



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 9 January 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 9 January: Baptism of Christ.**

#### **Streamed to Facebook/Youtube:**

9:00 am	Holy Communion 1, Stranton	Revd Clive & Andy Walsh	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Andrew	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Norman & Andy Walsh	Stranton

**Readings** Isaiah 43: 1-7, Luke 3: 15-17,21,22.

*Wednesday 10.00 am* Communion (St Matthews) Revd Michelle

*Wednesday 9.30 am* Holy Communion (St Luke's ) Revd Norman *St Lukes*

*Thursday 9:15 am* Mass (St Columba) Revd Clive *St Aidan and Columba*

#### **Collect:**

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion:**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as  
Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through  
the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**This morning we extend a warm welcome to Andy Walsh  
who is one of our new link missionaries with CMS.  
Andy travels to Brazil with his wife Kati later this month**

**Isaiah 43: 1-7**

But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.  
<sup>4</sup>Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

**Luke 3: 15-17, 21,22**

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with<sup>u</sup> water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with<sup>u</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

**Intercessions**

- 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 the appointment of a new Group incumbent to be inspired led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- We pray for our national and local leaders, give wisdom in decisions about the Covid pandemic.
- 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 Aneta Emma and Jo, our Communities of Hope team as their work continues amongst the needy in our community.
- 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, Hans, Marty and Karen.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Lynne, Joan Noble and Barbara Tate

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

- The government has reintroduced a legal requirement for people **to wear a face mask in public places including places of worship (unless exempted)** and to keep social distance. In order to protect ourselves and others, please act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable.
- 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.
- Children under 11 are not required to wear a face mask, nor those medically exempted
- 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:

#### Sunday Club News

The current rates of coronavirus are very high in Hartlepool. The Sunday club leaders have therefore taken the decision not to hold Sunday club this month. This decision will be reviewed at the end of January

*Kate: Stranton Sunday Club Leader*

*Norman: Vicar*

**Open Church Saturday Mornings** will restart in the spring

**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 do 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](mailto:treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk)*

**Live online Services for w/c 6 January 2022** (Facebook addresses are below).

- The Wednesday 9.30 communion from St Luke's and the Thursday 9.15 Mass from St Columba's will 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 on Facebook.

9:00 am Holy Communion is streamed via our Facebook page (below)

#### 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](http://www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus)

#### Church Office

**The Church office is closed until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

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