



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings –9th March 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 9th March: First Sunday of Lent (Purple)

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

Weekday Services:

Tuesday	11 th March 2025:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd Becky
Wednesday	12 th March 2025:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd Becky
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd John *

Collect:

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true
and living bread, and enable us to live by every
word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 9th March 2025: **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18** **Philippians 3:17-4:1** **Luke 13:31-35**

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.
- The Church of England – may we learn from our past mistakes to improve our future, and rebuild the trust of those who have suffered.
- All involved in appointing a new Diocesan Bishop after the withdrawal of the nominated candidate.
- 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.
- All discerning a call to ministry in the church, whether lay or ordained.
- 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.
- Emma Cain, as she leaves our mission team to begin a full-time stipendiary curacy at St Mary's in Yarm
- Our own group of Churches, our Mission Projects, 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.

Messy Church: This Sunday 9th March at St Matthews Community Centre 4.00-5.30pm, all families welcome.

Lent Courses: This year's Lent course will be led by Mother Becky and follows a Lent Course based on the film 'The Way'. The course will run from **Thursday 13th March** to **Thursday 10th April** at **St Columba's** starting at **7pm**. You don't need to have seen the film to take part.

There will also be a daytime group reading and reflecting on *The Women of Holy Week* by Paula Gooder. This starts on **Tuesday 11th March, 10:30**, at **St Columba's**, after the 9:15 service.

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.

Foodbank: if you would like to donate any items to Hartlepool Foodbank, please place these in the box at the back of church.

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
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	Starting Friday March 7th at 3:30pm (see below) at St Luke's			

Help Build a Fireplace: Our Mission Project are starting a new faith based activity from Friday 7th March. *The Fireplace* is for young families offering crafts, hospitality, and on the last Friday of the month, a community cinema. **We would love your help** and invite you to join us by praying for *The Fireplace* and helping us raise funds in imaginative ways – perhaps you could donate towards The Fireplace or take up a sponsored event (e.g. walks, swims, silences, even parachute jumps!?!)

Contacts:

Priest in charge: **Revd John Bell (Stranton & St Luke's)** Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.
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Revd Becky Reeve (St Aidan & Columba) Tel: 01429 671358
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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 Weds, 12pm to 2pm, or contact to arrange a time.

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Facebook: 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

St Aidan's and St Columba's: https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB

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