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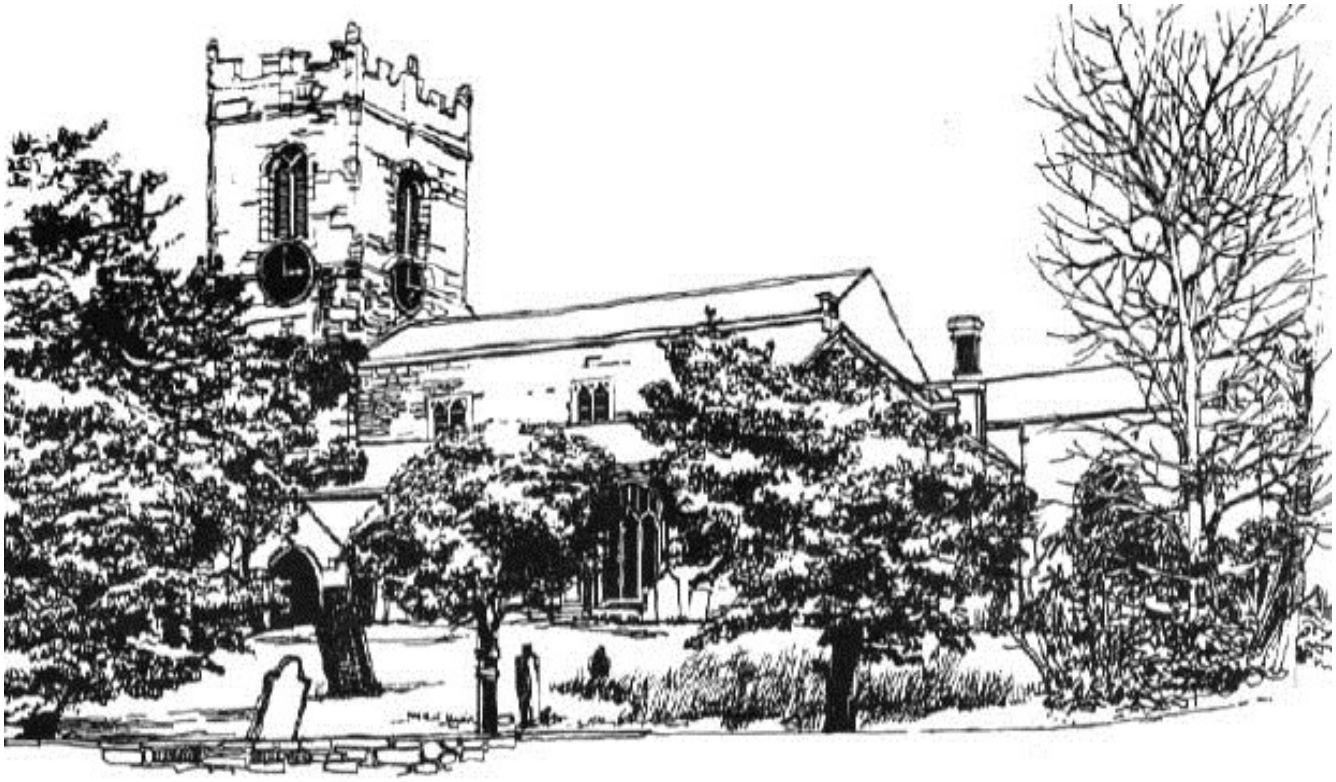

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March 2018

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, STRANTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday

8.30am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am. Service (with children's groups for 3-14s)

1st Sunday of the month will be Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month will be Morning Worship
3rd Sunday of the month will be Holy Communion
4th Sunday of the month will be Lighthouse Service

11.00am. Morning Worship at Burbank Community Church, at Ward Jackson School.

7.30pm Youth Fellowship (14 years +)

On the Third Sunday of each month, **Messy Church** takes place at St Matthew's Community Centre at 4.00pm. This is a time for parents/ carers and children to have fun together, doing crafts and various activities, based on a bible theme.

