



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> September: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** (Green) *Streamed to Facebook/YouTube:*

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 Clive Hall & Linda Dott	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle Delves	<i>Stranton</i>

**Forest church** – *Open Skies Forest Church is this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at St Aidan's School 3pm.*

#### **Sunday Club News!**

*This week it is Lighthouse service, Sunday Club will be back to normal next week.  
Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader*

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

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| ● <b>St Matthew's</b> | 10.00am | Holy Communion | Revd Michelle Delves | <i>Stranton</i>  |
| ● <b>St Luke's</b>    | 9.30am  | Holy Communion | Revd Clive Hall      | <i>St Luke's</i> |

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September:**

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| ● <b>St Columba's</b> | 9.15am | Mass | Revd Michelle Delves | <i>St Aidan's</i> |
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**Open Church:** *Through the summer Stranton Church will be open for visitors on Saturdays 10 am-12 noon*

#### **Collect:**

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your  
truth, that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **Post Communion:**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your  
perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty  
cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things  
hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our  
salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Readings: 1 Timothy 6:6-19** 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen. 17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

**Luke 16:19-31** 19 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire." 25 'But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us." 27 'He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment." 29 'Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them." 30 "'No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." 31 'He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

## 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 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. 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 and Marlene Hodgson.

## Notices:

- **Central Hartlepool Group of Churches, Group Council meeting will convene on Monday 26 September in St Luke's Church at 7:15pm**
- **Stranton Parochial Church Council Meeting will be held at St Matthews Community Centre on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 7:00pm (ASDA room)**
- **Coffee (or tea), Cake and Company will take place at St Matthews Community Centre, on Saturday 1 October 2- 4 pm**
- **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 raffle will be very much appreciated

**On 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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?***

You need to be over 18. You don't need to drive but it could help. You would get relevant training, but 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 driving license you could be asked to transport seafarers to and from their ships. After training you would be working with another volunteer unsupervised. You would then be responsible for locking up at end of shift. You would also be trained in Safety aspects and the Centre 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](mailto:ntees@mtsmail.org) web-site: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/the-tees-north-and-hartlepool> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aidan.webster.397>

### **Kilimatinde Trust and the "Bear ladies"**

We had a visit from Bishop John Lupaa and Revd Stephen Taylor in August, renewing our 25+ year connection with the Kilimatinde Trust: If you are interested in finding out more about the Trust or how you can help, please visit the website: [www.kilimatidetrust.org.uk](http://www.kilimatidetrust.org.uk)

The Hartlepool "Bear ladies", who raise funds for the 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).
- 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).*