



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.



## All Saints (Stranton) Church

### Notices and Readings – w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

*Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus, Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

*Streamed services (marked \*) are available to watch at the time or later on Facebook pages.*

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Purple)

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd John	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Becky	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd Becky	St Aidan's
11.00 am	Nativity	Revd John	Stranton

#### SEE OVERLEAF FOR DETAILS OF SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: First Sunday of Christmas (White)      No Services at Stranton

9:15 am	Holy Communion (Joint Service)	Revd Becky	St Luke's
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#### Normal Weekday Services: Will resume Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

#### **Collect (22<sup>nd</sup>):**

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 (22<sup>nd</sup>):**

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**

**Readings for 22<sup>nd</sup> December:**      **Micah 5:2-5a**      **Hebrews 10:5-10**      **Luke 1:39-45**

**Readings for 29<sup>th</sup> December:**      **1 Sam 2:18-20, 26**      **Colossians 3:12-17**      **Luke 2:41-end**

#### **Intercessions – Please pray for:**

- Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, to show up in our lives this Christmas and into the New Year
- Growth in our Churches, an outward focus in our hearts and minds, and a burning desire to see new people coming to know Christ.
- All who are persecuted and unable to celebrate the birth of Christ, or bear witness to their faith.
- Those who are lonely, hungry, and in desperate need, whoever and wherever they are at this time, asking God how we might be able to help
- Peace in the midst of conflict in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, relief for all who are injured, displaced and suffering loss as a result: and healing and reconciliation for the people of Syria
- Disaster struck nations across the world, and relief for those affected by the storms here in the UK.
- Our families and friends, especially thinking of those who don't yet know the true meaning of Christmas
- Our own group of Churches, our Mission Projects, and all those who minister to us.
- Peace and healing for all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit this Christmas time, that they may know God's love surrounding them.
- All those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time of year.

## Notices

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

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

### Central Hartlepool Group Mission Activities

- **Stranton Toddlers**      **Term Time Only**      Tuesday 9:00 am-11:00 am at **St Matthew's**
- **Friday Drop-In Cafe**      **(next open 17<sup>th</sup> Jan)**      Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at **St Aidan's**

### Our Christmas Services at Stranton

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 4.00pm Family Service & 11:30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am Christmas Day Service (Central Group Joint Service at Stranton)

### Other Christmas Services across the Central Group

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>:      3pm      St Aidan's      Nine Lessons and Carols  
Christmas Eve: 3pm      St Aidan's      Crib Service  
                         6pm      St Luke's      Nativity Service

### Contacts:

**Priest in charge:**      **Revd John Bell**      Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.  
   [revdjohnbell@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:revdjohnbell@stranton-church.org.uk)      **Usual day off – Friday.**

**Church Office:**      **Trish (Parish Administrator)**      Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009  
   [admin@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:admin@stranton-church.org.uk)      Contact hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 12pm  
The Church Office is at St Matthews Community Centre, 143 Elwick Road, TS26 8JF.  
**Bookings: please call in on Wednesday, 12pm & 2pm, or contact to arrange a time.**

**Website:**      <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>  
**Facebook:**      [https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en_GB)  
**YouTube:**      <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>

### Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

**St Luke's:**      [https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB)

**St Aidan's and St Columba's:** [https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB)



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

*Revd John*