Occasionally, (2 or 3 times a year) the congregations at Stranton and Burbank all come together for the 10.30am service, and this is followed by a bring and share meal.

Wednesday Morning

10.00am. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at St Matthew's Community Centre.

Please note that the next **Messy Church** will be on **18th March 2018** and will continue to take place on the **Third Sunday of each Month**

Dear friends,

Over the next few months one of the key disciplines in which we need to engage is corporate discernment, or to put it more simply shared decision making. Partnership for Missional Church identify this as one of six key 'Holy habits'. Certainly this is a habit we need to grow in over the coming days.

A good example of shared decision making can be found in Acts chapter 6 verses 1 -7. The church had a problem that centred on race. The believers from a Greek background felt that their widows were missing out in the daily distribution of food. Preference appeared to be given to those from a Hebrew background. To find a solution the leaders, the apostles, called everyone from the community together. They wanted to ensure that they stayed faithful to their call to prayer and preach God's word and that the widows received their food. After consultation a solution was proposed and the whole community agreed. They discerned the best way forward. The ministry team was expanded, the widows were fed and the church prospered.

At present St Aidan's with St Columba's, St Luke's and Stranton parishes are engaged in a consultation process about the best way of taking things forward. Under the deanery plan the three parishes are committed to working together and in the future there will be two stipendiary priests between the three parishes. Effectively Father Leon and Rev Linda Butler will be replaced by one person. The question is how this can best be done. All are included. There will be many ideas and I am sure a solution can be found. Let's commit to prayerful engagement with this process, listening to each other's hopes and fears, seeking God's way for the future.

More locally, there are also questions about how we should organise ourselves within the parish. As I said in a sermon recently one of the reasons I came here was because Stranton as a parish is committed to team work. The different clergy in the parish and the many lay members all have a contribution to make. Each and every person is a valuable resource. Just like the early church under God we need to work out how best to use our human resources. This will include ministries like pastoral care, leading and preaching and running bible studies, alongside working with young people, supporting the Food Bank and work with asylum seekers.

May we be wise and discerning in the way we invest in these ministries so that the church flourishes and God is glorified.

Blessings

Norman

M O T H E R `S U N I O N

Spring is finally coming after what appears to have been the hardest winter for some years. The bulbs in the garden are growing as the days lengthen. Crocuses that frame the steps up to our church have suddenly appeared with a sun yellow glow and daffodils there will soon follow. The weather forecasts still warn us to be careful as cold and then warm fronts chase each other over the earth. We have become wiser about venturing away from warm homes, but still attend church and our MU meetings – unless our families forbid us to go out during icy blasts!

I was very pleased that so many of you came to our belated New Year's Party in February. The Beetle Drive is always fun and whilst most people have played before, there is always someone who is a bewildered novice. I'm amazed by the different species of 'Beetles' that appear – Mr Charles Darwin would have been scratching his head trying to identify and classify them! Many thanks to those who brought refreshments and helped to serve them.

We will be having a Soup Lunch to raise funds for the "Make a Mother's Day Appeal", I will let you know the date soon. This will also raise money to support Lesley Parratt, a member at St Paul's Spennymoor, who is running the London Marathon, in the only place allocated to Mothers Union! Don't forget our Mothers Union theme for this year is "In the footsteps of Mary Sumner"!

We are hearing more of the linking of our parish - All Saints Stranton – with St Luke's and St Aidan's. At MU Deanery level we are talking about linking together our branch with St Luke's and whilst keeping our separate identities, perhaps we will alternate meetings. Discussions will continue and you will be kept informed. The prayer in the church notices is an excellent way to pray, not just for the effect on our branches, but for the wider joining together of the churches as Christians in our town.

Our next meeting will be at St Matthew's Community Centre, ASDA room at 2.00pm on **March 12th** with a focus on Lent Today.

Please pray for members who are unwell or worried at this time. Pray for peace and reassurance.

