



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Reading 31st October 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.

All Saints Day (white)

Streamed to Facebook...

9:00 am	Holy Communion 2, Stranton	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Norman Shave	<i>St Luke's</i>
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Andrew	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Lighthouse	Rachel/Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
1:00 pm	Baptism	Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>

Readings: 9:00 am Revelations 21: 1-6 11:00 a.m. Hebrews 12: 1:3 John 11: 32-44

<i>Wednesday 10.00 am</i>	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew	<i>Stranton St Matthew's</i>
<i>Wednesday 9.30 am</i>	Holy Communion BCP	Revd Norman	<i>St Luke's</i>
<i>Thursday 9:15 am</i>	Mass	Revd Clive	<i>St Aidan and Columba</i>

Collect:

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion:

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Revelation 21: 1-6 (NIVUK)

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Hebrews 12: 1-3 (NIVUK)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

John 11: 32-44 (NIVUK)

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.” ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

Intercessions

- We give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and all that we enjoy. We Pray for the Glasgow Climate Change conference for decisions and action 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 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 the recruitment of a new Project Leader.
- We pray peace and healing for all who are unwell in body mind or spirit, for those awaiting delayed medical treatment, or who 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 David Williams and Brian Young

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:

Funeral for Brian Young will be on Wednesday 3rd November at Stranton Church, church members welcome

Sunday Club News!

Sunday Club will not be taking place this Sunday as our morning service is a Lighthouse Service. Sunday Club will be back next week, 7th November

Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Walks, Talks and Visits in Around Hartlepool

On Tuesday 2nd November we will be visiting Hart Church and Cemetery. Please meet in Raby Arms car park at 1:00 p.m – it will help if you can let Rohan Wanduragala or Steve Robbins know if you are coming

Coffee or Tea, Cake and Company

St Matthew's Community Centre Saturday 6th November 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A time to spend together with friends, to meet new people and make new friends.

Service for the recently Bereaved: We will be holding a service for all who wish to remember loved ones they have lost on Sunday 7th November at 4pm. If you would like to remember someone by name please add them to the list in Church or contact Trish in the Church Office.

Messy Church

Sunday 14th November at St Matthew's Community Centre 4:00 to 5:30. Join us for family friendly worship, games, crafts and food.

Racial Justice Course Thursdays 4th, 11th and 18th November, held in Fulthorpe Chapel 7:45 to 9:15.

Racial justice was the subject of the Diocese of Durham's 2021 Lent course so we will use some of the material that was generated for that, and October has been "Black History Month" We will start by exploring what the Bible has to say about racial justice and go on to share, and pray through what our own experiences have taught us in a safe space of honesty mutual respect and love in which everyone will be listened to.

Do come and join us. **Revd Michelle Delves and Revd Andrew Craig**

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

Group Christmas Meal

This will be on Thursday 16th December starting at 7.00 pm in the Golden Lion. 2 COURSES FOR £16.95 (Menu attached)

Kathrine Batty (St Aidans) is the overall organiser and has asked for final numbers by **next Sunday 31st October** so she can tell the Golden Lion how many are coming. Please let **Maureen Anderson or Angela Craig** know by Sunday 31st October if you are intending to go. At the beginning of December, you will need to hand in your menu choices and payment. Please mark on the menu (copies at back of church and in web site) your name and a contact number (just in case it's unsure what you've ordered) and mark on the menu what you would like. Pop choices in an

envelope with the full money. (Please add an extra £1 for a tip.) Menus and money to be returned by the beginning of December.

Forest Church

The next Open Skies Forest Church is on this Sunday 28th November. 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>

Burn Valley Residents Christmas Fair - Saturday 20th November 10:00 to 12:00

Admission 50p adults' children free. Craft stalls, craft activities for children, Blackberry Donkeys

4th Hartlepool Boys Brigade Christmas Fair - St Matthew's CC Saturday 27th November 9:30 to 12:00 noon

Admission adults' £1 children free. Bargains galore guaranteed. We are collecting bric-a-brac - please ring George Bainbridge 07816 445829 if you have something to donate and would like it collecting.

Trish and the social team are running a **Trash or Treasure Stall** in order to raise funds for parish social events. We need bottle donations (alcohol, soft drinks, water, soap, shower and bath gels, sauces, washing up liquids, small toys for children). If you can help please contact Trish on 01429 894006

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).

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.paritygiving.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**

Live online Services for w/c 1st 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 downloading 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://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

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.

Parish Contacts: Church office please telephone or email.

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