



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 8th May 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 8th May: Fourth Sunday of Easter (White): Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:

9:00 am	Holy Communion 2, Stranton	Revd Clive	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Michelle	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Family Holy Communion	Revd Clive & Rachel	Stranton

Join us as usual for Sunday club at 11 am Children ages 5 - 11 especially welcome for bible based activities

Readings Acts 9:36-end, John 10:22-30

Wednesday 10.00 am	Communion (St Matthews)	Revd Norman	St Matthew's
Wednesday 9.30 am	Holy Communion (St Luke's)	Revd Clive	
Thursday 9:15 am	Mass (St Columba)	Revd Andrew	St Aidan's

Collect:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion:

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good
shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and
rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Acts 9: 36-end - Aeneas and Dorcas ³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!' ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

John 10:22-30 - Further conflict over Jesus' claims ²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.'

Intercessions

- 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 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, our Communities of Hope team in their work
- 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, particularly remembering those in our town with very little.
- 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, Henry, Nancy Fernie and Marie.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of, Brian Telfer, Karen May and Geoff Harris.

Advance notices - Sunday 22nd May **Open Skies Forest Church**, St Aidans School at 3.00pm

- **A Ceilidh** is planned for **Saturday 18th June** in St Matthew's Community Centre.

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE UPDATE: We are in the process of appointing two posts within the Communities of Hope Team: a full time, Community worker/Evangelist and a (25 – 30 hrs) Family and Children's worker. Both appointments are for two years, may be extended subject to Funding. Please pray as the appointment processes continue.

Hartlepool foodbank - **We have strong links with the Hartlepool foodbank, and have a COLLECTION POINT AT THE BACK OF CHURCH** The Foodbank currently requests donations of ***Tinned foods (Rice pudding, custard, tomatoes, soup, meat) Snacks (sweet and savoury)***

Christian Aid Week 15 - 21 May 2022 The effects of rising costs and economic pressures on families hit people much harder in developing nations than at home: Christian Aid is telling the story of a Jessica, a young mother in Zimbabwe to bring home the needs and hopes of those whom we are being asked to help. **Watch out for envelopes in Church or give online via the link below:**

<https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-week/fundraising-page/stranton-church-christian-aid-week-15-21-may-2022>

This May we're fundraising to make a real difference to families like Jessica's. For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. By supporting our fundraising with whatever you can afford, Christian Aid partners could help Jessica learn how to sow drought tolerant crops, learn how to grow food in dry seasons and build a storeroom to preserve food and bounce back from future droughts. Please give today, and help this loving mum provide food - and hope - for her family. Thank you!

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

- There is no requirement to wear a face mask in Church but we are continuing to encourage all to act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable, by doing so: Children under 11 and those medically exempted are not asked to wear a face mask.
- Please do not attend church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms/raised temperature, or have “tested positive”
- Please come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance
- 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 (dipping).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: service booklets are in use at the 9 am service
- As you meet after the service, please maintain distance and allow others room to leave.
- 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 space 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. The link for Stranton church is:

<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**

Live online Services for w/c 8th May 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 also has a link on our home page <http://stranton-church.org.uk>

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>

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