God Bless
Ann Courtenay

From the Home Front

Although I read the other day this had been a mild winter - here in Hartlepool it has been a long cold winter! We have had several 'lays' of snow starting in early December, Arctic winds, icy Atlantic storms, frost and ice, gales and sleet. Added to which there has been an ongoing wave of colds, coughs, throat and chest infections and various strains of flu – all of which have affected young and old to varying degrees. People have felt ill and weary for weeks on end.

But I always feel that winter changes in February. Yes it is still very cold, it is snowy, the days are grey and dismal, illnesses are continuing…. However the mornings are lighter before it's time to get up, the evenings are lighter too – traveling home from work with some degree of natural light! I wake up to the sounds of birds singing – they definitely know things are changing. Every time I walk outside I see snowdrops, crocus flowers opening, the daffodil leaves and buds are now obvious. Fewer people are ill and they seem to recover more quickly. Occasionally in the middle of a clear sunny day it feels warm enough for a while to remove gloves as I walk. People start to feel more positive and hopeful. Then for me Valentine's Day with shops filled with flowers and the pancakes of Shrove Tuesday make me feel that Spring is sooo close…

Never the less sometimes we can be brought up short as the realities of some people's lives collides with ours. Today it was bitterly cold as the wind whistled off the sea, it was rainy and miserable as I rushed into the large shop off Marina Way. It would have been easy to miss the young man huddled into the wind break of corner of the shop porch and wall. He was sat on his back pack and muffled into his hat and coat, with a lid in front of him begging. As I shopped I reflected how lucky I was, how gracious God had been in my life, of the prayers answered. I remembered we are all only three bad decisions away from being in that same situation! I felt helpless. Although I could offer some small degree of comfort. I purchased him some food and a hot drink and spent a few minutes in conversation with him – a small act of compassion I hoped. He told me he had used his allotted Food Bank vouchers, that he couldn't claim Universal Credit as he had no permanent address, he would go to St Aidan's for food the next day and that someone would let him sleep on their sofa – for £10 a night! He is one of many young people caught in a poverty trap – no home, no work, no benefits, no support from family or friends – it is a Catch 22 situation – heart-breaking. This is the twenty -first century, yet so many parallels with Dickensian Britain still exist. Governments care so little, are so out of touch with the person on the street (literally), Local Authority budgets have been slashed for social care and job creation. Joe Public however does what it can – Food Banks, drop-ins, charities for homeless, soup kitchens, church centres, individual actions – but it just isn't enough. I keep praying that God will provide – volunteers, money, premises, opportunities, persistence and compassion. We have to live our Christian faith every day – it is hard, but lots of small acts of love may lead to a tsunami in the lives of those in need….

J.A.R.

Joint Parish Lunch and Social
At West Rugby Club on February 11th

If you weren't there - you missed a good time and a great opportunity to meet our brothers and sisters from St Luke's and St Aidan and St Columba's churches. Between 70-80 folk gathered to meet. Some people recognised familiar faces from Lent courses, joint events, Men's Group and Deanery events; others were meeting for the first time. Ages ranged from 6 to over 90 years. Everyone enjoyed an amazing shared lunch – something to suit everyone's food tastes.

Everyone moved into teams after lunch – sorted by name-stickers related to Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales given out on arrival. The mixed groups worked together to try to solve some mind boggling Dingbats (even the Bar Staff joined in!), then a game of Oxford and Cambridge had all searching through bags and pockets and working together – it is amazing how competitive the groups became. The winners were Red Riding Hood Team – with the bar staff a close second…. It was an enjoyable way to make our introductions and start to 'get to know' our extended family in Christ.

Look out for details of future social events – you don't want to miss out a second time!

Tucking in ….

Familiar faces

Dingbats requires some serous thinking and bouncing around of ideas….

Suddenly two church wardens realise they are talking to the actual person they have been emailing for weeks!!!

June Tozer 1927-2018

June was born here in Hartlepool 90 years ago. The only child of Stanley and Gertrude Paxton. June was baptised here at Stranton church and lived her early life in Sandringham Road.

