



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 21<sup>st</sup> August 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.

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>		(Green)	Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle Delves & Bishop John	Stranton
9.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive Hall	St Lukes
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle Delves	St Aidan's
11.00 am	Holy Communion *	Revd Clive Hall & Bishop John	Stranton
3.00 pm	"Open Skies" Forest Church	Aneta Bradley, CoH Team	St Aidan's School

- **Sunday Club News!** Join us this week as we look at Revelation. We will be looking at the end of the Bible, and learn about how Jesus is coming again! *Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader*

*Services are liable to change at short notice during summer months due to clergy and staff leave*

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August:

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

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August:

- **St Columba's** 9.15am Mass Revd Michelle St Aidan's

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

#### Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

#### Post Communion:

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### Readings :

**Hebrews 12:18-end** - <sup>18</sup>You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup>to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup>because they could not bear what was commanded: 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup>The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.' <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful

assembly,<sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,<sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.<sup>25</sup> See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?<sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, 'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.'<sup>27</sup> The words 'once more' indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,<sup>29</sup> for our 'God is a consuming fire.'

**Luke 13:10-17- Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath**<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues,<sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.<sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.'<sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.'<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?'<sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?'<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

## 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 Queen 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 India, Bangladesh and the United States, by drought in 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 and Marie.
- We pray for all those who mourn, for the family and friends of Ida Hodgman Beryl Evans, and Revd Maurice Jennett.

## Notices:

**CMS News** we have received a newsletter from Andy and Kati Walsh our CMS link mission partners in Brazil, a copy and video update are available on our Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

**Forest church – Open Skies Forest Church is “on” this Sunday 21 August at St Aidan’s School 3pm.**

**Next Messy church - September 11<sup>th</sup> St Matthews Community Centre 4 pm (NO August meeting)**

**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)

**21 August 2022 - Visit of the Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa, Bishop of the Rift Valley - Bishop John** is with us today at Stranton, preaching at both services. He will meet and talk with us about the diocese of the Rift Valley, bringing news about Kilimatinde and the surrounding villages. He will update us on the work of the Kilimatinde Trust including the school and hospital. Revd Stephen and Julie Taylor will be with him.

**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).
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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).*