to them and who bring your Good News to the poor and oppressed
- We pray for our Churches, that the appointment of a new Group incumbent will be inspired, led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- We pray for local leaders: for our elected Hartlepool Borough council members, elected officers and all who work in public services: for wisdom in day-to-day decisions, wise use of resources and care for all the people of this town.
- 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 Aneta Bradley as she prepares to be the 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 Audrey, Lynne and Hans.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Evelyn Hartley and Carol Moore.

Communities of Hope Hampers: As last year, we would like to show God's abounding love and generosity to the lovely families and individuals we have been working with over the year, by putting together some festive hampers. If you would like to support our efforts and reach out to some of the most struggling people in our community, we are asking for donations ***in the form of cash or vouchers***. Last year taught us that organising collection points is very demanding of team time, and we hope this way might help at a time when we are very stretched. By doing the shopping ourselves we can ensure hampers avoid over- or under-provision of certain items.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so in person or by making a bank transfer, using these details: Account: **Stranton PCC** Account Number **10146501** Sort Code **20 82 18** Reference: **"COH Hampers"**

Thank you so much for your continued support! Emma, Jo and Aneta

ATTENDING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP - COVID-19 is still with us

Although the government has removed the legal requirements to wear face masks and to keep social distance it is asking people to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable. In order to protect ourselves and others, Stranton PCC encourages you to observe these simple measures: -

- Please do not attend church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms/raised temperature
- 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.
- Wear a face mask when you enter church and although we encourage you to keep your mask on throughout the service, we suggest you only take it off when seated.
- Please sanitise your 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.
- Holy Communion is offered by intinction (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: booklets are now in use again at 9 am
- Singing is now allowed. If you would like to join in singing, we politely ask you to wear a mask.
- After the service, please meet continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- 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 people from that service can be advised.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

NOTICES:

Coming Soon

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	Sunday 12 Dec	4pm at Church
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT	Sunday 19 Dec	6pm at Church
FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS	Sunday 26 Dec	10.45am at St Aidan's Church (no service at Stranton)

Christmas Invitation Cards

Invitation Cards with our Christmas Services are now available at the back of Church. Please take a few cards and invite your family, friends and neighbours to one of Christmas services

Sunday Club News!

5th December – Christmas Dinner/Party

During our usual Sunday Club session, we will be having a special Christmas Dinner/Party. The children will get to enjoy a three-course meal (all snack size portions) of a starter, main and dessert. The children will also get to enjoy some Christmas games and listening to some Christmas music.

All children are welcome to come to our Sunday Club celebration! Please let me know if you wish your child to attend for catering purposes.

19th December – Nativity

This week there will not be a Sunday Club as we will be enjoying our nativity service. Our Nativity service will include Christmas hymns, prayers and Bible readings as well as some wonderful acting by our Sunday Club children!

If you would like to join in or help, please let me know, everyone is welcome to either help or just to enjoy the service.

Enjoy, Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Walks, Talks and Visits in Around Hartlepool

Our next walk/tour will be on Tuesday the 7th December at 1:00pm, Stranton Church. It will help if you can let Rohan Wanduragala (223751 / 07722 870104) or Steve Robbins (861702) know if you are coming.

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. We are need of some more volunteers. Could anyone who expressed an interest initially, or anyone who would like to be part of the team of people doing this please talk with Rev Michelle (07564 029010).

Carole Moore's Funeral will be at Stranton Church at 9.30am on Thursday 9th December

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 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**

Live online Services for w/c 5th December 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 is online from 8.30 - 9.00am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

Streaming 11:00 am Sunday Services

The 11:00am service is now being streamed to <https://www.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.

Parish Contacts: Church office please telephone or email.

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009 (Trish) Email: admin@stranton-church.org.uk

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(More information on our web site <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> and Facebook page)