Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 2nd October 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

STRANTON SERVICES WILL NOT BE STREAMED THIS SUNDAY Other services may be streamed LIVE on Facebook and YouTube pages at the times shown below, and afterwards on YouTube or Facebook.

Sunday 2nd October: 16th Sunday after Trinity (Green)

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle Delves	*Stranton*
9.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive Hall	*St Lukes*
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle Delves	*St Aidan's*
11.00 am	Family Communion	Revd Clive Hall	*Stranton*

Sunday Club News!

This week we will be continuing the story of Moses, learning about Food From Heaven
Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader.

Wednesday 5th October:

- **St Matthew's** 10.00am Holy Communion Revd Clive Hall *Stranton*
- **St Luke's** 9.30am Holy Communion Revd Michelle Delves *St Luke's*

Thursday 6th October:

- **St Columba's** 9.15am Mass Revd Michelle Delves *St Aidan's*

Open Church: *Stranton Church will be open for visitors during the period October to March by arrangement - phone 01429 276064 or with the Church office (see opening hours)*

Collect:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Post Communion:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings:

2 Timothy 1:1-14 **1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, **2** To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. Appeal for loyalty to Paul and the gospel 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. 13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Luke 17:5-10 **5** The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' **6** He replied, 'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it will obey you. **7** 'Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, "Come along now and sit down to eat"? **8** Won't he rather say, "Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink"? **9** Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? **10** So you also, when you have done everything, you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."'

Intercessions

- We pray for peace where there is conflict, relief for asylum seekers, refugees and the dispossessed, and freedom for the oppressed: We pray for relief for the people of Ukraine, and all conflict zones.
- We pray for our King and government at local and national level, may those who serve in public office listen to the voice of your Spirit and act with love, justice and mercy
- We pray for those affected by flooding in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and the United States, by drought in East Africa, and for the relief workers helping them and the people in Afghanistan suffering from famine, earthquake and oppression, and for those who have suffered personal loss in summer wildfires. May we be better stewards of your creation and learn to live in more sustainable ways, and we ask you to prosper the work of Christian Aid, Tear Fund and all relief agencies.
- 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, Hayley and Viv.
- 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, and for peace and healing for all who are unwell in body, mind or spirit. We pray for Audrey, Hans, Marty, Henry, Nancy Fernie, Marie and Elissa.
- We pray for all those who mourn, for the family and friends of Revd Maurice Jennett, Marlene Hodgson, Marie Rowbotham and Rudolf Veart.

Notices:

- **Harvest Festival services at Stranton Church will be on 9 October 2022**

  Whether you are a 9 O 'Clocker or an 11 O' Clocker there is a bacon butty from the Boys Brigade waiting for you at St Matthews Community Centre on Sunday 9th October just after or before you enjoy the Harvest Festival service of your choice

- **10th 6.00pm Brownie's Open Night St Matthew's CC**

Harvest Ceilidh Saturday 15 October St Matthew's CC. 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets Adult £2, Child £1, Family £5 available in church, church office or Maureen Anderson. Faith Supper, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Donations for the raffle will be very much appreciated.

On 23rd October there will be no 11:00 a.m. service in Stranton Church. We are invited to join the congregation at St Aidans at their morning service when Bishop Paul will be preaching.
Bishop Paul will also be preaching at St Luke's 9:15 a.m. service.

Ward Jackson School We are looking for new Governors - who simply need to have a heart for the brilliant work the school is doing in the Burbank Community, and an interest in the wellbeing and attainment of the children, to support the School from September. 2022, ***Speak with David Craig or Revd Clive***

Hartlepool foodbank - Please support via COLLECTION POINT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. The Foodbank currently needs- Tinned foods (Rice pudding, custard, tomatoes, soup, meat) Snacks (sweet & savoury)

Mission to Seafarers Centre on Seal Sands Road needs your help

Pre-Covid the mission had 22 volunteers, now they are down to 8. Please can you assist as a volunteer?
You need to be over 18. You don't need to drive but it could help. You would get relevant training, but your main task would be to make seafarers feel welcome. You would serve behind the bar/shop counter. You could be trained as a ship visitor. If you have a driving licence you could be asked to transport seafarers to and from their ships. After training you would be working with another volunteer unsupervised. You would then be responsible for locking up at end of shift. You would also be trained in Safety aspects and the Centre would fit our opening hours around your availability. (We would however like to open the centre on weekends, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 p.m.) If you can help please contact Aidan Webster on 01642 546424 or 07507 493749, e-mail: ntees@mtsmail.org
web-site: https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/the-tees-north-and-hartlepool
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/aidan.webster.397

Hartlepool "Bear ladies"
The Hartlepool "Bear ladies", who raise funds for the Kilimatinde Trust, are organised by Jill Barret and are now hosting a regular community craft Café in the Duke of Cleveland pub on the headland - TS24 0QY, from 10-1pm every Wednesday

A warm and welcoming space is there for all – open invitation! good coffee, tea, drinks and cakes,
Bears and bear packs will be available for sale: come and enjoy meeting others, and hear more about the Kilimatinde Trust.

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

- There is no requirement to wear a face mask in Church but please continue to act with consideration towards others especially the vulnerable.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit, and as you are directed for receiving Communion. Holy Communion is offered by intinction (dipping) or with the common cup - by your choice.
- There will not be a collection taken during the service but you may leave an offertory as you come in.
- Refreshments are provided after the 11 am service from the servery at the back of Church – you are welcome to stay and share but please move away from the table when you have been served so others have clear space in which to come forward.

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. Stranton church at: https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/stranton-all-saints-ts24-7qt/. We continue to 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**

"Streaming" services online: (not available on Sunday 2 October)

- **9:00 am Holy Communion** is streamed directly via our Facebook page (below).
- **11:00 am service** is now streamed to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzIi62VFcA
  (A link will be shared on Stranton Church Facebook Page)

Facebook also has a link from our home page http://stranton-church.org.uk

Other useful Central Hartlepool Group 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

Church Office and Parish Contacts:

Church office is at St Matthews Community Centre, please telephone or email for enquiries, and to make appointments. Tel 01429 894006 or 07305 550009 (Trish) during contact hours - Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon. Stranton Church Office email: admin@stranton-church.org.uk

Following Revd Norman's Retirement, confidential enquiries or requests to our curates Michelle and Clive can be made by telephone to Revd Michelle 07564 029010 or to Revd Clive 01429 278504 or to the confidential email address clergy@stranton-church.org.uk

Please note clergy usual "Days off" are: Fridays (Revd Michelle) and Thursdays (Revd Clive): if you have difficulty reaching them (for example during holiday periods) please ask the Church office to ask one of the Clergy to call you back (More information on our web site http://www.stranton-church.org.uk and Facebook page).

Appointment of Revd John Bell as Group incumbent : The following announcement was made in Church on Sunday 25 September

We are delighted to announce that the Rev John Bell, currently Assistant Curate of Christ Church Bedford in the Diocese of St Alban's, has accepted Bishop Paul's offer of a post to serve the churches of the Central Hartlepool Group Ministry, subject to the usual clearances.

John will be Priest in Charge of the parishes of Stranton, All Saints, and St Luke's; however, as a minister within the Central Hartlepool Group Ministry he will serve all the churches of the group, and he has been appointed on the understanding that he will serve them equally until it is possible to appoint the second priest to the group, who will be the Priest-in-Charge of St Aidan and St Columba. It is everyone's hope that it will prove possible to advertise this second post next year.

John and his family hope to move in October, and Archdeacon Rick is now trying to arrange a licensing service at a suitable date in November. Please pray for John and his family as John comes to join us to serve in the Group.