



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 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 19 December: Advent 4.**

#### **Streamed to Facebook...**

9:00 am	Holy Communion 2, Stranton	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Michelle & Linda Dott	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Norman & Sunday Club	<i>Stranton</i>
6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Revd Clive & Anita Burke	<i>Stranton</i>

**Readings** Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1; 39-45

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

#### **Collect:**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs  
of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion:**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

***May your Christmas***

***Be filled with***

***Love, Joy, Peace and Hope***



## Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans<sup>[a]</sup> of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.' <sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labour bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup> And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land and march through our fortresses.

## Luke 1: 39-45 - Mary visits Elizabeth

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!' <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!

**Collects & Readings for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Epiphany are set out at the end of these notices**

## Intercessions

- We give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and all that we enjoy. We pray that we may all care for the environment and that world leaders will act to reduce the effects of global warming.
- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, freedom for the oppressed.
- We pray for the world-wide Church, for those who face persecution or discrimination because of their faith, for those who serve and minister to them and who bring your Good News to the poor and oppressed
- We pray for our Churches, that the appointment of a new Group incumbent will be inspired, led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- We pray for our national and local leaders.
- We pray for the care of all who continue to be affected by the pandemic, for wisdom for the decision makers concerning public safety; we pray particularly for health and care workers, the police and community wardens, small businesses and local employers, and all who are seeking work.
- 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 Emma and Jo, our Communities of Hope team as their work continues amongst the needy in our community. We pray for Aneta Bradley as she begins her role as project leader.
- We pray 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 and Karen.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Carol Moore, Stuart Parker, Lynne and Joan Noble

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

- The government has reintroduced a legal requirement for people **to wear a face mask in public places including places of worship (unless exempted)** and to keep social distance. In order to protect ourselves and others, please act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable.
- Please do not attend church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms/raised temperature
- If you are attending a church service do, please try to come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance as the service starts.
- Children under 11 are not required to wear a face mask, nor those medically exempted
- 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 (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: booklets are now in use again at 9 am
- Singing is now allowed. If you would like to join in singing, we politely ask you to wear a mask.
- After the service, please meet continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- If you become unwell with COVID-19 like symptoms within the week after attending a church service please advise a member of the clergy or a churchwarden so that people from that service can be advised.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

## NOTICES:

<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	Sunday 19 Dec 6.00pm at Church – streamed to Stranton YouTube
<b>Christmas Family Service</b>	Friday 24 Dec 4.30pm at Church
<b>'Midnight Communion'</b>	Friday 24 Dec 11.00pm at Church – streamed to Stranton YouTube
<b>Christmas Day Family Communion</b>	Saturday 25 Dec 10.00am at Church
<b>First Sunday of Christmas</b>	Sunday 26 Dec 10.45am <b>at St Aidan's Church (no service at Stranton)</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Epiphany, services at 9.00am and 11.00am ( <i>live streamed</i> )

*There will be no mid-week services between Christmas and New Year*

### Sunday Club News!

#### 19th December – Nativity

Today there will not be a Sunday Club as we will be enjoying our nativity service. Our Nativity service will include Christmas hymns, prayers and Bible readings as well as some wonderful acting by our Sunday Club children!

If you would like to join in or help, please let me know, everyone is welcome to either help or just to enjoy the service.

Enjoy, **Kate** *Stranton Sunday Club Leader*

### Walks, Talks and Visits in Around Hartlepool

Our next walk/tour will be on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1:00pm, West View Cemetery, West View Road. It will help if you can let Rohan Wanduragala (223751 / 07722 870104) or Steve Robbins (861702) know if you are coming.

**Communities of Hope Hampers: Thank you so much for your continued support! Emma, Jo and Aneta**

**Open Church Saturday Mornings** will restart in the spring

**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 do 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](mailto:treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk)*

**Live online Services for w/c 19<sup>th</sup> December** Facebook addresses are below.

- The Wednesday 9.30 communion from St Luke's and the Thursday 9.15 Mass from St Columba's will also be streamed.
- If you would like to access a night prayer **Lectio 365 have introduced a daily night prayer** accessible by downloading the app. The Church of England has also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.
- Zoom Morning Prayer is online from 8.30 - 9.00am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

### Streaming 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 Facebook.

9:00 am Holy Communion is streamed via our Facebook page

### Facebook and Web Addresses:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/> <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> [www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus](http://www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus)

### Church Office

The Church office is closed from Christmas Eve to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

### Parish Contacts: Church office please telephone or email.

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009 (Trish) Email: [admin@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:admin@stranton-church.org.uk)

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(More information on our web site <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> and Facebook page)

## **Christmas Eve MIDNIGHT MASS**

READINGS: Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

### **COLLECT**

Eternal God,  
in the stillness of this night  
you sent your almighty Word  
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:  
give to the earth the peace that we long for  
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



### **POST COMMUNION**

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us  
again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

READINGS: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-14

### **COLLECT**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven  
touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

### **POST COMMUNION**

God our Father, whose Word has come  
among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.  
Amen



## **SUNDAY 2 January 2022 Epiphany (white):**

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6, Matthew 2: 1-12

### **Collect for Epiphany:**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Post Communion:**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been  
drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.