



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 9th October 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

Services are streamed LIVE on Facebook and/or YouTube pages at the times shown below, and afterwards on YouTube or Facebook.

Sunday 9th October: 17th Sunday after Trinity Harvest (Green)

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| 9.00 am | Holy Communion | Revd Clive Hall | <i>Stranton</i> |
| 9.15 am | Holy Communion | Revd Michelle Delves | <i>St Lukes</i> |
| 10.45 am | Holy Communion | Revd Michelle Delves | <i>St Aidan's</i> |
| 11.00 am | Morning Worship | Revd Clive Hall | <i>Stranton</i> |
| 4.00 pm | Messy church | St Matthews Community Centre | |

Sunday Club News!

This week there will be no Sunday club, it is Harvest Festival.

Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader.

Wednesday 12th October:

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

Thursday 13th October:

- **St Columba's** 9.15am Mass Revd Kevin Tones *St Aidan's*

Open Church: *Stranton Church will be open for visitors during the period October to March by arrangement - phone 01429 276064 or with the Church office (see opening hours)*

Collect:

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your
love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the
kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all
that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 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.

2 Corinthians 9:6-9 - ⁶Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures for ever.' ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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 King 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 Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and the United States, by drought in East 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 Revd John Bell and his family as he prepares for his licensing as priest in our Group of Parishes
- 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. We pray for Audrey, Hans, Marty, Henry, Nancy Fernie, Marie and Elissa.
- We pray for all those who mourn, for the family and friends of Marlene Hodgson, Marie Rowbotham, Rudolf Veart, Malcolm Harker, and Andrew Kaye

Notices:

- **Harvest Festival services at Stranton Church will be held this Sunday 9 October 2022**
Whether you are a 9 O'Clocker or an 11 O'Clocker there is a bacon butty from the Boys Brigade waiting for you at St Matthews Community Centre on Sunday 9th October just after or before you enjoy the Harvest Festival service of your choice
- **Today 9th October 4.00pm – 5.30pm at Messy Church at St Matthew's Community Centre**
- **10th October 6.00pm Brownie's Open Night St Matthew's CC**

Harvest Ceilidh Saturday 15 October St Matthew's CC. 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets Adult £2, Child £1, Family £5 available in church, church office or Maureen Anderson. Faith Supper, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Donations for the raffle will be very much appreciated.

On 23rd October there will be no 11:00 a.m. service in Stranton Church. We are invited to join the congregation at St Aidan's at their morning service when Bishop Paul will be preaching. Bishop Paul will also be preaching at St Luke's 9:15 a.m. service.

Revd John Bell- Appointment of Incumbent

At this stage we have a provisional date for the induction and Licensing of Revd John Bell of Thursday 10 November. We'll keep you up-to-date when we know more.

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)

Mission to Seafarers Centre on Seal Sands Road needs your help

Pre-Covid the mission had 22 volunteers, now they are down to 8. Please can you assist as a volunteer?

If you can help please contact Aidan Webster on 01642 546424 or 07507 493749, e-mail:

ntees@mtsmail.org

web-site: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/the-tees-north-and-hartlepool>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aidan.webster.397>

Hartlepool "Bear ladies"

The Hartlepool "Bear ladies", who raise funds for the Kilimatinde Trust, are organised by Jill Barret and are now hosting a regular community craft Café in the Duke of Cleveland pub on the headland - TS24 0QY, from 10-1pm every Wednesday

A warm and welcoming space is there for all – open invitation! good coffee, tea, drinks and cakes, Bears and bear packs will be available for sale: come and enjoy meeting others, and hear more about the Kilimatinde Trust.

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) or with the common cup - by your choice.
- There will not be a collection taken during the service but you may leave an offertory as you come in.
- Refreshments are 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: (not available on Sunday 2 October)

- **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).

A message from Revd Michelle

I am excited and yet deeply saddened to announce that I am to be appointed as Associate Mission Priest for St Bartholomew's and Holy Trinity in Colne, in the Diocese of Blackburn. A date for my licensing service hasn't been confirmed yet but is likely to be late December. I'll pass it on as soon as it's confirmed.

Trinity and I are so thankful for our time in Hartlepool which has been wonderful, healing and so life giving. I truly believe that I am an ordained priest today because of the love both Trinity and I have received from all of the congregations in this place. Especially Stranton All Saints, St Matthew's and St Luke's in those difficult first 2 years but also St Aidan's and St Columba over the past year or so. You truly have shown us what it is like to be family and we are forever grateful for that.

I would appreciate your prayers for God's will to be done for Trinity and me, for you beautiful people as the Central Group Ministry and for the Parishes of St Bartholomew and Holy Trinity Colne. My sadness is eased massively by the announcement of the appointment of Revd John Bell to the parishes of our Group and I will be continuing to keep you all in my prayers as you too enter a new season.

Revd Michelle