



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021: 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: Christ King**

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

9:00 am	Holy Communion 1, Stranton	Revd Norman/ Michelle	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Michelle	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Norman/ Anita	Stranton

**Readings** Revelation 1:4-8 John 18: 33-37

Wednesday 10.00 am	Communion at St Matthew's	Revd Michelle	
Wednesday 9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd Andrew	St Luke's
Thursday 9:15 am	Mass	Revd Norman	St Aidan and Columba

#### **Collect:**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion:**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of  
good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## Revelation 1: 4-8 **Greetings and doxology**

<sup>4</sup> John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. <sup>7</sup> ‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’ and ‘every eye will see him, even those who pierced him’; and all peoples on earth ‘will mourn because of him.’ So shall it be! Amen. <sup>8</sup> ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’

## **John 18:33-37**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ <sup>34</sup> ‘Is that your own idea,’ Jesus asked, ‘or did others talk to you about me?’ <sup>35</sup> ‘Am I a Jew?’ Pilate replied. ‘Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?’ <sup>36</sup> Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.’ <sup>37</sup> ‘You are a king, then!’ said Pilate. Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.’

## **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 our Churches, that the appointment of a new Group incumbent will be inspired, led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- We pray for local leaders: for our elected Hartlepool Borough council members, elected officers and all who work in public services: for wisdom in day-to-day decisions, wise use of resources and care for all the people of this town.
- 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 prepares to be the new 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, Lynne and Hans.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Evelyn Hartley.

**Communities of Hope Hampers:** As last year, we would like to show God’s abounding love and generosity to the lovely families and individuals we have been working with over the year, by putting together some festive hampers. If you would like to support our efforts and reach out to some of the most struggling people in our community, we are asking for donations ***in the form of cash or vouchers***. Last year taught us that organising collection points is very demanding of team time, and we hope this way might help at a time when we are very stretched. By doing the shopping ourselves we can ensure hampers avoid over- or under-provision of certain items.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so in person or by making a bank transfer, using these details: Account: **Stranton PCC** Account Number **10146501** Sort Code **20 82 18** Reference: **“COH Hampers”**

***Thank you so much for your continued support! Emma, Jo and Aneta***

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

Although the government has removed the legal requirements to wear face masks and to keep social distance it is asking people to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable. In order to protect ourselves and others, Stranton PCC encourages you to observe these simple measures: -

- 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.
- Wear a face mask when you enter church and although we encourage you to keep your mask on throughout the service, we suggest you only take it off when seated.
- 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:

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF EVELYN HARTLEY** will be held in Stranton Church at 1.45pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Pam and Chris, her two daughters, invite all who knew Evelyn to come and celebrate her life. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Fulthorpe Chapel. This will follow the service of committal for Evelyn which is at Stranton Grange Chapel at 1.00pm, all are welcome.

### Sunday Club News!

Please join us for Sunday Club this week. We will be looking at our final part of God protecting us. Our Bible reading is Psalm 18:30-34. Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

### Walks, Talks and Visits in Around Hartlepool

*This week's walk (23 November) to Seaton Carew Church) has been cancelled.* Our next walk/tour will be on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at 1:00pm, Greatham Church. (Meet outside Village Hall, High Street).

It will help if you can let Rohan Wanduragala (223751 / 07722 870104) or Steve Robbins (861702) know if you are coming.

### Forest Church

The next Open Skies Forest Church is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Forest Church is one of our Communities of Hope Hartlepool projects - an informal, family-focussed, outdoor church event where we explore nature and faith together. All are welcome! Any questions please message this page or contact Rachel Price. If you're coming it's really helpful if you can sign up on the Eventbrite page. Hope to see you there!  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-skies-forest-church-tickets-170277186649>

**4<sup>th</sup> Hartlepool Boys Brigade Christmas Fair - St Matthew's CC Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 to 12:00 noon**  
Admission adults £1 (children free). Bargains galore guaranteed. We are collecting bric-a-brac - please ring George Bainbridge 07816 445829 if you have something to donate and would like it collecting. Trish and the social team are running a **Trash or Treasure Stall** in order to raise funds for parish social events. We need bottle donations (alcohol, soft drinks, water, soap, shower and bath gels, sauces, washing up liquids, small toys for children). If you can help, please contact Trish on 01429 894006

**Coffee (or Tea!) Cake and Company Matthew's** Community Centre Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm to 4:00pm. A time to spend together with friends, to meet new people and make new friends.

### Open Church Saturday Mornings

Church is open each Saturday morning, 10:00 to 12:00, for visitors and for those wishing to receive some pastoral support or prayer. We are need of some more volunteers. Could anyone who expressed an interest initially, or anyone who would like to be part of the team of people doing this please talk with Rev Michelle (07564 029010).

**St Luke's Sewing Group** are holding their annual **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday **27<sup>th</sup> November** in aid of Vellore Hospital and CMS in the Parish Hall: 10:00 -12.00. All are welcome to browse and spend on the handmade goods, tombola stall, raffle, and cake stalls. Donations, especially cakes will be gratefully received.

**ST LUKE'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Saturday **4<sup>th</sup> December** 10:00 -12.00. Donations of toys, tombola items and bric-a-brac gratefully received.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> November** 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/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzIi62VFcA>

A link will be shared by Facebook.

### **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 now open Tuesday to Friday. Trish can be contacted in the office from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. y.

### **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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