



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 4th September 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 4th August: 12th Sunday after Trinity		(Green)	Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive Hall	Stranton
9.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Sheila Bamber	St Lukes
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Revd Sheila Bamber	St Aidan's
11.00 am	Family Communion *	Revd Michelle Delves	Stranton

***Stranton Sunday Club this week: We will be looking at the Book of Revelation: Kate (Sunday Club leader)**

Services are liable to change at short notice during summer months due to clergy and staff leave

Wednesday 7th September:

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

Thursday 8th September:

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

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

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion:

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings: Philemon 1-21: 1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – 2 also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. 8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of

Christ Jesus – 10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. 15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – 16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask

Luke 14:25-33 - 25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish." 31 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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 Queen 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 India, Bangladesh and the United States, by drought in 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, 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 our schools, colleges and all places of learning, at the start of a new term: bless the staff and children, especially we pray for David Akers and the staff at Ward Jackson School.
- We pray for all those who mourn, for the family and friends of Revd Maurice Jennett.

Notices:

CMS News we have received a newsletter (No 4) from Andy and Kati Walsh our CMS link mission partners in Brazil, a copy and video update are available on our Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>

Next Messy Church - September 11th St Matthews Community Centre 4 pm

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)

Stranton Boys Brigade (4th Hartlepool)

Do you know any Lads who like games , challenges, camping , making lifelong friendships and much more?

- Then please send them to:

- **Anchor Boys for 6 - 8 year olds** meet every Friday Night 6- 7.00pm at St Matthews
- **Juniors for 8 -11 year olds** meet every Monday Night 6.30 - 8.00pm at St Matthews
- **Company for 11 - 16 year olds** meet every Friday Night 7.15 - 9.00pm at St Matthews

“Subs” in each Section is £2.00: If you have any queries phone George Bainbridge on 07816445829

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 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:

- **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 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).