



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 26<sup>th</sup> June 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 26<sup>th</sup> June: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity** (Green)

*Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:*

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|----------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 9.00 am  | Holy Communion   | Revd Clive                 | <i>Stranton</i>   |
| 9.15 am  | Holy Communion   | Revd Michelle              | <i>St Lukes</i>   |
| 10.45 am | Holy Communion   | Revd Clive                 | <i>St Aidan's</i> |
| 11.00 am | Lighthouse Service with Welcomes   | Revd Michelle & Mary Tones | <i>Stranton</i>   |
| 3:00 pm  | Open Skies Forest Church at St Aidan's School Nature Garden. All the usual wonderful things are planned-nature, togetherness, time with God, food, fun and friendship. |                            |                   |

#### **Sunday Club News!**

Join us for Sunday Club this week where we will be thinking some more about the fruits of the spirit. We will be having fun planting some exciting plants as our activity this week.

*Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader*

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June:**

- **St Matthew's** 10.00am Holy Communion Revd Clive *Stranton*
- **St Luke's** 9.30am Holy Communion Revd Michelle *St Luke's*

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June:**

- **St Columba's** 9.15am Mass Revd Kevin Tones *St Aidan's*

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

#### **Collect**

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **Post Communion:**

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of  
your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Readings: 1 Kings 19:5-16, 19-end

<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' <sup>6</sup> He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.' <sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>10</sup> He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' <sup>11</sup> The LORD said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>14</sup> He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' <sup>15</sup> The LORD said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. <sup>19</sup> So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup> Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,' he said, 'and then I will come with you.' 'Go back,' Elijah replied. 'What have I done to you?' <sup>21</sup> So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the ploughing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

**Luke 9: 51-end** <sup>51</sup> As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' <sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then he and his disciples went to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' <sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' <sup>59</sup> He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But he replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' <sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' <sup>61</sup> Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.' <sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'

## Intercessions

- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for asylum seekers refugees and the dispossessed, and freedom for the oppressed: We pray for relief for the people of Ukraine, and all conflict zones.
- We pray for those affected by flooding in India and Bangladesh and for the relief workers helping them and the people in Afghanistan suffering from famine, earthquake and oppression.
- 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.
- 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, and 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, Ida Hodgman and Beryl Evans.

**Confirmation** There is a deanery confirmation at St Luke's in early July. Anyone interested in confirmation please chat with Revd Clive, Revd Michelle, or a Church Warden

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

**Coffee and Chat at St Matthews Community Centre 2 July: 2 – 4 pm - all welcome (no charge)**

**St Luke's Garden Party** is also planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Hartlepool Foodbank Consultation day: Wednesday 20 July 10am-3pm** This will be held at Greenbank, (near Stranton Church, lunch provided). We will consider what the foodbank's priorities should be for the next 5 years and what we need to do to help meet them. It will include presentations from partner organisations (Hartlepower, Trussell Trust and Joseph Rowntree Foundation). **Admission will be by invitation.** As Hartlepool's churches are members of the charity) we would like as many representatives of the churches as possible to attend. **Please let Rev'd Andrew Craig (Chair of Foodbank Trustees) know if you would like to come and he will ensure you receive an invitation.** [revdrandrewcraig@gmail.com](mailto:revdrandrewcraig@gmail.com).

**The Bishop of the Rift Valley the Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa 20 – 21 August 2022 - Bishop John** will be visiting Hartlepool. He will be preaching at Stranton on Sunday 21 August at both services: there is also an invitation to meet with him at the Duke of Cleveland pub on the Hartlepool Headland on Saturday 20 August 4 pm - 6 pm where he will speak at about the diocese of the Rift Valley, and give news about Kilimatinde and the surrounding villages. He will want to express thanks for the long standing support given by members of Stranton church and St Hilda's, and other supporters of the Kilimatinde trust. We will have a sign-up sheet for this meeting nearer the time at the back of church, so we can estimate numbers.

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

- There is no requirement to wear a face mask in Church but please continue to act with consideration towards others especially the vulnerable.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit, and as you are directed for receiving Communion. Holy Communion is offered by intinction (dipping).
- 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 clear space in which 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. Stranton church at: <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](mailto:treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk)**

#### **“Streaming” services online**

- **9:00 am Holy Communion** is streamed directly via our Facebook page (below).
- **11:00 am service** is now streamed to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>  
(A link will be shared on Stranton Church Facebook Page)
- **Facebook also has a link from our home page <http://stranton-church.org.uk>**

#### **Other useful Central Hartlepool Group YouTube and Facebook links**

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

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

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

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

#### **Church Office and Parish Contacts:**

**Church office (St Matthews Community Centre) please telephone or email.**

For Stranton Church Tel 01429 894006 or 07305 550009 (Trish) Email: [admin@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:admin@stranton-church.org.uk)

**Following Revd Norman's Retirement, confidential enquiries or requests to our curates Michelle and Clive can be made by telephone to Revd Michelle 07564 029010 or to Revd Clive 01429 278504 or to the confidential email address [clergy@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:clergy@stranton-church.org.uk)**

*please note clergy usual “Days off” are: Fridays (Revd Michelle) and Thursdays (Revd Clive): if you have difficulty reaching them (for example during holiday periods) please ask the Church office to ask one of the Clergy to call you back (More information on our web site <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> and Facebook page)*