



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 22nd May 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 22nd May: Sixth Sunday of Easter (White):

Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:

9:00 am	Holy Communion 1, Stranton	Revd Clive & Linda Dott	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Michelle	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Clive & Linda Dott	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Lighthouse Service with welcomes	Revd Michelle & Mary Tones	<i>Stranton</i>

Join us as usual for Sunday club at 11 am Children ages 5 - 11 especially welcome for bible based activities

Readings Acts 16:9-15, John 14:23-29

<i>Wednesday 10.00 am</i>	Communion (St Matthews)	Revd Kevin Tones	<i>St Matthew's</i>
<i>Wednesday 9.30 am</i>	Holy Communion (St Luke's)	Revd Andrew Craig	
<i>Thursday 9:15 am</i>	Mass (St Columba)	Revd Michelle	<i>St Aidan's</i>

Collect:

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of
eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **Amen**

Acts 16:9-15 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

John 14:23-29 Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ 'All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. ²⁸ 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

Intercessions

- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, freedom for the oppressed: We pray for relief for the people of Ukraine, and all conflict zones
- We pray for unity between Christians. We pray for all Churches in Hartlepool and for Churches Together Hartlepool. We pray for our joint outreach including the Foodbank and Town Pastors.
- We pray for appointment of a new Group incumbent to be inspired led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- 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 Aneta, Emma and Hayley our Communities of Hope team in their work
- We pray for Andy, Kati and Eva Walsh in Brazil in their ministry with CMS.
- We pray for all those affected by the cost of living crisis, particularly remembering those in our town with very little.
- We pray for 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, Henry, Nancy Fernie and Marie.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Anita Vincent.

Open Church: Through the summer Stranton Church will be open for visitors on Saturdays 10am-12noon

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE: Thursday 26th May. This will be a joint Group Service held at St Aidan's Church at 7pm.

Sunday 29th May **Open Skies Forest Church**, St Aidans School at 3.00pm

Coffee, cake and chat on Saturday 4th June. This time, our regular monthly get together will be an afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (free)

Queens Platinum Jubilee Tea Party, Thursday 2 June, 1pm-4pm at St Matthew's Community Centre. Tickets Adults £3, Children £2, including food and refreshments: Entertainment, Blackberry Donkeys, Games, Quiz, Raffle. Contact Carol 01429 290290 or email bvnra.secretary@gmail.com

Communities of Hope: We are pleased to announce the appointment of Hayley Liversage who will start as the Children and families worker from 8th June

Norman and Julie's Final Weekend A Ceilidh is planned for **Saturday 18th June**, 6.30-10.00pm in St Matthew's Community Centre. Tickets now available (£2 adults, £1 children, £5 family ticket) from church office (Trish), or from Maureen Anderson in church: there will be a faith meal. There will be one **Joint Communion Service** for the whole group at **10am** on **Sunday 19 June**, at Stranton Church.

Hartlepool foodbank - Please support via COLLECTION POINT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. The Foodbank currently requests donations- **Tinned foods (Rice pudding, custard, tomatoes, soup, meat) Snacks (sweet & savoury)**

Advance notice **4th Hartlepool Boys Brigade Summer Fayre Saturday June 25th 2022**

St Matthews Community Centre 9.30 am - 12noon Admission- £1.00 (Children free) "Bargains galore!"

We are collecting Bric a Brac (No Clothing) for pick up if required, please ring George Bainbridge on 07816445829

Christian Aid Week 15 - 21 May 2022 The effects of rising costs and economic pressures on families hit people much harder in developing nations than at home: Christian Aid is telling the story of Jessica, a young mother in Zimbabwe to bring home the needs and hopes of those whom we are being asked to help. **Watch out for envelopes in Church or give online via the link below:**

<https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-week/team/907b8b06-9a22-48ce-831a-511cdd7d5a6c>

This May we're fundraising to make a real difference to families like Jessica's. For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. By supporting our fundraising with whatever you can afford, Christian Aid partners could help Jessica learn how to sow drought tolerant crops, learn how to grow food in dry seasons and build a storeroom to preserve food and bounce back from future droughts. Please give today, and help this loving mum provide food - and hope - for her family. Thank you!

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

- There is no requirement to wear a face mask in Church but we are continuing to encourage all to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable, by doing so: Children under 11 and those medically exempted are not asked to wear a face mask.
- Please do not attend church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms/raised temperature, or test positive
- Please come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance
- 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 (dipping).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: service booklets are in use at 9 am service
- As you meet after the service, please maintain distance and allow others room to leave.
- There will not be a collection taken during the service but you may leave an offertory as you come in.
- Refreshments are now provided after the 11 am service from the servery at the back of Church – you are welcome to stay and share but please move away from the table when you have been served so others have space to come forward.

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 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***

Streaming 9:00 am Holy Communion is streamed directly via our Facebook page (below)

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 Stranton Church Facebook Page.

Facebook also has a link on our home page <http://stranton-church.org.uk>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/>

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

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