



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Reading 22<sup>nd</sup> August 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 will continue to be streamed LIVE on Facebook pages, or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos.

#### **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

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

9:00 am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Andrew	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Rev Norman	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Andrew	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Lighthouse Worship, Stranton with welcome for baptism families	Rachel/Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
2:00 pm	Sunday Club on-line with Kate ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/">https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/</a> )		

**Readings:** Ephesians 6: 10-20    John 6: 35, 56-69

9.30 am	<u>Wednesday</u> Holy Communion BCP	Revd Andrew	<i>St Luke's</i>
9:15 am	<u>Thursday</u> Mass	Revd Norman	<i>St Aidan and Columba</i>

#### **Collect for Trinity 12:**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **Post Communion:**

God of all mercy,  
in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## **Ephesians 6: 10-20 (NIVUK)**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

## **John 6: 56-69 (NIVUK)**

<sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

<sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit <sup>[e]</sup> and life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup> "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

## **Intercessions**

- We pray for your peace, justice and reconciliation where there is conflict and division among the nations. Across the world we pray for Afghanistan and Haiti.
- We pray for national and local leaders: for wisdom in day-to-day decisions regarding the pandemic: for health, safety, and wise use of resources.
- We pray for the care of all 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, and that we may find ways in which to become involved.
- 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 all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Anne Phacker

## **ATTENDING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP**

Although the government has removed the legal requirement to wear a face mask and to social distance it is advising people act with consideration to others, especially the vulnerable.

In order to protect ourselves and others Stranton PCC encourage you to -

- 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. Please (if you can) scan the NHS QR code poster using the NHS COVID-19 app.
- Wear a face mask when you enter church and although we encourage you to keep your mask on throughout the service you may take it off when seated.
- Please sanitise 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.
- We ask you to register as you come in for "tracing". A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks.
- Holy Communion is offered by intinction (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday service will be displayed on the screens.
- Singing is now allowed. If you would like to join in singing with the music group we politely ask you to wear a mask.
- After the service, please meet outside, continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- Please respect other people's space and maintain the 1+ metre social distancing regime, some people may feel anxious and vulnerable. Families/"bubbles" may sit together.
- Seating is sanitised between services. Access to toilets is available if absolutely necessary, but please follow the guidance provided on cleaning
- 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 the contact list information from that service can be used for test and tracing purposes.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

## **NOTICES:**

### **Welcoming families on the journey to baptism**

As a church we have always encouraged families requesting baptism to belong to our Church Community. As part of this welcome today at 11.00 am we will be holding our first 'Lighthouse' style service since the beginning of the pandemic. This will be a more relaxed service but will also be conducted on a Covid appropriate way.

### **Community of Hope Family and Children's Worker**

*Jess has left the Team to have a holiday and prepare for full time ordination training this Autumn*

This week we have advertised the vacant family and Children's worker post with Communities of Hope.

This is a three year post. More details on line <http://stranton-church.org.uk/jobapplications.html>

or contact Norman on 07985148034.

### **Faculty application: Audio Visual Project**

A faculty for the installation of permanent display screens in church has been granted. We hope and pray that work will start in the near future.

### **Stranton Sunday Club Online**

There will be no face to face Sunday Club this week but our online Sunday Club will be available as usual on Gacebook . **Kate. Stranton Sunday Club Leader**

**Helping in Church Services:** We have reintroduced a rota for reading, interceding and welcoming at the 11 am service soon. If you are interested in helping out please chat with Maureen or contact her using the church office telephone or email below.

## VACANCY:

Stranton PCC met with the other two Central Hartlepool Group PCCs on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August in the process of discerning the shape of the future post, and we will keep you informed as we go along. In a 'normal' vacancy there would be quite a delay before the recruitment process could start, however, the Diocese regards this vacancy in Hartlepool Group as a 'mission critical exemption', so the recruitment process has started.

### 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. If you would like to be part of the team of people doing this please talk with Rev Michelle (07564 029010).

### Fundraising Challenge: Tehran - Hartlepool in 61 days

We are gathering a team who are aiming to walk, cycle, run, scoot, wheel, swim, etc the equivalent distance from Tehran to Hartlepool over August and September to raise money for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group (run by Hartlepower). (That's 3,655 miles!) This is not just for the super-fit - all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate in whatever way would be a challenge - whether that's 5 miles walking or 100 miles cycling per week! Sign up to the team here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zw4Y2ZL5blsVCsZqfgOsABkFn0yh26MH5zJBwvIDck8/edit>

and email Rachel with any questions: [rachel@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:rachel@stranton-church.org.uk)

Link to sponsorship page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tehran-to-hartlepool-in-61-days>

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> August** 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 at 8.30am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

### Streaming 11:00 am Sunday Services

The 11:00am service is now being streamed to

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA> 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)

### 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-chrch.org.uk> and Facebook page)