



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 7th August 2022: 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.

| Sunday 7th August: | 8th Sunday after Trinity | (Green) | <i>Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:</i> |
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| 9.00 am | Holy Communion | Revd Michelle | <i>Stranton</i> |
| 9.15 am | Parish Eucharist | Revd Andrew Craig | <i>St Lukes</i> |
| 10.45 am | Holy Communion | Revd Andrew Craig | <i>St Aidan's</i> |
| 11.00 am | Family Communion | Revd Michelle | <i>Stranton</i> |
| 1.00 pm | Baptisms | Revd Michelle | <i>Stranton</i> |

Sunday Club News! This week we look at the story of King Saul - and how he changed!

Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Services are liable to change at short notice during summer months due to clergy and staff leave

Wednesday 10th August:

- **St Matthew's** 10.00am Holy Communion Revd Michelle *Stranton*
- **St Luke's** 9.30am Holy Communion Revd Andrew *St Luke's*

Thursday 4th August:

- **St Columba's** 9.15am Mass Linda Dott *St Aidan's*

Open Church: Through the summer Stranton Church will be open for visitors on Saturdays 10 am-12 noon

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with
your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen

Readings :

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16: Faith in action Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for. ³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

³²'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks, they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. ³⁹But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

Intercessions

- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for asylum seekers, refugees and the dispossessed, and freedom for the oppressed: We pray for relief for the people of Ukraine, and all conflict zones.
- we pray for our Queen and government at local and national level, may those who serve in public office listen to the voice of your Spirit and act with love, justice and mercy
- We pray for those affected by flooding in India, Bangladesh and the United States, drought in Africa, and for the relief workers helping them and the people in Afghanistan suffering from famine, earthquake and oppression, and for those who have suffered personal loss in summer wildfires. May we be better stewards of your creation and learn to live in more sustainable ways
- We pray for unity between Christians. We pray for all Churches in Hartlepool and for Churches Together Hartlepool. We pray for our joint outreach including the Foodbank and Town Pastors.
- We pray for appointment of a new Group incumbent to be inspired led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- 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 Aneta, Emma, Hayley and Viv as they lead our Summer club at St Matthews
- We pray for Andy, Kati and Eva Walsh in Brazil in their ministry with CMS.
- We pray for all those affected by the cost-of-living crisis, and for 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, Hans, Marty, Henry, Nancy Fernie and Marie.
- We pray for all those who mourn, for the family and friends of Ida Hodgman Beryl Evans, and Revd

Maurice Jennett.

Notices: Messy church – NO Messy Church in August:

Next Messy church - September 11th St Matthews Community Centre 4 pm

Communities of Hope “Round The World” Summer Camp for primary aged children

(There were a few places left at the time of publication)

- Where? St Matthews Community Centre
- When? Mon- Thurs for a further two weeks 10am-2pm
- What For? Fun, Games, Crafts, Lunch, food to take home
- Cost? Free How do you book? Hartlepool Council Website: Just scroll down until you can pick the option [https://online.hartlepool.gov.uk/service/Hartlepool Holiday Fun](https://online.hartlepool.gov.uk/service/Hartlepool_Holiday_Fun)

Ward Jackson School We are looking for new Governors - who simply need to have a heart for the brilliant work the school is doing in the Burbank Community, and an interest in the wellbeing and attainment of the children, to support the School from Sept. 2022, ***Speak with David Craig or Revd Clive***

Hartlepool foodbank - Please support via COLLECTION POINT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. The Foodbank currently needs- Tinned foods (Rice pudding, custard, tomatoes, soup, meat) Snacks (sweet & savoury)

Visit of the Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa, Bishop of the Rift Valley 20 – 21 August 2022 - Bishop John will be visiting Hartlepool. He will be preaching at Stranton on Sunday 21 August at both services: there is also an invitation to meet with him at the Duke of Cleveland pub on the Hartlepool Headland on Saturday 20 August 4 pm - 6 pm where he will speak at about the diocese of the Rift Valley, and give news about Kilimatinde and the surrounding villages. He will want to express thanks for the longstanding support given by members of Stranton church and St Hilda's, and other supporters of the Kilimatinde trust. We will have a sign-up sheet for this meeting at the back of church, so we can estimate numbers.

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

- There is no requirement to wear a face mask in Church but please continue to act with consideration towards others especially the vulnerable.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit, and as you are directed for receiving Communion. Holy Communion is offered by intinction (dipping).
- There will not be a collection taken during the service but you may leave an offertory as you come in.
- Refreshments are now provided after the 11 am service from the servery at the back of Church – you are welcome to stay and share but please move away from the table when you have been served so others have clear space in which to come forward.

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. Stranton church at: <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

“Streaming” services online

- **9:00 am Holy Communion** is streamed directly via our Facebook page (below).
- **11:00 am service** is now streamed to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>
(A link will be shared on Stranton Church Facebook Page)

Facebook also has a link from our home page <http://stranton-church.org.uk>

Other useful Central Hartlepool Group YouTube and Facebook links

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

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

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

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

Church Office and Parish Contacts:

Church office is at St Matthews Community Centre, please telephone or email for enquiries, and to make appointments.

Tel 01429 894006 or 07305 550009 (Trish) during contact hours - Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon. Stranton Church Office email: admin@stranton-church.org.uk

Following Revd Norman's Retirement, confidential enquiries or requests to our curates Michelle and Clive can be made by telephone to Revd Michelle 07564 029010 or to Revd Clive 01429 278504 or to the confidential email address clergy@stranton-church.org.uk

please note clergy usual "Days off" are: Fridays (Revd Michelle) and Thursdays (Revd Clive): if you have difficulty reaching them (for example during holiday periods) please ask the Church office to ask one of the Clergy to call you back (More information on our web site <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> and Facebook page).