



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.



# All Saints (Stranton) Church

## Notices and Readings – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*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 15<sup>th</sup> December: Third Sunday of Advent (Purple)

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd Becky	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd John	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd Becky	St Aidan's
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd John	Stranton
6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	Revd John	Stranton

### Weekday Services:

Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd Kevin
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd Andrew
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd Andrew

### **Collect:**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of  
your Son:

give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

### **Post Communion:**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly  
gifts: kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **AMEN**

**Readings for 15<sup>th</sup> December:                      Zephaniah 3:14-20                      Philipians 4:4-7                      Luke 3:7-18**

### **Intercessions – Please pray for:**

- All who have been impacted by the abuse disclosed in the Makin Review
- The searching light of Christ to shine into the darkness of this time and reveal what needs to be seen and dealt with, whatever and wherever that may be.
- Peace in the midst of conflict in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, relief for all who are injured, displaced and suffering loss as a result: and healing and reconciliation for the people of Syria
- Disaster struck nations across the world, and relief for those affected by the storms here in the UK.
- All those persecuted for their faith, and all who are oppressed across the world.
- Our own group of Churches and all those who minister to us.
- Growth in our Churches, an outward focus in our hearts and minds, and a burning desire to see new people coming to know Christ.
- Our Group Mission project, our Steering Group & employees, the people we work with, all those who volunteer & support us, and for Patrick Reeve as he prepares to join our team as Mission Enabler
- Peace and healing for all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know God's love surrounding them, praying especially for Tim and Viki, and their families following the very sad death of their baby daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Beatrice.
- All those who mourn at this time especially remembering the family and friends of Stuart Leighton.

## Notices

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

**Christmas Hampers:** Our mission project is supporting schools in the Group with Christmas Hampers for those families who would benefit from them most. If you are able to support this with packing and distributing on Monday at St Matthews, please contact Hayley Liversedge 07712 008772.

**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.

### Central Hartlepool Group Mission Activities

- **Stranton Toddlers** Tuesday 9:00 am-11:00 am at **St Matthew's**
- **A Bit of God Time** Tuesday 1:00 pm-2:30 pm at **St Aidan's**
- **Friday Drop-In Cafe** Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at **St Aidan's**

### Our Christmas Services at Stranton

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December: 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 11.00am Nativity Service (at our usual service time)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 4.00pm Family Service & 11:30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am Christmas Day Service (Central Group Joint Service at Stranton)

### Other Christmas Services across the Central Group

St Aidan's will be holding services each Sunday at 3pm during Advent

(1<sup>st</sup> Advent Service, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Benediction, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nine Lessons and Carols)

Christmas Eve: 3pm St Aidan's Crib Service

6pm St Luke's Nativity Service

## Contacts:

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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 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)

