



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 28th April 2024

Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus, Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit

*Streamed services (marked *) are available on Facebook or our YouTube pages*

Sunday 28th April: 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 am	Holy Communion*	Revd John Bell	Stranton
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew Craig	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass *	Revd John Bell	St Aidan's
11:00 am	Lighthouse	Mary Tones	Stranton

Our annual meeting will take place in church at 12 noon, after the Lighthouse service - for details, see over

Weekday Services:

Wednesday	2 nd May 2024:	St Luke's	9.30 am	Revd John Bell
		St Matthew's *	10.00 am	Revd Kevin Tones
Thursday	3 rd May 2024:	St Columba's *	9.15 am	No Service

Collect:

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

Post Communion:

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and
the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Readings for 28th April: **Acts 8:26-end** **1 John 4:7-end** **John 15:1-8**

Intercessions – Please pray for:

- An end to the conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Yemen, and elsewhere.
- Our Government, including the local elections in May and the General Election expected this year.
- Those seeking baptism within our group of churches.
- Our APCM today (28th April) and all those who serve on our PCC.
- Our journey of faith, as we seek to grow deeper with God, seeking his will for our lives.
- Growth in our Churches, with new people seeking to know Christ, and more people stepping forward to serve and volunteer, wherever it is needed (and whether this could be you).
- Opportunities to grow our presence in our community, and engage with community leaders.
- Peace and healing for all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, that they may know God's love and peace in the midst of difficulty.
- All those who mourn at this time especially remembering the family and friends of Pam Hutchinson and Richard Walker.

Notices

Please let a Minister or Church Warden know of any special occasion you are celebrating and would like to share with the Church.

Annual Meeting Our annual meeting takes place today Sunday 28 April immediately after our morning service, starting with welcome refreshments. We will appoint Churchwardens, PCC members and other positions of responsibility, receive the annual report and accounts for 2023, and have the opportunity to ask questions and hear about matters of interest and concern for our parish as we seek God's will together. The meeting is expected to take less than an hour. *A copy of the accounts is posted on the noticeboard at the back of church, and the annual report and other meeting papers will be published on our website early in the week. Please do join us for this significant event: if you are on the Electoral roll you may nominate and vote for PCC and officer elections.*

Burn 24-7 11th May 2024 at Stranton Church 3.00pm to 9.00pm, worship, prayer & family. **All are welcome.**

Prayers of Love and Faith: Following our Lent Course, Revd John is keen for anyone with views about the Prayers of Love and Faith to get in touch, before a decision is made on whether to offer these prayers within our services.

Opportunities to Serve: If you would like to help with our **Children's and Youth work**, with our **Music Group**, or in any other way, please have a chat with Revd John as we look to grow these and other areas of our ministry.

Communities of Hope (Help needed – speak to one of the team to find out how you can support us)

- **Stranton Toddlers** (Next session 23rd April) Tuesday 9:00 am-11:00 am at **St Matthew's**
- **A Bit of God Time** Tuesday 1:00 pm-2:30 pm at **St Aidan's**
- **Friday Drop-In** Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm at **St Aidan's**

Contacts:

Priest in charge: **Revd John Bell** Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.
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Church Office: **Trish (Parish Administrator)** Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009
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The Church Office is at St Matthews Community Centre, 143 Elwick Road, TS26 8JF.
Bookings: please call in on Wednesday, 12pm & 2pm, or phone to arrange a time.

Website: <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA>

Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

St Luke's: <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool>

St Aidan's and St Columba's: https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB

Communities of Hope: <https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh>

