



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 8th December 2024

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 8th December: Second Sunday of Advent (Purple)

9:00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd John	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Becky	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd John	St Aidan's
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Becky	Stranton

Weekday Services:

Wednesday	11 th December 2024:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd Becky
		St Matthew's	10.00 am	Revd Andrew
Thursday	12 th December 2024:	St Columba's	9.15 am	Revd Tony

Collect:

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **AMEN**

Post Communion:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem
the world and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and
purity of his first coming that, when he comes
again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful
love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Readings for 8st December: Malachi 3: 1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- All who have been impacted by the abuse disclosed in the Makin Review
- The searching light of Christ to shine into the darkness of this time and reveal what needs to be seen and dealt with, whatever and wherever that may be.
- Peace in the midst of conflict in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, and relief for all who are injured, displaced and suffering loss as a result.
- Disaster struck nations across the world, and relief for those affected by the storms here in the UK.
- All those persecuted for their faith, and all who are oppressed across the world.
- Our own group of churches and all those who minister 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.
- Our Group Mission project, our Steering Group & employees, the people we work with, all those who volunteer & support us, and for Patrick Reeve as he prepares to join our team as Mission Enabler
- Peace and healing for all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know God's love surrounding them, praying especially for Tim and Viki, and their families following the very sad death of their baby daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Beatrice.
- All those who mourn at this time especially remembering the family and friends of Stuart Leighton.

Notices

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

Christmas Hampers: Our mission project is looking to support several of the schools in the Group with Christmas Hampers for those families who would benefit from them most. If you are able to support this with a financial gift then please place this in an envelope at the back of church and mark it 'Hampers'.

Opportunities to Serve: If you would like to 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 as we look to grow these areas of our ministry.

Coffee & Cake: Saturday 7th December 2.00-4.00pm at St Matthew's CC. All Welcome.

Musicians/Singers - there will be a rehearsal **in Church at 7:00 pm on 11th December** for those who would like to help lead the music in the Carol Service on 15th December.

Boys Brigade Carol Service: Friday 13th December 7.15pm at Stranton Church. All Welcome
Refreshments served afterwards.

Christmas Tree Festival: Friday 13th December 1.45-4.45pm at St Columba's Community Centre, Dryden Road. All families are welcome.

Central Hartlepool Group Mission Activities

- **Stranton Toddlers** Tuesday 9:00 am-11:00 am at **St Matthew's**
- **A Bit of God Time** Tuesday 1:00 pm-2:30 pm at **St Aidan's**
- **Friday Drop-In Cafe** Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at **St Aidan's**

Our Christmas Services at Stranton

Sunday 8th December: 4pm Christingle Service (Messy Church)

Sunday 15th December: 6pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December: 11am Nativity Service (at our usual service time)

Tuesday 24th December: 4pm Family Service & 11:30pm Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December: 10am Christmas Day Service (Central Group Joint Service at Stranton)

Other Christmas Services across the Central Group

St Aidan's will be holding services each Sunday at 3pm during Advent

(1st Advent Service, 8th & 15th Benediction, 22nd Nine Lessons and Carols)

Christmas Eve: 3pm St Aidan's Crib Service

6pm St Luke's Nativity Service

Contacts:

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The Church Office is at St Matthews Community Centre, 143 Elwick Road, TS26 8JF.
Bookings: please call in on Wednesday, 12pm & 2pm, or contact to arrange a time.

Website: <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en_GB

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>

Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

St Luke's: https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB

St Aidan's and St Columba's: https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB