



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Reading 29<sup>th</sup> August 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.

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

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

9:00 am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Kevin	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Family Communion, Stranton	Revd Clive/Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
1:00 pm	Baptism	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
2:00 pm	Sunday Club on-line with Kate ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/">https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/</a> )		

**Readings:** James 1: 17-27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9:30 am	<u>Wednesday</u> Holy Communion BCP	Revd Andrew	<i>St Luke's</i>
9:15 am	<u>Thursday</u> Mass	Revd Norman	<i>St Aidan and Columba</i>

#### **Collect for Trinity 13:**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

#### **Post Communion:**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly  
pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**



## James 1: 17-27 (NIVUK)

<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. <sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

## Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NIVUK)

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup> and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.” <sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

## 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 all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of David Webster, Anne Thacker and Myra Richardson.

## 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:

**Rev David Webster** died peacefully at home this week with his daughters Mary, Verity and Abby at his side. Rev. David will be received into St Hilda's church at 4.30pm on Thursday 2nd September with a short service of prayers and readings. The funeral is at 1pm on Friday 3rd September at St. Hilda's Church, followed by a committal at Stranton Cemetery at 2.30pm. There will be refreshments at the back of St Hilda's Church after the funeral service. St Hilda's has capacity for 100 people and requests that masks are worn.

All donations in memory of David will go to St Hilda's Church, donations can be made online via St Hilda's website. Please let Mary or Verity know if you wish to attend either service.

### **"Take a moment" Worship Night**

Now we can all sing together again, come and celebrate at our worship night on 19th September in Stranton Church, 6:45 for a 7pm start. An informal evening of music from The Apple Tree, prayer ministry, and fellowship with brothers and sisters from across Hartlepool. Hope to see you there! *Rachel*

### **Community of Hope Family and Children's Worker**

Earlier this week because of a change in circumstances we took the decision to delay the appointment process to this post until later in the year.

### **Stranton Sunday Club Online**

There will be no face to face Sunday Club this week but our online Sunday Club will be available as usual. 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.

## **Vacancy**

Stranton PCC met with the other two Central Hartlepool Group PCCs on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August to start the process of discerning the shape of the future Group post, and the PCC met again last week to prepare parish based information to assist in the drafting of a joint "Group Profile": we will keep you informed as we go along. In a 'normal' vacancy there would be quite a delay before the recruitment process could start, however, the Diocese regards this vacancy in Hartlepool Group as a 'mission critical exemption', so the recruitment process has started.

## **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).

## **Fundraising Challenge: Tehran - Hartlepool in 61 days**

We are gathering a team who are aiming to walk, cycle, run, scoot, wheel, swim, etc the equivalent distance from Tehran to Hartlepool over August and September to raise money for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group (run by Hartlepower). (That's 3,655 miles!) This is not just for the super-fit - all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate in whatever way would be a challenge - whether that's 5 miles walking or 100 miles cycling per week! Sign up to the team here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zw4Y2ZL5blsVCsZqfgOsABkFn0yh26MH5zJBwvIDck8/edit>

and 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)*

**Live online Services for w/c 30<sup>th</sup> August** 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.**

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