



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Reading 26<sup>th</sup> September 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.

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

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

9:00 am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Michelle	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Norman/Linda	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Lighthouse Service, Stranton with Baptism	Revd Clive/Rachel	<i>Stranton</i>

**Readings:** James 5: 13-end; Mark 9: 38-end

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

#### **Collect for Trinity 17:**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

#### **Post Communion:**

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good  
works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**



## James 5: 13-end (NIVUK)

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

## Mark 9: 30-37 (NIVUK)

<sup>38</sup> "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." <sup>39</sup> "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. <sup>42</sup> "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where 'the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

### 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 Hans as he has just been diagnosed with bowel cancer.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of George Morris, Moira Richardson, Brian Wates, Joyce Kelly and Joyce Brookbanks

### 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:**

#### **Audio Visual Project**

Thank you to those who have helped the contractors during the installation of the new screens.

#### **Stranton Sunday Club**

Sunday Club will not be taking place this Sunday as our morning service is a Lighthouse Service. Sunday Club will be back next week, 3<sup>rd</sup> October

*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.

#### **Forest Church**

The next Open Skies Forest Church is on this Sunday afternoon! 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>

**Harvest:** Our Harvest services will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please either bring imperishable Food items for Hartlepool Foodbank or donations for TEAR Fund to support their work in supporting communities effected by climate Change.

**Messy Church is back:** 4pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road. This is particularly relevant to families with primary age children. Games, crafts and food alongside a short act of worship. All welcome.

#### **Coffee or Tea, Cake and Company**

St Matthew's Community Centre Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A time to spend together with friends, to meet new people and make new friends.

#### **Vacancy:**

Please pray for the 3 PCC's and the Group council as they continue to work with Rev Sheila Bamber in the processes to appoint a new priest within our group.

#### **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).

#### **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. each day.

## Stranton Toddler Group

Tuesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St Matthew's Community Centre

## Fundraising Challenge: Tehran - Hartlepool in 61 days

Thank you to all who have contributed to this challenge. The great news is that together we have met the challenge and more.

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)**

## Bear Ladies are having an event in the Duke of Cleveland on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to support the KilimatindeTrust

**Morning Family event 10am-1pm:** See bear making in action,

Get involved, cutting sewing, decorating, stuffing bears, naming and giving personalities.....

12pm Teddy Bear Picnic and slide show. All ages welcome

**Afternoon 2 - 4.30pm: hear about Kilimatinde Trust and how our bears can make a difference**

2pm slide show and Talk about the Kilimatinde Trust and update from the burn unit/hospital and school (Stephen Taylor). 3pm afternoon tea and Craft sale 4pm bear auction

**Evening event 6pm - 9pm**

6pm welcome and drinks and nibbles

6.30 pm short introduction - who are the bear ladies why do they exist?

7pm the Bear Ladies meet for what's next! (For those who have joined the group)

Throughout the evening, browse the craft stalls meet the bear ladies, See the bears,

8pm Games including bear quiz/ bear bingo. 9.15pm raffle is drawn and close

**Live online Services for w/c 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 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