



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.



## All Saints (Stranton) Church

### Notices and Readings –27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*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 27<sup>th</sup> April: Second Sunday of Easter (White)

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	Lighthouse Service	Revd John	Stranton

#### Midweek Services:

Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2025:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd Becky
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd Becky
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd John *

#### **Collect:**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

#### **Post Communion:**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Readings for 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025:**      **Acts 5:27-32**      **Revelation 1:4-8**      **John 20:19-31**

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

- People to hear and respond to the Good news of Christ this Easter, praying for all who don't yet know him – especially those dear to us.
- Growth in our Churches, an outward focus in our hearts and minds, and a burning desire to see new people coming to know Christ, praying that we might bear fruit.
- All involved in appointing a new Diocesan Bishop, and for those discerning a call to this role, with shortlisting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and interviews on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December.
- All those discerning a call to a vocation within the Church of England, whether lay or ordained.
- Those who are lonely, hungry, and in desperate need, whoever and wherever they are at this time and especially those suffering due to the cold, asking God how we might be able to help.
- The challenging political situation around the world, especially praying for the situations in both Ukraine and Gaza, and conflict in Sudan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and elsewhere around the world.
- Ward Jackson School, the staff, the children, and their families, and our relationship with them as our church school. Pray especially for rest during the Easter break.
- Our own group of Churches, our Mission Project, our clergy, and all those who minister to us.
- Peace and healing for all we know who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know God's love surrounding them.
- All those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time of year.
- Our Brothers and Sisters in the Catholic Church grieving the loss of Pope Francis, and all those affected by his death.

## Notices

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

**Electoral Roll:** Our Electoral Roll is undergoing a full revision this year, meaning everyone's name comes off the existing one. Forms are now in church or from the parish office. Please make sure you pick one up if you want to be on the new roll complete and return to church or the Parish Office.

**Sunday Refreshments** each week after the 9am service. Join us as we look to share fellowship across our two congregations.

**Pub Theology Group.** Meets **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** gathering at 7pm in the Causeway pub (TS24 7QT near Stranton Church) to 9pm. We will be looking at the fascinating 1st century Didache, an instruction manual for early Christians on the way of life and what we can take from this today. We meet in the first room on the left.

**Cake & Coffee** Saturday **3<sup>rd</sup> May** 2.00-4.00pm at St Matthews Community Centre. All welcome.

**Messy Church** Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> May** 4.00-5.30pm at St Matthews Community Centre. All families welcome.

**VE Day Afternoon Tea** at St Luke's Thursday **8<sup>th</sup> May** 2.00pm. Tickets £3.

**Morning Prayer** – from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**, we will be starting Morning Prayer each week day for anyone who would like to attend. Initially, this will be at **Stranton Vicarage** (34A Westbourne Road), starting at **08:45am**.

**Cell Group** – Revd Becky will be starting up a cell group (like a home group), following on from the Lent Course at St Columba's, most likely starting on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**, open to people from across the whole group. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Revd Becky.

**Worship 24/7** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, at Stranton Church. Join us between 3.00-9.00pm for extended time of worship and prayer. Come for as little or as much as you are able.

**Opportunities to Serve:** If you would like to **join our PCC**, 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.

**Foodbank:** if you would like to donate any items to Foodbank, please place these in the box at the back of church.

**APCM 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025:** Our APCM this year will be on 18<sup>th</sup> May, after a combined service at 10.00am to allow both congregations to attend. Please note the date in your diary.

### **Central Hartlepool Group Mission Project**

Monday Meditation		Monday	7:00pm to 8:00pm	St Columba's
Stranton Toddlers	Term Time Only	Tuesday	9:00am to 11:00am	St Matthew's
Spiritual Oasis		Wednesday	8:30am to 2:00pm	St Columba's
Friday Drop-In Cafe		Friday	10:00am to 12:00pm	St Aidan's
Friday Meditation		Friday	2:00pm to 3:00pm	St Columba's
The Fireplace		Friday	3:45pm	St Luke's

### **Contacts:**

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

**Revd Becky Reeve (St Aidan & Columba)** Tel: 01429 671358  
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**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 Weds, 12pm to 2pm, or contact to arrange a time.**

**Safeguarding:** **Jacqui Rogers (Parish Safeguarding Officer)** Tel: 07749 163606  
[safeguarding@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stranton-church.org.uk)

**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/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzi62VFcA>

### **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)

**Mission Project:** **Patrick Reeve (Mission Enabler)** Tel: 07712 150190 [patrick@hartepoolcoh.co.uk](mailto:patrick@hartepoolcoh.co.uk)