



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 15th May 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.

Sunday 15th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter (White):

Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:

9:00 am	Holy Communion 1, Stranton	Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Clive	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Sheila Bamber	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Norman & Revd Michelle	<i>Stranton</i>
1.00 pm	Baptism	Revd Clive	

Join us as usual for Sunday club at 11 am Children ages 5 - 11 especially welcome for bible based activities

Readings Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35

<i>Wednesday 10.00 am</i>	Communion (St Matthews)	Revd Clive	<i>St Matthew's</i>
<i>Wednesday 9.30 am</i>	Holy Communion (St Luke's)	Revd Michelle	
<i>Thursday 9:15 am</i>	Mass (St Columba)	Revd Norman	<i>St Aidan's</i>

Collect:

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion:

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Acts 11:1-18 11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

⁴Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

⁸'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

⁹ 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

¹⁵ 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

John 13:31-35 - Jesus predicts Peter's denial ³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. ³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

Intercessions

- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, freedom for the oppressed: We pray for relief for the people of Ukraine, and all conflict zones
- 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, our Communities of Hope team in their work
- 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, particularly remembering those in our town with very little.
- We pray 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, especially the family and friends of Karen May and Geoff Harris.

St Luke's Plant Sale. Saturday 21st May 10am-12noon in the church Grounds and Parish Rooms, All Welcome.

Open Church: Through the summer Stranton Church will be open for visitors on Saturdays 10am-12noon
Hartlepool foodbank - We have strong links with the Hartlepool foodbank, and have a COLLECTION POINT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH The Foodbank currently requests donations of **Tinned foods (Rice pudding, custard, tomatoes, soup, meat) Snacks (sweet and savoury)**

Advance notices ASCENSION DAY SERVICE: Thursday 26th May. This will be a joint Group Service held at St Aidan's Church at 7pm.

Sunday 22nd May **Open Skies Forest Church**, St Aidans School at 3.00pm

A Ceilidh is planned for **Saturday 18th June** in St Matthew's Community Centre.

Christian Aid Week 15 - 21 May 2022 The effects of rising costs and economic pressures on families hit people much harder in developing nations than at home: Christian Aid is telling the story of Jessica, a young mother in Zimbabwe to bring home the needs and hopes of those whom we are being asked to help. **Watch out for envelopes in Church or give online via the link below:**

<https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-week/team/907b8b06-9a22-48ce-831a-511cdd7d5a6c>

This May we're fundraising to make a real difference to families like Jessica's. For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. By supporting our fundraising with whatever you can afford, Christian Aid partners could help Jessica learn how to sow drought tolerant crops, learn how to grow food in dry seasons and build a storeroom to preserve food and bounce back from future droughts. Please give today, and help this loving mum provide food - and hope - for her family. Thank you!

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

- There is no requirement to wear a face mask in Church but we are continuing to encourage all to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable, by doing so: Children under 11 and those medically exempted are not asked to wear a face mask.
- Please do not attend church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms/raised temperature, or test positive
- Please come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance
- Please sanitise your 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. Holy Communion is offered by intinction (dipping).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: service booklets are in use at 9 am service
- As you meet after the service, please maintain distance and allow others room to leave.
- 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 space 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. The link for Stranton church is:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/stranton-all-saints-ts24-7qt/>.

We 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

Streaming 9:00 am Holy Communion is streamed directly via our Facebook page (below)

11:00 am Sunday Services

The 11:00am service is now being streamed to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>

A link will be shared on Stranton Church Facebook Page.

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

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>

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