



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 13 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 13 March: Second Sunday of Lent**

#### **Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:**

9:00 am	Holy Communion 2, Stranton	Revd Michelle & Rachel	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Clive	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Michelle & Rachel	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Norman & Clive	<i>Stranton</i>

**Readings** Philippians 3:17-4:1 , Luke 13:31-35

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

#### **Collects:**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery  
of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Post Communion:**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help  
ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may  
happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault  
and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March for 5 weeks.**

**"DAYS TO LAMENT" Lent Course** Church of the Nazarene Lowthian Road, 2pm Wednesdays: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> (**not 6<sup>th</sup>**). 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).

## **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**4** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

## **Luke 13: 31-35 Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem**

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup> He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal."' <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! <sup>34</sup> 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."<sup>[a]</sup>

## **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 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!

Join us this week as we continue our theme of children in the bible. We will be looking at the story of David and Goliath. Our fun activities will include making and decorating some delicious cakes. Our Sunday club is suitable for 5-14 year olds! If you have any questions please let me know.

**Kate Stranton 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> 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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(More information on our web site <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> and Facebook page)

***Please read the next page on ways to support relief efforts for Ukrainian refugees***

## Ukraine - ways in which you can help



Many of you will have seen the harrowing television pictures from Ukraine over the last few days and we would like to alert you to some of the ways in which you can help support the Ukrainian people. Money can be donated to the Diocese of Europe which is working closely with the mission agency USPG. Funds raised will support Christian charities and churches carrying out humanitarian work both in Ukraine and responding to the arrival of refugees in neighbouring countries. A link to their donation page is here. <https://ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com/>

You may have read the message we distributed last week from Rob and Margaret Bianchi, who have been based in our Diocese for many years and who run the charity ODM. ODM supports the ARCA project in Moldova, which is seeing a large influx of refugees fleeing Ukraine. ARCA has a campsite and guesthouse which has opened to refugees and is also working with local villages to provide emergency accommodation. An emergency appeal has been launched to buy food, mattresses and other basics. If you can help, please send a cheque made payable to ODM Creative Communications. Their address is 8 Lindisfarne, Washington, Tyne and Wear, NE38 7JR. Or by Bank transfer to: Account: "ODM Creative Communications" Sort Code: 77-20-14 Account No: 16275360 (Please put as the bank reference: "Holercani")

What is becoming increasingly apparent is that we should be ready to rise to the challenge of welcoming Ukrainians fleeing their country and who end up in the UK. The Sanctuary Foundation, which in the past has worked closely with refugee families from Afghanistan and Syria, is asking individuals, community groups, churches, schools and businesses to register their interest in sponsoring a scheme to help Ukrainian families arriving on our shores, desperately needing our help. The Foundation works alongside the charity RESET, of which Bishop Paul is a trustee. For more information, visit The Sanctuary Foundation. <https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/>

It would be very helpful to be kept aware of offers made to The Sanctuary Foundation so that we can work together on welcoming Ukrainians amongst us. Please inform Bishop Paul's office so that a list can be kept (Rachael.cleasby@durham.anglican.org) Our mailing address is: Cuthbert House, Stonebridge, Durham DH1 3RY. This list will only be used to co-ordinate relief efforts and distribute related information.