



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 12th November 2023

Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus, Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit

*Streamed services (marked *) are available on Facebook or our YouTube pages*

Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Sunday

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	No Service	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	No Service	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	No Service	St Aidan's
10:45 am	Holy Communion *	Revd John Bell - This is a Joint Service	Stranton

Weekday Communion Services:

Wednesday	15th November:	St Luke's	9.30am	Revd Tony Roache
		St Matthew's	10.00am	Revd John Bell
Thursday	16th November:	St Columba's	9.15am	Revd John Bell

Collect

God our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

God of peace.
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13 to end Matthew 25:1-13

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- Peace where there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, and freedom for the oppressed, including in Gaza, Israel, Niger, Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen
- Growth in our churches, with new people seeking to know Christ, and more people stepping forward to serve and volunteer, wherever it is needed, especially with our children's and youth work on Sundays and throughout the week.
- All those who have served, or currently serve, in our Armed Forces; their families; and all those people and organisations who support them.
- All those in our community who are struggling in any way, that they might find the help they need, and that we as a wider society may reach out to all those needing help.
- Our uniformed organisations, and all those who use our churches and church halls.
- Those seeking baptism within our group of churches.
- Our mission partners Andy and Kati Walsh in Brazil and all who work for CMS
- Peace and healing for all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, that they may know God's love and peace in the midst of difficulty.
- All those who mourn: for those who remember loved ones who have died serving their country, and especially the family and friends of Alan Harkness, Margaret Wealands, and Christine Glenn

Notices

Please let a Minister or Church Warden know of any **special occasion** you are celebrating and would like to share with the Church.

Help Needed: On Sundays, we are looking to expand our Children's Ministry to two separate groups as our numbers grow, so we are keen to grow the team, and need both leaders and helpers. We are also seeking people to support Stranton Toddlers (Tuesday Morning), Youth Fellowship, and Messy Church. If you would like to be involved in any of these activities (as leaders or helpers) then please contact Revd John. All volunteers will be subject to the usual Safer Recruitment process, but please don't let this put you off.

4th Hartlepool Boys Brigade Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 2nd December at St Matthews Community Centre, Elwick Rd from 9.30am-12pm. Admission £1.00 (children go free). **Boys Brigade** are collecting bric-a-brac and prizes for the tombola stall (contact George Bainbridge 07816 445829). **The Social team** will be running a '**Lucky Dip/Bottle**' Stall in order to raise funds for parish social events. We need bottle donations (alcohol, soft drinks, water, soap, shower and bath gels, sauces, washing up liquids) plus small toys or sweets for children. If you can help, please ring the church office (07305 550009) or speak to Maureen Anderson.

We are holding a Four Week Advent Course for the Central Group looking at our Advent Journey through Frank Capra's film '**It's a Wonderful Life**' is being held in St Columba's Church, on **Thursday 30th November and 7th, 14th, 21st December, starting 7:00 pm**. You do not have to come to the first session to be able to follow the course. **PLUS:** If you would like to see the film without any breaks to help you remember it before you come to the course, we will be showing it in full on **Thursday November 23rd** in St Columba's Church starting at 7:00 pm.

St Luke's Cheese & Wine and Carols by Candlelight is on Friday 8th December at 6:30 pm in St Luke's Parish Centre. Tickets cost £5 and are available in church.

Choir: would you like to be involved in either the band or the choir at All Saints Carols by Candlelight on 17 December? Please contact Andrew Rogers on 07831 314375

Communities of Hope (Help needed – speak to one of the team to find out how you can support us)

- **Sid's Kitchen** Monday 10.00am-12.00pm at **St Matthew's**
- **Stranton Toddlers** Tuesday 9.00am-11.00am at **St Matthew's**
- **A Bit of God Time** Tuesday 1pm to 2:30 pm at **St Aidan's**
- **Friday Drop In** Friday 10.00am – 12.00pm at **St Aidan's**

Contact Us

Priest in charge **Revd John Bell** Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.
 revdjohnbell@stranton-church.org.uk **Usual day off – Friday.**

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The Church Office is at St Matthews Community Centre, 143 Elwick Road, TS26 8JF.
Bookings: please call in on Wednesday, 12pm & 2pm, or phone to arrange a time.

Website: <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton>
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>

Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

St Luke's <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool>
St Aidan's and St Columba's https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB
Communities of Hope <https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh>