



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings –6th April 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 6th April: 5th Sunday of Lent (Purple)

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd John	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Becky	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd Becky	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd John	Stranton

Weekday Services:

Tuesday	8 th April 2025:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd Becky
Wednesday	9 th April 2025:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd Becky
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd John *

Collect:

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we
do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do
also for you: give us the will to be the servant of
others as you were the servant of all, and gave up
your life and died for us, but are alive and reign,
now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for 6th April 2025: **Isaiah 43:16-21** **Philippians 3:4b-14** **John 12:1-8**

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- 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.
- Those who are yet to know Christ – may they hear and respond to Him this Easter.
- 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.
- Schools services across the Group this Easter – especially those happening this week.
- Ward Jackson School, the staff, the children, and their families, and our relationship with them as our church school. Pray especially for Miss Sparkes, the new headteacher.
- 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

Notices

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

Electoral Roll: Our Electoral Roll is undergoing a full revision this year, meaning everyone's name comes off the existing one. Forms will be out shortly. Please make sure you pick one up if you want to be on the new roll.

Sunday Refreshments each week after the 9am service. Better still - on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we'll have special treats for everyone to feast on... Join us as we look to share fellowship across our two congregations.

Easter Eggheads for children aged 5-11 (Year 6) telling the Easter story via games, movies, crafts, song, quiz, chat and lots of FUN. Monday 7th - Friday 11th April at St Matthew's, 6pm to 7.15pm. All Welcome.

Blue Rose Choir Concert: St Aidan's Church, Monday 7th April, 10:30am. Tickets £3.50 each.

Pub Theology Group. Begins Wednesday 9th April gathering at 7pm in the Causeway pub (TS24 7QT near Stranton Church) to 9pm. We will be using the first room on the left as you enter the main door of the pub. All are welcome. Just bring the smile on your face.

Coffee Morning: St Luke's Parish Centre, Saturday 12th April, 10am to 12pm

Messy Easter: Sunday 13th April at St Matthew's Community Centre, 4.00-5.30pm. All welcome.

Morning Prayer – from **Monday 28th April**, we will be starting Morning Prayer each week day for anyone who would like to attend. Further details on time and venue(s) to follow...

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.

Easter Eggs Wanted – if you are able to donate any Easter Eggs for St Aidan's to distribute to families at the Thursday Kitchen, then please bring these into church or drop off at St Aidan's.

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	3:30pm	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 9am to 12pm
The Church Office is at St Matthews Community Centre, 143 Elwick Road, TS26 8JF.
Bookings: please call in on Weds, 12pm to 2pm, or contact to arrange a time.

Safeguarding: **Jacqui Rogers (Parish Safeguarding Officer)** Tel: 07749 163606
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Website: <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en_GB

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMN0iSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>

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