Stan, June's dad, sang in the choir at Stranton, but as a young girl she went to Sunday school and guides at St Luke's, returning later to Stranton. As a child she attended Jesmond Road School. She also had fond memories of having dogs at home.

June always remembered being in Stranton church when war was declared in 1939. During the war June was evacuated to Knaresborough to live with Auntie Alice and Uncle Fred. Here she loved to walk by the river, often returning to visit in later life. Later in the war June came back to Hartlepool.

She trained as a secretary at the School of Commerce after which she worked at the ship-yard office, the local hospital board and Tilley and Bailey's. During this time June loved dancing and table tennis.

June met Allen at The Rink, he had left the navy and was working as a sewing machine mechanic. They were married here on 16th October 1964. June supported Allen as he retrained to be a teacher, a job Allen loved. Allen supplemented the family income by doing wedding photos with June as his willing assistant.

Peter and Gill were born a few years later and June's focus became the family and the home. They lived in Belmont Gardens and then Teesbrooke Avenue and continued to attend Stranton and St Matthew's regularly. As the family got older June returned to work at Tilley and Bailey's until she retired in 1980. Her interests included bowls (playing in the league) and the Towns Women's Guild, gardening and pottery.

Together June and Allen specialised in entering competitions: won holidays including a trip to the Mexico Olympics (changed to a holiday in the Caribbean for safety reasons), bikes, free electricity for life (which turned into £22 voucher) and cheese. As a couple June and Allen travelled a great deal together: including Canada to visit Alma, Florida, Switzerland and the Isle of Man to name but a few destinations. And this was long before many people made frequent trips abroad.

June also loved the grandchildren. At home the magic box would be stocked with sweets or treats. She went down south to support Gill when her children were born. When the family came to visit, June would often prepare a jelly, and so she became affectionately known as Nana Jelly. Christmases would be with the family, and together with the family June and Allen went out for meals to celebrate their Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries. June adapted well to modern technology mastering her ipad and mobile telephone.

When a family member was abroad she would look up the weather they were experiencing.

Some words to describe June include a quiet house bird, humorous, stubborn, organised, faithful, a great memory.

Last year June celebrated her 90th birthday, many of her family and friends gathered for afternoon tea at the aVenue. A few weeks later she was found to have a shadow on an x-ray, which turned out to be cancer. Bravely she chose to have no heavy treatment, only palliative care. She stayed at home supporting Allen where she could, until her final week when she moved to and was cared for in Warrior Park. Here she received 'marvellous care'. June died peacefully in the early hours of a Sunday morning.

There is much to celebrate and be thankful for in June's life: a long life, well lived. Her family and friends plus Strantonians will have many memories to treasure long after the sadness of her death starts to fade.

June had a deep and long lasting Christian faith, she would have known the themes in the reading at her funeral:

The hope of a new heaven and a new earth, and a new community, the church, made ready as a bride for the bridegroom Jesus. The hope for each of us eternal life and that God will make his dwelling among us, the promise that crying and pain will be no more.

I believe June drank from the spring of the water of life. As we give thanks for June's life may we drink from that same spring. May we know and experience the hope that Jesus brings.

Rev Norman Shave for June Tozer's funeral Wednesday 31 January 2018

Walter Elliott 1930 – 2018

Walter, with his wife Edith, were members of our congregation for many years. After Edith's death Walter moved to Bridlington to be near his family.

He spent his last months at Mallard Court in Bridlington. He died on 8th January and was not quite 88 years old (would have been 88 on 15th February). We thank God for such a long life and for his years of faithful service. We rejoice at his salvation and entrance into eternal life.

