



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 18th September 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 18th September: 14th Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle Delves	<i>Stranton</i>
9.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive Hall	<i>St Lukes</i>
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle Delves	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive Hall	<i>Stranton</i>
1:00 pm	Baptism	Revd Clive Hall	

Sunday Club News!

Join us this week as we continue to look at the story of Moses and the parting of the Red Sea. We have a fun experiment to help us to think about how amazing God is.

Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Wednesday 21st September:

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

Thursday 22nd September:

- **St Columba's** 9.15am Mass Revd Andrew Craig *St Aidan's*

Open Church: *Through the summer Stranton Church will be open for visitors on Saturdays 10 am-12 noon*

Collect:

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light.

We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us.

Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Post Communion:

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Readings:

Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; *

he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you; *

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

Corinthians 4: 16-5: 4

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

John 6: 35-40

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Intercessions

- We pray for the Diocese of the Rift Valley, for the people of Kilimatinde, for the staff and leaders of the Church, School and Hospital, and ask your blessings on Bishop John.
- 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 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, 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, 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, Marie and Elissa.
- We pray for all those who mourn, for the family and friends Revd Maurice Jennett.

Notices:

Forest church – Open Skies Forest Church is on Sunday 25th September at St Aidan's School 3pm.

Our next **Parochial Church Council Meeting** will be held at St Matthews Community Centre on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 7:00pm (ASDA room)

Harvest Festival service at Stranton will be on **9 October 2022,**

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 a 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 Aidans for the 10:45 a.m. service when Bishop Paul will be preaching. Bishop Paul will also be preaching at St Luke's 9:15 a.m. service.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT WHAT WE DO AT STRANTON BROWNIES?

There is an opportunity on 10th October for girls age 7-10 years to come along to St Matthew's CC, Elwick Road at 6:00 p.m. (An adult must come with you at the start to register you for the evening).

Mission to Seafarers Centre on Seal Sands Road needs your help: Mission to Seafarers are appealing for volunteers. Pre-Covid they had 22 volunteers, now they are down to 8.

To volunteer: You need to be over 18. Don't need to drive but it could be helpful. You would get training on how to use the cash register. Your main task would be to make seafarers feel welcome. You would serve behind the bar/shop counter. You could be trained as a ship visitor. If you have a driver's license you could be asked to transport seafarers to and from their ships. After sufficient training you would be working with another volunteer unsupervised. You would be responsible for locking up after you have finished your shift. You would be trained in manual handling (of objects, not people). We would fit our opening hours around your availability.

We would however like to open the centre on weekends, and Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. 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>

CMS News The newsletter from Andy and Kati Walsh our CMS link mission partners in Brazil, a copy is on the Porch noticeboard and a downloadable letter and video update are available on our Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

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)

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 as you are directed for receiving Communion. Holy Communion is offered by intinction (dipping).
- 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 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:

- **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).