



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 28<sup>th</sup> November 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 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: Advent 1.**

9:00 am Stranton, Holy Communion 2  
9:15 am Luke's, Holy Communion  
10:45 am Mass, St Aidan's  
11:00 am Lighthouse

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

Revd Clive *Stranton*  
Revd Norman/Linda Dott  
Revd Norman/Linda Dott *St Aidan's*  
Revd Michelle, Clive & Angela *Stranton*

**Readings** Jeremiah 33:14-16 Luke 21:25-36

*Wednesday 10.00 am* Communion at St Matthew's Revd Norman

*Wednesday 9.30 am* Holy Communion BCP

Revd Michelle

*St Luke's*

*Thursday 9:15 am* Mass

Revd Clive

*St Aidan and Columba*

#### **Collect:**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion:**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. <sup>15</sup> “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.”

## Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup> ‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ <sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: ‘Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> ‘Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>34</sup> ‘Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.’

## Intercessions

- We give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and all that we enjoy. We pray that we may all care for the environment and that world leaders will act to reduce the effects of global warming.
- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, freedom for the oppressed.
- We pray for our Churches, that the appointment of a new Group incumbent will be inspired, led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- We pray for local leaders: for our elected Hartlepool Borough council members, elected officers and all who work in public services: for wisdom in day-to-day decisions, wise use of resources and care for all the people of this town.
- We pray for the care of all who continue to be 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. We pray for Aneta Bradley as she prepares to be the new project leader.
- 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 Audrey, Lynne and Hans.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Evelyn Hartley.

**Communities of Hope Hampers:** As last year, we would like to show God’s abounding love and generosity to the lovely families and individuals we have been working with over the year, by putting together some festive hampers. If you would like to support our efforts and reach out to some of the most struggling people in our community, we are asking for donations *in the form of cash or vouchers*. Last year taught us that organising collection points is very demanding of team time, and we hope this way might help at a time when we are very stretched. By doing the shopping ourselves we can ensure hampers avoid over- or under-provision of certain items.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so in person or by making a bank transfer, using these details: Account: **Stranton PCC** Account Number **10146501** Sort Code **20 82 18** Reference: **“COH Hampers”**

***Thank you so much for your continued support! Emma, Jo and Aneta***

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

Although the government has removed the legal requirements to wear face masks and to keep social distance it is asking people to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable. In order to protect ourselves and others, Stranton PCC encourages you to observe these simple measures: -

- Please do not attend church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms/raised temperature
- 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.
- Wear a face mask when you enter church and although we encourage you to keep your mask on throughout the service, we suggest you only take it off when seated.
- Please sanitise your 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.
- Holy Communion is offered by intinction (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: booklets are now in use again at 9 am
- Singing is now allowed. If you would like to join in singing, we politely ask you to wear a mask.
- After the service, please meet continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- 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 people from that service can be advised.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

## NOTICES:

### Sunday Club News!

This week there will be no Sunday club as it is lighthouse but see below for important dates for your diary.

### 5th December – Christmas Dinner/Party

During our usual Sunday Club session, we will be having a special Christmas Dinner/Party. The children will get to enjoy a three-course meal (all snack size portions) of a starter, main and dessert. The children will also get to enjoy some Christmas games and listening to some Christmas music.

All children are welcome to come to our Sunday Club celebration! Please let me know if you wish your child to attend for catering purposes.

### 19th December – Nativity

This week there will not be a Sunday Club as we will be enjoying our nativity service. Our Nativity service will include Christmas hymns, prayers and Bible readings as well as some wonderful acting by our Sunday Club children!

If you would like to join in or help, please let me know, everyone is welcome to either help or just to enjoy the service.

Enjoy! **Kate** Stranton Sunday Club Leader

### Walks, Talks and Visits in Around Hartlepool

Our next walk/tour will be on Tuesday the 30th of November at 1:00pm, Greatham Church. (Meet outside Village Hall, High Street). It will help if you can let Rohan Wanduragala (223751 / 07722 870104) or Steve Robbins (861702) know if you are coming.

**Forest Church** Open Skies Forest Church is on today, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November and *due to storm warnings will be held in St Aidans Church*. 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>

**Coffee (or Tea!) Cake and Company Matthew's** Community Centre Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm to 4:00pm. A time to spend together with friends, to meet new people and make new friends.

### Coming Soon

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	Sunday 12 Dec	4pm at Church
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT	Sunday 19 Dec	6pm at Church
FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS	Sunday 26 Dec	10.45am at St Aidan's Church ( <b>no service at Stranton</b> )

### Christmas Invitation Cards for neighbours and friends

Invitation Cards with our Christmas Services are now available at the back of Church. Please take a few cards and invite your family, friends and neighbours to one of our Christmas services

### 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. We are need of some more volunteers. Could anyone who expressed an interest initially, or anyone who would like to be part of the team of people doing this please talk with Rev Michelle (07564 029010).

**ST LUKE'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 -12.00. Donations of toys, tombola items and bric-a-brac gratefully received.

**St Luke's Cheese and Wine Evening with Carols by Candlelight** on 11th December.

Tickets: Adult £5, Children £2. Come and enjoy a pleasant social evening with friends.

Tickets available from St Luke's Office or can be arranged through Stranton office.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> November** 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 down loading the app. The Church of England has also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.
- Zoom Morning Prayer is online from 8.30 - 9.00am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

### Streaming 11:00 am Sunday Services

The 11:00am service is now being streamed to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzIi62VFcA>

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))

### 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. y.

**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-church.org.uk> and Facebook page)