



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 21st April 2024

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 21st April: 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am	Holy Communion (see note)*	Revd Andrew Craig	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd John Bell	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd Kevin Tones	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew Craig	Stranton

Please note the 9 am service will not be streamed this week,

Weekday Services:

Wednesday	24 th April 2024:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd Andrew Craig
		St Matthew's *	10.00 am	Revd John Bell
Thursday	25 th April 2024:	St Columba's *	9.15 am	Revd Kevin Tones

Post Communion:

Collect:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good
shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise
again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Readings for 21st April: Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-end John 10: 11-18

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- An end to the conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Yemen, and elsewhere.
- Our Government, including the local elections in May and the General Election expected this year.
- Those seeking baptism within our group of churches.
- Our upcoming APCM (28th April) and all those who serve on our PCC.
- Our journey of faith, as we seek to grow deeper with God, seeking his will for our lives.
- Growth in our Churches, with new people seeking to know Christ, and more people stepping forward to serve and volunteer, wherever it is needed (and whether this could be you).
- Opportunities to grow our presence in our community, and engage with community leaders.
- 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 at this time especially remembering the family and friends of Doreen Lathan, Graham Cook, Norman Brookbanks, Beryl Minto, Pam Hutchinson and Richard Walker.

Notices

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

Annual Meeting 12:00 noon 28 April 2024. Our annual meeting takes place next Sunday 28 April immediately after our morning service, starting with welcome refreshments. We will appoint Churchwardens, PCC members and other positions of responsibility, receive the annual report and accounts for 2023, and have the opportunity to ask questions and hear about matters of interest and concern for our parish as we seek God's will together. The meeting is expected to take less than an hour. *A copy of the accounts is posted on the noticeboard at the back of church, and the annual report and other meeting papers will be published on our website early in the week. Nomination forms for Churchwardens and PCC members are available in church or by request from the Church Office. Please do join us for this significant event, if you are on the Electoral roll you may nominate and vote for PCC and officer elections.*

Advance Notice: Revd. Andrew Craig invites all his friends in the Central Hartlepool Group to join him to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of **significant birthday cake** with him at St Luke's Parish Centre on 24 April (after the 9:30 am Holy Communion or just "drop in" after that service at any time up to noon). No presents, please: but if anyone would like to bake a cake, Andrew will make a donation towards St Luke's (windows), Stranton (stonework) or St Aidan's (kitchen) – please let him know well in advance if you intend to do this, so he can plan quantities.

Prayers of Love and Faith: Following our Lent Course, Revd John is keen for anyone with views about the Prayers of Love and Faith to get in touch, before a decision is made on whether to offer these prayers within our services.

Opportunities to Serve: If you would like to help with our **Children's and Youth work**, with our **Music Group**, or in any other way, please have a chat with Revd John as we look to grow these and other areas of our ministry.

Communities of Hope (Help needed – speak to one of the team to find out how you can support us)

- **Stranton Toddlers** (Next session 23rd April) 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** Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at **St Aidan's**

Contacts:

Priest in charge: Revd John Bell Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.
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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>

