



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 24th April 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 24th April: Second Sunday of Easter (White):

Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:

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| 9:00 am | Holy Communion 2, Stranton | Revd Norman and Anita Burke | <i>Stranton</i> |
| 9:15 am | Holy Communion, St Luke's | Rachel Price and Revd Michelle | |
| 10:45 am | Mass, St Aidan's | Revd Andrew | <i>St Aidan's</i> |
| 11:00 am | Holy Communion | Revd Norman and Anita Burke | <i>Stranton</i> |
| <i>The 11.00 am service will be Followed by our Annual Meeting (NOT streamed): see below.</i> | | | |
| 3.00 pm | Forest Church, St Aidans school Nature garden: | Aneta Bradley and Rachel Price | |

Readings Acts 5: 27-32, John 20: 19-31

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

Collects:

Risen Christ,
For whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
Open the doors of our hearts,
That we may seek the good of others
And walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace
To the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion:

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Sunday Club News!

Join us as usual for Sunday club where we will be thinking about Jesus returning to his disciples and decorating some eggs.

Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Our **Annual meeting** will take place today after our Morning Service. Please consider if you would like to be elected for PCC membership, or stand for office.

"Forest Church" - today, Sunday 24 April, 3:00 pm at St Aidan's School Nature Garden. An informal, family focussed, outdoor church event where we explore nature and faith together. All are welcome.

Acts 5: 27-32

²⁷The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

John 20: 19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.



²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 as their work continues
- 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 Pamela Thompson, Brenda Loynes, Brian Telfer and Karen May.

Advance notice - Coffee (or tea), Cake and Chat Saturday 7th May 2:00-4:00 at St Matthew's Community Centre. A time to spend together with friends and to meet new people and make new friends. Everyone is welcome.

Advance notice - Messy Church Sunday 8th May 4:00-5:30 at 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 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)**

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

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 act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable, by continuing to do so in church. 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 "test 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 now in use again at 9 am
- As you meet after the service, please maintain distance and allow others room to leave.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory as you come in.

Live online Services for w/c 24th April 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>

Other 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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