



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.



## All Saints (Stranton) Church

### Notices and Readings – 12<sup>th</sup> January 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 12<sup>th</sup> January: Baptism of Christ (White)

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd Andrew	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Becky	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd Becky	St Aidan's
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Andrew	Stranton

#### Weekday Services:

Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd Becky *
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd John
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd Becky *

#### **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 Saviour. **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**

#### **Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025:**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17,21-22

#### **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.
- All who suffer persecution for their faith in Christ, throughout the world, thinking especially of Syria following the fall of the Assad Regime.
- 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.
- Peace in the midst of conflict in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, & elsewhere, and relief for all who are injured, displaced and suffering loss as a result.
- Disaster struck nations across the world, and relief for those affected by the cold weather here in the UK, and the wildfires in California.
- Our MP, Jonathan Brash, and our Local Councillors, as they seek to lead us and make the right decisions for our community
- Ward Jackson School, the staff, the children, and their families, and our relationship with them as our church school. Pray especially for Mrs Sparkes, the new headteacher.
- Our own group of Churches, our Mission Projects, and all those who minister to us.
- Peace and healing for all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know God's love surrounding them, especially praying for Ken and Sylvia Shepherd.
- 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.

**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.

**Messy Church:** join us for our family focussed Messy Church, with Bible themed craft, fun, and food **TODAY Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm to 5:30pm**, at St Matthew's Community Centre. All families welcome

**Group Meal:** our post-Christmas meal is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. If you have booked to go, please pay the balance of your booking as soon as possible. Thank you

**Candlemas Coffee Morning:** at **St Luke's**, on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

**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 Activities

- **Stranton Toddlers**      **Term Time Only**      Tuesday 9:00 am-11:00 am at **St Matthew's**
- **Friday Drop-In Cafe**      **Restarts 17<sup>th</sup> Jan**      Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at **St Aidan's**

## 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  
[admin@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto: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 Wednesday, 12pm & 2pm, or contact to arrange a time.**

**Website:**      <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>

**Facebook:**      [https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en\\_GB](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](https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB)

**St Aidan's and St Columba's:** [https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB)



Wishing you all a Blessed and Christ-Filled New Year

*Revd John*