



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 1st May 2022: 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 1st May: Third Sunday of Easter (White):

Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:

9:00 am	Holy Communion 2, Stranton	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Rachel Andrew	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Norman	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
1.00pm	Baptisms	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>

Readings Acts 9:1-20, John 21:1-19

<i>Wednesday 10.00 am</i>	Communion (St Matthews)	Revd Norman	<i>St Matthew's</i>
<i>Wednesday 9.30 am</i>	Holy Communion (St Luke's)	Revd Andrew	
<i>Thursday 9:15 am</i>	Mass (St Columba)	Revd Michelle	<i>St Aidan's</i>

Collect:

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Sunday Club News!

Join us as usual for Sunday club at 11 am Children ages 5 - 11 especially welcome for bible based activities

Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Acts 9: 1-20 - Saul's conversion

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁶ 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.' ⁷ The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, 'Ananias!' 'Yes, Lord,' he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.' ¹³ 'Lord,' Ananias answered, 'I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.' ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, 'Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.' ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

John 21: 1-19 - Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish

21 Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.^[a] It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus^[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?' 'No,' they answered. ⁶ He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.' ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

Intercessions

- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for refugees and the dispossessed, freedom for the oppressed: We pray for relief for the people of Ukraine, and all conflict zones
- We pray for unity between Christians. We pray for all Churches in Hartlepool and for Churches Together Hartlepool. We pray for our joint outreach including the Foodbank and Town Pastors.
- We pray for appointment of a new Group incumbent to be inspired led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- 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 Aneta, Emma, our Communities of Hope team as their work continues
- We pray for Andy, Kati and Eva Walsh in Brazil in their ministry with CMS.
- We pray for all those affected by the cost of living crisis, particularly remembering those in our town with very little.
- We pray for 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, Hans, Marty, Henry, Nancy Fernie and Marie.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of, Brian Telfer Karen May, and Geoff Harris

Advance notice - Coffee (or tea), Cake and Chat Saturday 7th May 2:00-4:00 at St Matthew's Community Centre. A time to spend together with friends and to meet new people and make new friends. Everyone is welcome.

Advance notice - Messy Church Sunday 8th May 4:00-5:30 at St Matthew's Community Centre.

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE UPDATE: We are in the process of appointing two posts within the Communities of Hope Team: a full time, Community worker/Evangelist and a (25 – 30 hrs) Family and Children's worker. Both appointments are for two years, may be extended subject to Funding. Please pray as the appointment processes continue.

Hartlepool foodbank - We have strong links with the Hartlepool foodbank, and have RE-INSTATED THE COLLECTION POINT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH The Foodbank has recently issued a request for specific donations of **Tinned foods (Rice pudding, custard, tomatoes, soup, meat) Snacks (sweet and savoury)**

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 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**

Stranton All Saints' Church Christian Aid Week 15 - 21 May 2022 The effects of rising costs and economic pressures on families hit people much harder in developing nations than at home: Christian Aid is telling the story of a Jessica, a young mother in Zimbabwe to bring home the needs and hopes of those whom we are being asked to help. **Watch out for envelopes in Church or give online via the link below:**

<https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-week/fundraising-page/stranton-church-christian-aid-week-15-21-may-2022>

This May we're fundraising to make a real difference to families like Jessica's. For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. By supporting our fundraising with whatever you can afford, Christian Aid partners could help Jessica learn how to sow drought tolerant crops, learn how to grow food in dry seasons and build a storeroom to preserve food and bounce back from future droughts. Please give today, and help this loving mum provide food - and hope - for her family. Thank you!

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

- It is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face mask in Church but we are continuing to encourage all to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable, by continuing to do so in church. Children under 11 and those medically exempted are not asked to wear a face mask.
- Please do not attend church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms/raised temperature, or “test positive”
- Please come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance
- 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 (dipping).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: service booklets are now in use again at 9 am
- As you meet after the service, please maintain distance and allow others room to leave.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory as you come in.

Live online Services for w/c 1st May 2022 (Facebook addresses are below).

Streaming 11:00 am Sunday Services

The 11:00am service is now being streamed to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>
A link will be shared on Stranton Church Facebook Page.

9:00 am Holy Communion is streamed directly via our Facebook page (below)

Facebook <http://stranton-church.org.uk>

Other YouTube and Facebook links

<https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/>

<https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh>

Also: <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool>

<https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba>

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