Rock Eucharist
11th February at Stranton
Led by THE REIGN

I guess it all started two and a half years ago when I was at Hollybush for the church weekend away.
It was on the events schedule as a Communion Service to Music.
A few of us went along and I was instantly blown away with the way the music and The Word were put together. I couldn't wait to see them again!
Then last year, again at Hollybush, almost the first thing I did after pitching my tent was to see if the Rock Eucharist was on that weekend: I wasn't disappointed – The Reign (the Hull-based, Vicar-lead band) who perform the service, were there again!
And again, I loved the way I was carried through the service by the music.
I thought wouldn't it be amazing to worship and take communion like this at Stranton – and I wasn't the only person to think this.
So I approached Norman and Clive to see if it was something Stranton would consider.
It was agreed that if I could organise it, then it could go ahead!! I was so excited.
I contacted the band by email, and through considerable dialogue, a date was agreed. I couldn't believe it!!
I facebooked everyone I knew about the event, told everyone in the pub, told friends and family, notices and flyers were put out in church, as well as in the local newspaper too….
Then the night of this special service arrived:
I was so thrilled to see that everyone behind the scenes had pulled together in fellowship to make this happen.
The church was pretty full, and by the end of the Rock Eucharist, everyone there felt uplifted and filled by what they had experienced.
It is a brave, new thing to come along and try something so different, but last

Sunday night the whole church was filled with emotion and music to lift the roof. Natalie said, “I loved the Rock Eucharist. It was energising yet still very moving.” Have a chat to the folk who came along, and maybe next year we can welcome The Reign back to an even fuller church for another awe-filled musical communion.

Rachel

The church ceiling as you have never seen it before!

Ward Jackson CE Primary Update

We had another successful Prayer Space Day on Thursday 8th February. Each class had time to spend in the various prayer stations. The children especially liked the M&M station. The children had to choose an M&M and say a prayer which related to the colour on the prayer sheet. The children could then eat the sweet!

Rebecca Henderson Update

Rebecca has now completed her chemotherapy and the Consultant was so pleased with her progress that her Hickman line was removed before her last scan. She is recovering well from side effects. Unfortunately she has had to miss a great deal of schooling – her start in Secondary. This has led to difficulties making friends, keeping up with new subjects and fitting in due to her physical side effects. She has a plaster cast on one leg to try to bring down her heel to prevent her walking with a pronounced limp, so this further impacts on her mobility and getting around school

Please continue to pray for Rebecca and her family.

J.A.R.

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Chris Smith News & Ros #11 January 2018

Our family has been through quite a lot since the last prayer letter and promise to write again “before Christmas”. Ouch.
We have experienced two family bereavements and funerals on one side of the family [Ros] and a serious hospitalisation of surviving family on the other [Chris’ mum].
The loss of Ros’ dad, who lived abroad, has led to a lot of unexpected demands on time for Ros and is still disrupting our own expected plans as Ros is a joint executor of his estate.
Chris’ mum has suffered a deterioration of her condition in December through suffering seizures and sadly spent Christmas in hospital. She got confused, could not quite understand why she was in hospital and was subject to difficult mood swings.
The best part of what was an unpleasant time for those trying to care for her is that she now has a room in a very good residential care facility, capable of coping with her increased medical needs and offering more opportunities for social contact and nicer open spaces ***and*** more inviting comfy armchairs!

Meanwhile, we have been offered a teaching position and a librarian position at **Dalat International School in Malaysia** and have been trying to plan our itinerary accordingly.
We had been hoping to combine this with one visit to the Philippines and Davao on the way to Dalat, and to do this so that we could help on campus, at least for a while.
However, we would have to leave the UK around Eastertime in order to have any valuable slice of time at Davao before the end of their school year … ***but*** that also assumed that Aden and Thomas could be enrolled for the last “quarter year” as students, and that has been ruled out by the school itself.

In addition, we are being strongly encouraged by Thomas’ school to delay travel until he has completed his Key Stage 1 SATs, which go on to the end of May.
It looks, instead, as though we will be travelling in early June in order to have visiting time and “jetlag recovery” time before the Dalat school year begins in early August. That way the boys still get a (fairly epic) “summer break”

The connections and messages and encouragements that we are getting from **Dalat International School** are very positive. It is clearly a dynamic place, which means we will be very busy, but offers a lot as well in terms of mission, vision and community to us and opportunity for the boys.

We are still trying to figure out our financial position as “employees” of Dalat. The school takes care of its staff very well, and has thought out a lot of the financial aspects of living in Penang, Malaysia.

One thing which is clearly not covered however is **future pensions and life insurance**.
During our time with OMF, one part of their “care” was at least some kind of pension. It was never elaborate but part of all supporters’ support gifts were in effect “salted away” for our future care after active service.
When we had to leave OMF that provision remained ours but we have not been in a position to put funds to one side at all. The pensions have stood still for the past five years.
One thing that Dalat does **not** cover is pension. Although they recommend that if we have any “surplus” income from our spending choices (which is unlikely, their stipend is carefully modest), financial advice here is that funds earned overseas cannot be put into a UK pension pot anyway.

So…… we are still working out with Teach Beyond the best use of UK funds that they hold in trust for us and it does seem that one useful, major contribution could be to our futures rather than our present. Thinking about a pension would be part of their “care” for us anyway if it were affordable. This is an ongoing discussion for us with Teach Beyond and between us and supporters who have wonderfully and loyally stayed with us through what have been difficult times.
Please feel free to share your thoughts with us as we carry on working through this situation over the next few weeks. We will write again once things have settled down ….!

St Matthew’s Community Centre
Stranton’s Centre
Your Centre

The Small Hall has had a spruce up during half term week… The Small Hall has been painted and is now spic and span for the summer months.
We still have problems with fly-tipping, but the volume of dead leaves has at last receded - now we await the return of the weeds – it’s all seasonal and never ending!!

4th Hartlepool Boys Brigade
Founded 1930
HQ - St Matthew's Community Centre

Boys Brigade News

Competitions

National Badminton - Our team was drawn away to the 1st Cheslyn Hey Company – from the Midlands and this was initially going to involve a long journey, fortunately they had a leader at Sheffield University so we played our match there.

Despite playing brilliant badminton our team's inexperience showed (they were playing 18 year olds and 6ft 2inches tall!!!!) and we lost our tie. After a visit to Burger King we all agreed we will be back going for glory next year!

Battalion Competitions and Events

The Anchor Boys held their fun night at St Matthew's with the Boys from the 8th Hartlepool (Westbourne) and all enjoyed the games.

Company Lads took part in 5 a Side and Hockey Competitions held at St Matthew's and we won both trophies which are being engraved as this report is written.

The Juniors are practising hockey for their Competition on Monday 12th March.

Future Events

The Juniors and Anchor Boys are looking forward to Easter Eggheads run at St Matthew's from Monday March 26th up to Good Friday Morning, with a Family Service at St Matthew's at 10.00am.

Other events include Open Night on 27th April, Summer Fayre on 9th June and our camp at Thornwaite Scout Centre near Harrogate in July.

If you would like to have more information - visit our Facebook page or pop in on a Monday or Friday night to St Matthew's Community Centre.

George Bainbridge

Kilimatinde News - New Year 2018

Posted on February 15, 2018 by festoandgrace

This blog is a month and a half over due and the reason it is late is fantastic…. we have been too busy registering new children at St John's Nursery and Primary School! Praise God for the new school bus. We are now reaching children in three villages outside of Kilimatinde and Solya.

We have also had good news from the national exams sat at the end of last year both Form 2 and Form 4 results are excellent. Jonas, one of our sponsored students came first in his Form 2 in the school and the district, obtaining a high division one. Praise God for the good results and for the hard work of the staff and students involved.

Kelvin has now joined Form One at St John's. Going to boarding school is hard even if (or especially if) your Dad is the head master!

In January we managed to get the volunteers house up and running – or at least in a position where the volunteers could move in! Still much work to be done on it, but it is so fab for them to have their own place and for us to have slightly less people in our home (although we miss them too). Current volunteers are; Stephen Hatch UK, Damaris Gerbhardt and Hanna Proll DMG Germany, and Sarah Anderson Episcopal Church USA.

