



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 14<sup>th</sup> August 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.

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>		(Green)	Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Kevin Tones	Stranton
9.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle Delves	St Lukes
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Revd Kevin Tones	St Aidan's
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Mary Tones	Stranton

**Sunday Club News!** Join us this week as we look at how Saint Paul travelled far and wide to spread the news of God. We will be going on a taste journey and sampling some foods/drinks from the places he visited.

**Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader**

**Services are liable to change at short notice during summer months due to clergy and staff leave**

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August:

- **St Matthew's** 10.00am Holy Communion Revd Kevin Stranton
- **St Luke's** 9.30am Holy Communion Revd Michelle St Luke's

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August:

- **St Columba's** 9.15am Mass Revd Michelle St Aidan's

**Open Church:** Through the summer Stranton Church will be open for visitors on Saturdays 10 am-12 noon

#### Collect

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### Post Communion:

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of  
your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household  
of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the  
fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language  
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**Amen**

## Readings : Hebrews 11:29-12:2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning;<sup>[b]</sup> they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Luke 12:49-56 - Not peace but division

<sup>49</sup> 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' <sup>54</sup> He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. <sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. <sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

## Intercessions

- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for asylum seekers, refugees and the dispossessed, and freedom for the oppressed: We pray for relief for the people of Ukraine, and all conflict zones.
- we pray for our Queen and government at local and national level, may those who serve in public office listen to the voice of your Spirit and act with love, justice and mercy
- We pray for those affected by flooding in India, Bangladesh and the United States, drought in Africa, and for the relief workers helping them and the people in Afghanistan suffering from famine, earthquake and oppression, and for those who have suffered personal loss in summer wildfires. May we be better stewards of your creation and learn to live in more sustainable ways
- We pray for unity between Christians. We pray for all Churches in Hartlepool and for Churches Together Hartlepool. We pray for our joint outreach including the Foodbank and Town Pastors.
- We pray for appointment of a new Group incumbent to be inspired led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- 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, Hayley and Viv as they lead our Summer club at St Matthews
- We pray for Andy, Kati and Eva Walsh in Brazil in their ministry with CMS.
- We pray for all those affected by the cost-of-living crisis, and for 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, Henry, Nancy Fernie and Marie.
- We pray for all those who mourn, for the family and friends of Ida Hodgman Beryl Evans, and Revd Maurice Jennett.

## Notices:

**CMS News** we have received a newsletter from Andy and Kati Walsh our CMS link mission partners in Brazil, a copy and video update are available on our Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

**Next Messy church - September 11<sup>th</sup> St Matthews Community Centre 4 pm (NO August meeting)**

**Communities of Hope "Round The World" Summer Camp for primary aged children**

(There were a few places left at the time of publication)

- Where? St Matthews Community Centre
- When? Mon- Thurs for the coming week 15 – 18 August 10am-2pm (Final Week)
- What For? Fun, Games, Crafts, Lunch, food to take home
- Cost? Free.
- How do you book? Hartlepool Council Website: Just scroll down until you can pick the option [https://online.hartlepool.gov.uk/service/Hartlepool\\_Holiday\\_Fun](https://online.hartlepool.gov.uk/service/Hartlepool_Holiday_Fun)

**Ward Jackson School** We are looking for new Governors - who simply need to have a heart for the brilliant work the school is doing in the Burbank Community, and an interest in the wellbeing and attainment of the children, to support the School from September. 2022, **Speak with David Craig or Revd Clive**

**Hartlepool foodbank** - Please support via COLLECTION POINT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. The Foodbank currently needs- Tinned foods (Rice pudding, custard, tomatoes, soup, meat) Snacks (sweet & savoury)

**Visit of the Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa, Bishop of the Rift Valley 20 – 21 August 2022 - Bishop John** will be visiting Hartlepool. He will be preaching at Stranton on Sunday 21 August at both services: there is also an invitation to meet with him at the Duke of Cleveland pub on the Hartlepool Headland on Saturday 20 August 4 pm - 6 pm where he will speak at about the diocese of the Rift Valley, and give news about Kilimatinde and the surrounding villages. He will want to express thanks for the longstanding support given by members of Stranton church and St Hilda's, and other supporters of the Kilimatinde trust. We will have a sign-up sheet for this meeting at the back of church, so we can estimate numbers.

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

- There is no requirement to wear a face mask in Church but please continue to act with consideration towards others especially the vulnerable.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit, and as you are directed for receiving Communion. Holy Communion is offered by intinction (dipping).
- There will not be a collection taken during the service but you may leave an offertory as you come in.
- Refreshments are now provided after the 11 am service from the servery at the back of Church – you are welcome to stay and share but please move away from the table when you have been served so others have clear space in which to come forward.

**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. Stranton church at: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/stranton-all-saints-ts24-7qt/>. We continue to 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)**

**"Streaming" services online:**

- **9:00 am Holy Communion** is streamed directly via our Facebook page (below).
- **11:00 am service** is now streamed to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>  
(A link will be shared on Stranton Church Facebook Page)

Facebook also has a link from our home page <http://stranton-church.org.uk>

**Other useful Central Hartlepool Group YouTube and Facebook links**

<https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/>

<https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh>

**Also:** <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool>

<https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba>

## Church Office and Parish Contacts:

Church office is at St Matthews Community Centre, please telephone or email for enquiries, and to make appointments.

Tel 01429 894006 or 07305 550009 (Trish) during contact hours - Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon. Stranton Church Office email: [admin@stranton-church-org.uk](mailto:admin@stranton-church-org.uk)

Following Revd Norman's Retirement, confidential enquiries or requests to our curates Michelle and Clive can be made by telephone to Revd Michelle 07564 029010 or to Revd Clive 01429 278504 or to the confidential email address [clergy@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:clergy@stranton-church.org.uk)

*please note clergy usual "Days off" are: Fridays (Revd Michelle) and Thursdays (Revd Clive): if you have difficulty reaching them (for example during holiday periods) please ask the Church office to ask one of the Clergy to call you back (More information on our web site <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> and Facebook page).*

### **A message from Mike Peacock**

*On the 29<sup>th</sup> August I will begin a 500 mile walk from France, across the Pyrenees and northern Spain, finishing on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. I would like to raise £800 for the UK charity Papyrus*

*For some of the background to this challenge please see: "Three Dads Walking" link:*

[Three Dads Walking: Trio announce UK-wide challenge - BBC News](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cumbria-62236729)  
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*I lost my brother in 2006, last year I lost two close friends and in the last week of July 2022, my cousin lost her grandson, all to suicide. I'm sure you too will know people who have taken their own lives or who have been affected by a suicide. Papyrus suggests that on average around 135 people known to the person who completes suicide are affected emotionally and mentally as a consequence. So, please sponsor me and help Papyrus to prevent any more young people taking their lives by donating whatever you feel able -*

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mike-peacock5>.

*If you are not comfortable with online giving you can make a donation through me at the Durham Diocesan office:*

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*Thank you for your kindness.*

*Mike  
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