



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 19th 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 19th November: Second Sunday before Advent

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd Kevin Tones	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Tony Roache	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd Kevin Tones	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Tony Roache	Stranton

Weekday Communion Services:

Wednesday	22nd November:	St Luke's	9.30am	Revd John Bell
		St Matthew's	10.00am	Revd Andrew Craig
Thursday	23rd November:	St Columba's	9.15am	Revd John Bell

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Readings: Zephaniah 1:7,12 to end 1 Thessalonians 5:13 1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

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 Margaret Wealands, Christine Glenn and Joyce Whitton

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.

Communities of Hope Hamper Appeal:

Communities of Hope are again planning to make up and distribute Christmas hampers to families in need in our parishes. Cheques payable to "Stranton PCC" - mark on back "*Communities of Hope*", or send online to Stranton PCC Account 20 - 82 -18 10146501 with reference "CoH"). Cash donations in a sealed envelope marked "Hampers". All donations will be very much appreciated. Any questions or offers to help pack the hampers please speak to Hayley Liversidge or Emma Cain. Emma@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk Hayley@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk

4th Hartlepool Boys Brigade Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 2nd December at St Matthews Community Centre 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** are collecting bottles (alcohol, soft drinks, water, soap, shower and bath gels, sauces, washing up liquids) for a '**Lucky Dip/Bottle**' Stall in order to raise funds for parish social events (contact 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.

Brownies and Guides Fun Night Monday 4th December 6:30 to 8:00 St Matthew's CC. Adult £2 Child 50p includes a mince pie and drink. They are raising money to support one of their members who has been selected to represent Hartlepool and North East England Girlguiding in Norway July 2024.

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

Group Christmas Meal: will be at the Golden Lion on 19th January 2024. Look out for details at the back of church.

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

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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>