



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Reading 10th October 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 will continue to be streamed LIVE on Facebook pages, or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos.

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Streamed to Facebook...

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| 9:00 am | Harvest Holy Communion, Stranton | Revd Norman | <i>Stranton</i> |
| 9:15 am | Holy Communion, | Revd Clive | <i>St Luke's</i> |
| 10:45 am | Mass, St Aidan's | Revd Norman | <i>St Aidan's</i> |
| 11:00 am | Harvest Morning Worship, Stranton | Revd Michelle | <i>Stranton</i> |

Readings: 9.00am Service Joel 2: 21-27 Matthew 6: 25-33 11.00am Service Psalm 104:1-2,10-28

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| <i>Wednesday</i> 9.30 am | Holy Communion BCP | Revd Michelle | <i>St Luke's</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> 9:15 am | Mass | Revd Clive | <i>St Aidan and Columba</i> |

Collect for Harvest:

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
We thank you for the riches of your creation.
May we cherish and respect this planet
and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Harvest Post Communion:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your
love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of
the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all
that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Joel 2:21-27 (NIVUK) 9.00am Service

²¹ Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things!

²² Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig-tree and the vine yield their riches.²³ Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers both autumn and spring rains, as before. ²⁴The threshing-floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. ²⁵'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten – the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm^[a] – my great army that I sent among you. ²⁶You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,

and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. ²⁷Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

Matthew 6:25-33 (NIVUK) 9.00am Service

Do not worry

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?

²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Psalms 104: 1-2, 10-28 (NIVUK) 11.00am Service

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

² The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent.

¹⁰ He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. ¹¹ They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. ¹² The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches. ¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work. ¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: ¹⁵ wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts. ¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

¹⁷ There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the junipers. ¹⁸ The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax. ¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down. ²⁰ You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

²¹ The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God. ²² The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens. ²³ Then people go out to their work, to their labour until evening. ²⁴ How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number – living things both large and small.

²⁶ There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. ²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. ²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

Intercessions

- We give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and all that we enjoy. We Pray for the Glasgow Climate Change conference for decisions and action 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 national and local leaders: for wisdom in day-to-day decisions regarding the pandemic: for health, safety, and wise use of resources.
- 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 the recruitment of a 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 Hans as he has just been diagnosed with bowel cancer.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Joyce Brookbanks and Patricia Hall.

ATTENDING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP

Although the government has removed the legal requirement to wear a face mask and to social distance it is advising people to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable. In order to protect ourselves and others, Stranton PCC encourage you to observe these simple measures:-

- 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. Please (if you can) scan the NHS QR code poster using the NHS COVID-19 app.
- Wear a face mask when you enter church and although we encourage you to keep your mask on throughout the service you may take it off when seated.
- Please sanitise 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.
- We ask you to register as you come in for "tracing". A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks.
- Holy Communion is offered by intinction (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday service will be displayed on the screens.
- Singing is now allowed. If you would like to join in singing with the music group we politely ask you to wear a mask.
- After the service, please meet outside, continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- Please respect other people's space and maintain the 1+ metre social distancing regime, some people may feel anxious and vulnerable. Families/" bubbles" may sit together.
- Seating is sanitised between services. Access to toilets is available if absolutely necessary, but please follow the guidance provided on cleaning
- 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 the contact list information from that service can be used for test and tracing purposes.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

NOTICES:

HARVEST SUNDAY (THIS WEEK): Our Harvest services will be on today **Sunday 10th October**. Please either bring imperishable Food items for Hartlepool Foodbank or donations for TEAR Fund to support their work in supporting communities affected by climate Change. For more information or to give directly please follow the following link <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/harvest-resources>

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE PROJECT LEADER: We have advertised for a new Project Leader at Communities of Hope. Please pray for the right person to be called to this role and the processes of appointment. See Church website for full details

Messy Church is back Today!: 4pm Sunday 10th October, St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road. This is particularly relevant to families with primary age children. Games, crafts and food alongside a short act of worship. All welcome.

Service for the recently Bereaved: We will be holding a service for all who wish to remember loved ones they have lost on **Sunday 7th November at 4pm**. If you would like to remember someone by name please add them to the list in Church or contact Trish in the Church Office.

Sunday 24th and Sunday 31st: On Sunday 24 October we will be welcoming the Mayor and her guests for a 'Civic Service of Morning Worship.' The Lighthouse service this month will be on 31st October.

Vacancy: Please pray for the 3 PCC's and our Group council as they continue to work with Rev Sheila Bamber in the processes to appoint a new priest within our group of parishes.

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. If you would like to be part of the team of people doing this please talk with Rev Michelle (07564 029010).

Fundraising Challenge: Tehran - Hartlepool in 61 days

Thanks to all who contributed miles and/or donated money to meet our fundraising challenge. We reached the 3,655 miles on 16th September - just 46 days instead of 61! Our current total is £1314 and the page will close on Friday 8th October, so it's not too late to show your appreciation and support for Asylum seekers in our town by sponsorship. It's been a great team effort! People have climbed the highest mountain and sailed the deepest sea to make this a massive success Link to our sponsorship page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tehran-to-hartlepool-in-61-days>

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

Live online Services for w/c 10th October 2021 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 at 8.30am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

Streaming 11:00 am Sunday Services

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

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