Thanks to the kindness of supporters we have also been able to buy textbooks for the Nursery and Primary school and sponsor more children this academic year. We thank God for you.

Another thing to praise God for is the rain. We have had so much! Our house has flooded but we were joyful as we bailed out because we know the blessing of rain. The maize stalks are now taller than Grace (5ft), the peanuts almost ready to be harvested and the sunflowers are beautiful. There is such a lovely positive atmosphere around the area as everyone knows that this year they will harvest enough to eat and some to sell.

(The little girl playing in the water with our boys is Karen, Festo's brother's daughter who in the Tanzanian way has come to live with us for….sometime!)

Jill Barrett from the Kilimatinde Trust, whom we partner with, was visiting recently getting ready to open the burns unit in Kilimatinde Hospital (due to open in August 2018) and did some vital burns first aid training with our secondary students and teachers…

At Christmas we held our first ever Nativity

Service in Solya Church - it was fab!

In December we celebrated the wedding of the daughter of one of our Mothers Union Ladies and Zumm supporters. It has inspired us to consider doing a small business with wedding dresses. We would have a number of dresses in various styles/ sizes available to rent. The idea came because the one they rented for this bride was filthy when they received it and not the joy that it should have been. Watch this space for more…

What next…

Well in just over 4 weeks time the Kanungha family will be heading to the UK for four months to do our mission partner training and visit new and some existing supporting churches. We have currently raised 41% of the funding we need for the next 3 years. Please join us in praying that the God whose storehouses never run dry, would provide what we need and would speak to willing hearts to partner with us in mission by supporting us financially.

Zephaniah and William have joined Daddy on the farm a couple of times recently and have really enjoyed it.

And finally Sarah did such a great valentines activity with Nursery 2 this week - we just have to show it off.

Please pray:

- As we continue to seek God for the financial support we need as Missionaries.
- As we get ready for our time in the UK; practically, emotionally and spiritually. Especially for Zeph and William as they make the transition of culture, lifestyle and school.
- That we would keep our eyes fixed on our Saviour Jesus Christ and trust that he is ABLE when we know we are not.
- As we work on the school registration for the Nursery and Primary school that the barriers currently in place God would find a way past and through.

For the staff of the secondary school as they adjust to some employment changes brought in by the Diocese.

This is really encouraging information for us. Stranton PCC have agreed to support Grace and Festo through CMS.
Also worth noting that Church and individual donations helped pay for the bus with a donation last year ... which is allowing more children from the local area to get to school; plus contributions towards the dormitory and Burns Unit appeal

The Great War
Strantonians Remembered
Private Bertie Handisides

Bertie was certainly a character and the article below shows that although he did have his run-ins with the military authorities, he also did do his duty for King and Country.
Private 15027, Bertie Handisides was a brewer's labourer aged 24 years and 313 days, from Stranton, West Hartlepool when he enlisted 30 August 1914 at West Hartlepool. He was unmarried and made no allotment of pay to his mother. He was 5ft 7in, 133 lbs, 35in chest, fresh complexion, grey eyes, light brown hair and C of E.

He was assigned to 11th Durham Light Infantry from the start, serving with B Company. While in training at Pirbright he was charged with overstaying his pass from midnight to 10.30 am on 3 January 1915 and was given 3 days confined to barracks and loss of 2 day's pay. He received a further 7 days confined to barracks on 8 February 1915 for neglect of duty, also there was a further illegible offence while stationed at Whitley later in the year. Once overseas he was given a further 10 days Field Punishment No 1, on 1 November 1915, an offence not officially recorded in the Field General Courts Marshall register, so obviously dealt with locally. Similarly he was fined 10 shillings and lost a day's pay for being drunk on parade on 30 June 1916.

