



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 27 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 27 March: Mother's Day

Streamed to Facebook/Youtube:

9:00 am	Holy Communion 2, Stranton	Revd Norman & Anita Burke	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Clive	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Norman & Anita Burke	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Lighthouse & Parade Service	Revd Clive & Angela Hall	Stranton

Readings Exodus 2:1-10, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Wednesday 10.00 am	Communion (St Matthews)	Revd Michelle	St Matthew's
Wednesday 9.30 am	Holy Communion (St Luke's)	Revd Andrew	
Thursday 9:15 am	Mass (St Columba)	Revd Clive	St Aidan's

Collects:

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion:

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of
eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

St Matthew's Annual Meeting: Thursday 31 March 2.00pm in St Matthew's, All welcome

Mothering Sunday –

We have a special family service on this Sunday 27 March at 11am when we will welcome the Uniformed organisations at our 'Lighthouse' style service.

- why not treat yourself to a tasty Bacon Butty from 10.00am at St Matthew's, courtesy of Boys Brigade?

Easter Eggheads which is for Boys and Girls aged 5 - 11yrs from April 11- 15th at St. Matthews starting at 6.00- 7.15pm (Monday to Thursday) with Good Friday Activity, 'Messy Easter' from 10 -11.30 at St Matthews. Eggheads involves games videos, quizzes, talks and most importantly LOTS OF FUN as the youngster learn about the First Easter and what that means in 2022.

Sunday Club News!

This week we are all in the service together for a Mothering Sunday service, Sunday club returns next Sunday.

Kate: Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Exodus 2:1-10 The birth of Moses

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman,² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket^[a] for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it.⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'⁸ 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother.⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him.¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses,^[b] saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Luke 15: 1-3,11b-32 The parable of the lost sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus.² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.'

³ Then Jesus told them this parable:

¹¹ Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons.¹² The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them.¹³ 'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.¹⁷ 'When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants."²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.²¹ 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."²² 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.²⁵ 'Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.²⁷ "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound."²⁸ 'The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.²⁹ But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"³¹ "My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

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 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 all those effected 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, Karen and Henry.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Pamela Thompson, Brenda Loynes and Brian Telfer.

Group LENT COURSE: continues to 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 3rd March for 5 weeks.**

"DAYS TO LAMENT" Lent Course continues at the Church of the Nazarene Lowthian Road, 2pm
Wednesdays: remaining sessikons on March 30th and April 13th (**not 6th**).
Cath and Dave Thompson (hartlepoolnaz@gmail.com).

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE UPDATE: We have advertised two roles within the Communities of Hope Team: for a full time, Community worker/Evangelist (closing date 23.3.22), and a 25 – 30 hr Family and Children's worker. Both appointments are for two years, may be extended subject to Funding. Please pray as the appointment processes continue. Jo, our current community worker, will be leaving for a new role at the end of March. For full details please ask the Church Office, or visit the church Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

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)

St Lukes Sewing Party Coffee Morning Saturday 2nd April 10-12noon. Handmade goods, cakes, raffle and tombola. Admission £1 which includes refreshments.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Sunday 10 April	Palm Sunday, 11.00am Lighthouse with Welcomes
Mon 11-Wed 13 April	Holy Week Communion, 7pm St Columba's
Thursday 14 April	Maundy Thursday An informal meal with Communion, 7pm St Luke's
Good Friday 15 April	'Messy Easter', 10-11.30am St Matthew's Church open for silent prayer, from 12noon to 2 pm An hour at the cross, Service 2-3pm
Easter Day 17 April	9am Holy Communion 11am Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 24 April	Normal Services, APCM to follow 11am service (Anita Burke's final Sunday)

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

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.
- 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.
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: booklets are now in use again at 9 am
- 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 27th 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



Giving

You can support Christian Aid as part of the combined national relief appeal of the Disasters Emergency Committee (link: <https://www.caid.org.uk/now> or call 0800 004 004).

Money can also 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/>

Rob and Margaret Bianchi, who have been based in our Diocese for many years and who run the charity ODM which supports the ARCA project in Moldova have reported a large influx of refugees fleeing Ukraine to Moldova. 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 to help refugees in Moldova. 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")

Other Support Stranton Church has registered as a potential provider of accommodation and support with the UK Government (Home Office), Durham Diocese, and with The Sanctuary Foundation (which has worked closely with refugee families from Afghanistan and Syria, and alongside the charity RESET, of which Bishop Paul is a trustee. For more information, visit The Sanctuary Foundation:

<https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/> . Our local (parish) response is being co-ordinated by Angela

Craig: please let her know via email address refugeesupport@stranton-church.org.uk if you have registered or intend to register with the Home Office as an accommodation provider, or can offer other support, or have any questions about the support we are proposing. **Please use this email address.**