



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 6 March 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 6 March: First Sunday of Lent

Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:

9:00 am	Holy Communion 1, Stranton	Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Michelle	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Norman	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Family Communion	Anita & Rev Michelle	<i>Stranton</i>

Readings Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13

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

Collects:

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion:

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and
living bread, and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The funeral of Pamela Thompson will take place, in church, on Thursday 10th March 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Group LENT COURSE: will be led by Revd Michelle on Thursdays at St Luke's. Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm in St Luke's Parish Rooms from **Thursday 3rd March for 5 weeks.**

"DAYS TO LAMENT" Lent Course Church of the Nazarene Lowthian Road, 2pm Wednesdays: March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th and April 13th (**not** 6th). Journey through Psalm 13 together in the weeks before Easter. Join us every week or when you can. Print copies of 'Days to Lament', £2 per copy, are available from Cath and Dave Thompson (hartlepoolnaz@gmail.com).

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 - Firstfruits and tithes

26 When you have entered the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ²take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. ⁷Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.' Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Luke 4:1-13 - Jesus is tested in the wilderness

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'

⁴Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."' ⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."'

⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."'^[d] ¹²Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Intercessions

- We pray for Andy, Kati and Eva Walsh now in Brazil commencing their ministry with CMS. Pray also for them following the sudden and unexpected death of Andy's sister Bernadette.
- 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 for our national and local leaders, give wisdom in decisions about the Covid pandemic.
- 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 and Jo, our Communities of Hope team as their work continues amongst the needy in our community.
- 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, Karen and Henry.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Barry Rowbotham, Pamela Thompson, Brenda Loynes and Brian Telfer.

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE UPDATE We have just advertised two roles within the Communities of Hope Team: for a full time Community worker/Evangelist, and a 25 – 30 hr Family and Children's worker. Both appointments are for two years, may be extended subject to Funding. Please pray for the processes of appointment. Jo, our current community worker, will be leaving for a new role in the near future. For full details please ask the Church Office, or visit the church Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

OTHER NOTICES:

Hartlepool foodbank - We have strong links with the Hartlepool foodbank, and have now

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)

HARTLEPOOL FOODBANK AGM: will take place at 28 Church Street at 7:00pm on Monday, 14 March.

Sunday Club News! Sunday Club meets again this week at the 11 am Service **Kate Sunday Club Leader**

Mothering Sunday - Boys Brigade Tasty Treat at St Matthew's

- why not treat yourself to a tasty Bacon Butty from 10.00am on Sunday 27th March

Ideal for those coming from the 9.00am service and for those anticipating the 11.00 am family service

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*

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 use a mask and hand gel, and to keep "social distance". In order to protect everyone, please act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable.
- 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
- Children under 11 and those medically exempted are not asked to wear a face mask,
- 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 (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: booklets are now in use again at 9 am
- Singing is now allowed. If you join in singing, we politely ask you to wear a mask.
- As you meet after the service, please maintain distance and allow others room to leave.
- If you "test positive" or have COVID-19 symptoms within the week after attending a church service please let one of the clergy or a churchwarden know so that people from that service can be advised.

There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory

Live online Services for w/c 6th March 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> (**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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