He was home on leave from 11 to 21 January 1917. From 13 to 19 August 1917 he was admitted sick to 61 FA (illegible). Bertie was reported wounded and missing from 27 March 1918 while serving with B Company. The battalion were defending Arvillers against the German March Offensive on that day. Eventually a report was received at the War Office with his name included on a German list of casualties and he was assumed to have died on 27 March 1918. He is buried at Caix British Cemetery.

The information was gleaned from the Imperial War Museum website – well worth a visit.
George Bainbridge

A Blast from the Past! Recipes from Mary Baines
March 1998

Fresh Ginger, Parsnip & Orange Soup

3 tablespoons oil
1oz butter
2 medium onions chopped
1 lb parsnips peeled & chopped finely
1 inch fresh ginger peeled & chopped
Grated rind & juice of 2 oranges
1 ½ pints chicken stock
Salt & black pepper

Heat oil & butter together in deep pan, add onions & sauté for a few minutes stirring occasionally till they are soft & transparent
Add the parsnips & ginger, cook for 5 minutes more
Add the orange rind (keeping the juice till later), then the stock.
Bring to simmering point (just bubbling at the side of the pan) & simmer for 15 minutes
Allow to cool a little, then liquidize. Only then stir in orange juice.
Reheat & serve.

Bran Crunch

2 oz butter
2 tablespoons clear honey
4 oz plain chocolate broken into pieces
1 oz Bran Flakes
1 oz walnuts

Place butter, honey & chocolate into a pan & heat very gently until melted
Add Bran Flakes – mix well
Turn into a greased shallow tin7 inch square, smooth the surface & chill
till set. Cut into triangles to serve

Easter Story

Word Search

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CELEBRATE!

March
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
to

Andrew Busby
Erin Connell
Azam Chaichi
Arjeta Demas
James Lawson
Tim Padgett
Sylvia Smith
Malory Wilson-Boyd

If you have something to celebrate we would love to share it - email admin@stranton-church.org.uk or phone 864006.
All entries to be in by the 16th of the month.

Dates for the Diary

Dates for March and early April

March

Sat 3rd Wedding Preparation, 10.00am in Church
Wed 7th Lent Group 3, 6.45pm at St Luke's
Sun 11th Mothering Sunday,
Wed 14th Lent Group 4, 6.45pm at St Luke's
Fri 16th & Sat 17th PMC Weekend
Sun 18th Messy Church, 4.00pm in St Matthew's Community Centre
Mon 19th Lighthouse Planning, 7.30pm at The Vicarage
Tues 20th PCC 7.30pm in Fulthorpe Chapel
Wed 21st Lent Group 5, 6.45pm at St Luke's
Thurs 22nd Parish Consultation, 7.00-9.00pm at Oxford Road Baptist Church
Sun 25th Palm Sunday:
Bacon Butties, 9.30am in St Matthew's Community Centre
Lighthouse Parade Service, 10.30am in Church
Mon 26th – Thursday 29th
Eggheads, 6.00-7.15pm in St Matthew's Community Centre
Mon 26th – Wed 28th Holy Communion, 7.00pm at St Columba's
Tues 27th New Beginnings, 7.30pm in Fulthorpe Chapel
Thurs 29th Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday, 7.30pm in Church
Friday 30th Good Friday
Family Worship, 10.00am St Matthew's Community Centre
An Hour at the Cross, 2.00pm in Church

April

Sunday 1st Easter Day
8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt
11.00am Burbank Community Church

Sunday 15th Joint service followed by APCM and shared lunch, 10.30am in Church

Sidespersons

	8.30am	10.30am
4th March	P Porritt	D Greenwood B Greenwood
11th March	P Thompson	F Endean A Craig
18th March	B Butcher	S Shepherd K Shepherd
25th March	M Hutchinson	D Greenwood B Greenwood

Baptisms

11th Feb	Johny Dwane Douglas
11th Feb	Joshua Michael Thomas

Funerals

25th Jan	Janice Rigg
31st Jan	June Tozer
1st Feb	Margaret Cruikshanks
5th	Vera Longmire
22nd	Phyllis Gretton

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