



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Reading 5th September 2021: 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 will continue to be streamed LIVE on Facebook pages, or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Streamed to Facebook...

9:00 am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Clive	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Clive	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Morning Worship, Stranton -with Baptism	Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>

Readings: Isaiah 35: 4-7a James 2: 1-17 Mark 7: 24-37

9.30 am	<u>Wednesday</u> Holy Communion BCP	Revd Clive	<i>St Luke's</i>
9:15 am	<u>Thursday</u> Mass	Revd Michelle	<i>St Aidan and Columba</i>

Collect for Trinity 14:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



James 2: 1-17 (NIVUK)

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. ¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Mark 7: 24-37 (NIVUK)

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁸ "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Intercessions

- We pray for your peace, justice and reconciliation where there is conflict and division among the nations. Across the world we pray for Afghanistan and Haiti.
- We pray for national and local leaders: for wisdom in day-to-day decisions regarding the pandemic: for health, safety, and wise use of resources.
- 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 Emma and Jo, our Communities of Hope team as their work continues amongst the needy in our community, and that we may find ways in which to become involved.
- We pray 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 all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Rev David Webster, Anne Thacker and Moira Richardson,

ATTENDING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP

Although the government has removed the legal requirement to wear a face mask and to social distance it is advising people act with consideration to others, especially the vulnerable.

In order to protect ourselves and others Stranton PCC encourage you to -

- If you are attending a church service do please try to come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance as the service starts. Please (if you can) scan the NHS QR code poster using the NHS COVID-19 app.
- Wear a face mask when you enter church and although we encourage you to keep your mask on throughout the service you may take it off when seated.
- Please sanitise 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.
- We ask you to register as you come in for "tracing". A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks.
- Holy Communion is offered by intinction (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday service will be displayed on the screens.
- Singing is now allowed. If you would like to join in singing with the music group we politely ask you to wear a mask.
- After the service, please meet outside, continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- Please respect other people's space and maintain the 1+ metre social distancing regime, some people may feel anxious and vulnerable. Families/"bubbles" may sit together.
- Seating is sanitised between services. Access to toilets is available if absolutely necessary, but please follow the guidance provided on cleaning
- If you become unwell with COVID-19 like symptoms within the week after attending a church service please advise a member of the clergy or a churchwarden so that the contact list information from that service can be used for test and tracing purposes.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

NOTICES:

"Take a moment" Worship Night

Now we can all sing together again, come and celebrate at our worship night on 19th September in Stranton Church, 6:45 for a 7pm start. An informal evening of music from The Apple Tree, prayer ministry, and fellowship with brothers and sisters from across Hartlepool. Hope to see you there! *Rachel*

Faculty application: Audio Visual Project

Installation of permanent display screens in church will start week commencing 13th September and will take two weeks to complete.

Stranton Sunday Club:

Our first Sunday Club will be on Sunday 12th September at the 11am service. We will be thinking about how God provides for us. Please join us and if you have any questions let us know.

Consent forms will be available at the back of church. Our lockdown Online series has finished but is still available on the Sunday club facebook page and website **Kate** Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Boys Brigade Boys Brigade re-starts from Friday 10th September

- Every Friday Anchor Boys - for school yrs. 2 & 3 meet 6 - 7.00pm at St Matthews Community Centre
- Every Friday Company Section for school yrs. 7 and upwards meet 7.15 - 9.00pm at St. Matthews CC
- Every Monday Juniors for school yrs. 4- 6 meet 6.30 - 8.00pm at St Matthews CC
- Subs are £1.50 : New members are welcomed in each Section

Helping in Church Services: We have reintroduced a rota for reading, interceding and welcoming at the 11 am service soon. If you are interested in helping out please chat with Maureen or contact her using the church office telephone or email below.

Vacancy:

Please pray for the 3 PCC's and the Group council as they continue to work with Rev Sheila Bamber in the processes to appoint a new priest within our group. The next stage is a joint meeting on Monday 13th September.

Church Office

The Church office is now open Tuesdays to Fridays. Trish can be contacted in the office from 9am to 11.30am each day.

Stranton Toddler Group starts again this week, Tuesdays and Fridays 9.00-11.00am St Matthew's Community Centre.

Open Church Saturday Mornings

Church is open each Saturday morning, 10:00 to 12:00, for visitors and for those wishing to receive some pastoral support or prayer. If you would like to be part of the team of people doing this please talk with Rev Michelle (07564 029010).

Fundraising Challenge: Tehran - Hartlepool in 61 days

We are gathering a team who are aiming to walk, cycle, run, scoot, wheel, swim, etc the equivalent distance from Tehran to Hartlepool over August and September to raise money for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group (run by Hartlepower). (That's 3,655 miles!) This is not just for the super-fit - all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate in whatever way would be a challenge - whether that's 5 miles walking or 100 miles cycling per week! Sign up to the team

here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zw4Y2ZL5blsVCsZqfgOsABkFn0yh26MH5zJBwvIDck8/edit> and email Rachel with any questions: rachel@stranton-church.org.uk

Link to sponsorship page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tehran-to-hartlepool-in-61-days>

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 do 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

Live online Services for w/c 6th September Facebook addresses are below.

- Wednesday 9.30 communion from St Luke's and Thursday 9.15 Mass from St Columba's will also be streamed.
- If you would like to access a night prayer **Lectio 365 have introduced a daily night prayer** accessible by downloading the app. The Church of England has also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.
- Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

Streaming 11:00 am Sunday Services

The 11:00am service is now being streamed to

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA> A link will be shared by Facebook.

Facebook and Web Addresses:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/> <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus

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