



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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.

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(Green)</b>	<b>Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:</b>
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
9.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew	<i>St Lukes</i>
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00 am	Family Communion	Revd Andrew	<i>Stranton</i>
1:00 pm	Baptism	Revd Andrew	<i>Stranton</i>

#### **Sunday Club News!**

Join us this week as we start looking at some of the people from the old testament. This week we will be learning about a very brave Queen called Esther. Our bible reading can be found on page 240 of the Beginner's Bible (The Brave Queen). *Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader*

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July:**

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

#### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July:**

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

**Messy Church** - Join us on **Sunday 10th July at 4pm at St Matthew's Community Centre** to find out more about the first church!

**Open Church:** Through the summer Stranton Church will be open for visitors on Saturdays 10 am-12 noon

#### **Collect**

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

#### **Post Communion:**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

**Ephesians 2:19-end (Through Him..we have access to the Father by one Spirit)** <sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**John 20:24-29** <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

## 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 those affected by flooding in India and Bangladesh and for the relief workers helping them and the people in Afghanistan suffering from famine, earthquake and oppression.
- 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 as she prepares to join our Communities of Hope team.
- 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, 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, for the family and friends of Anita Vincent, Ida Hodgman and Beryl Evans, and especially following the death of Revd Maurice Jennett last week, we pray for Joyce, and for Nigel, Tim and Susan, and their families.

## Notices (and thank yous)

**Christian Aid** - the amount raised online and in envelopes by Stranton in May's annual appeal was £516

**BB Summer Fair** Many thanks to all who supported and attended last weekend the final total was £1,060

**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 Sept. 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)

**Hartlepool Foodbank Consultation day: Wednesday 20 July 10am-3pm** This will be held at Greenbank, (near Stranton Church, lunch provided). We will consider what the foodbank's priorities should be for the next 5 years and what we need to do to help meet them. It will include presentations from partner organisations (Hartlepower, Trussell Trust and Joseph Rowntree Foundation). ***Admission will be by invitation.*** As Hartlepool's churches are members of the charity) we would like as many representatives of the churches as possible to attend. ***Please let Rev'd Andrew Craig (Chair of Foodbank Trustees) know if you would like to come and he will ensure you receive an invitation.*** [revdrandrewcraig@gmail.com](mailto:revdrandrewcraig@gmail.com).

**Stranton Church Bells update:** arrangements are being made for the removal of the bells from Stranton Church tower by crane, to be taken away (for tuning and cleaning as part of their refurbishment), **from 10 am on 14 July:** this will be a fascinating and historic event and we expect a lot of local interest in coming to see it happen (from a safe distance). The bells will be returned and re-hung later in the year

**The Bishop of the Rift Valley the Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa 20 – 21 August 2022 - Bishop John** will be visiting Hartlepool. He will be preaching at Stranton on Sunday 21 August at both services: there is also an invitation to meet with him at the Duke of Cleveland pub on the Hartlepool Headland on Saturday 20 August 4 pm - 6 pm where he will speak at about the diocese of the Rift Valley, and give news about Kilimatinde and the surrounding villages. He will want to express thanks for the long standing support given by members of Stranton church and St Hilda's, and other supporters of the Kilimatinde trust. We will have a sign-up sheet for this meeting nearer the time at the back of church, so we can estimate numbers.

#### **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).
- There will not be a collection taken during the service but you may leave an offertory as you come in.
- Refreshments are now 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 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](mailto:treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk)**

#### **“Streaming” services online**

- **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/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>  
(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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)*