



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 30 January 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 30 January: The Presentation of Christ

Streamed to Facebook/Youtube:

9:00 am	Holy Communion 2, Stranton	Revd Clive & Linda Dott	<i>Stranton</i>
9:15 am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman	
10:45 am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Clive & Linda Dott	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11:00 am	Family Communion	Revd Norman, & Revd Michelle	<i>Stranton</i>

Readings Malachi 3: 1-5 , Luke 2: 22-40.

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

Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Amen

Post Communion:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

ALPHA: Are you or is someone you know interested in exploring the Christian Faith? Rev Clive and Angela Hall are planning to run an Alpha course in the near future. Please let one of the clergy know if you or a friend may be interested in this course.

REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH: We have decided to continue offering refreshments at the back of Church after the 11am service despite the current high levels of corona virus. Once you have your refreshments please move away from the servery area and use the seating area (near the piano): we realise it's cold outside but some might prefer to chat and drink outside and we do understand that some will wish simply to leave after the blessing.

OPEN SKIES FOREST CHURCH meets 2pm today Sunday 30th January at St Aidan's School. All welcome. For More information chat with Rachel Price.

Malachi 3:1-5

3 'I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the LORD Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years. ⁵ 'So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud labourers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,' says the LORD Almighty.

Luke 2:22-40 - Jesus presented in the temple

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'. ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.' ³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Intercessions

- We pray for Andy, Kati and Eva Walsh now in Brazil to commence their new ministry. 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 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 the appointment of a new Group incumbent to be inspired led and guided by the Holy Spirit
- We pray for our national and local leaders, give wisdom in decisions about the Covid pandemic.
- We pray for the care of all who continue to be affected by the pandemic, for wisdom for the decision makers concerning public safety; we pray particularly for health and care workers, the police and community wardens, small businesses and local employers, and all who are seeking work.
- 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 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 and Karen.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Barbara, Joan Noble and James Coltman.

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 consider using a mask as well as using hand gel and keeping social distance. In order to protect ourselves and others, please act with consideration towards others, especially the vulnerable.
- Please do not attend church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms/raised temperature
- If you are attending, please come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance as the service starts.
- Children under 11 are not required to wear a face mask, nor those medically exempted
- 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 (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday 11 am service will be displayed on the screens: booklets are now in use again at 9 am
- Singing is now allowed. If you would like to join in singing, we politely ask you to wear a mask. (Continued)
- After the service, please meet continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- If you become unwell with COVID-19 like symptoms within the week after attending a church service please advise a member of the clergy or a churchwarden so that people from that service can be advised.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

OTHER NOTICES:

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HEALING: Michelle and Andrew invite you to join them for a group conversation about Christian Healing on are 3rd, 10th & 17th February, 7.30 for 8.00pm start in the Fulthorpe Chapel @ Stranton: [all welcome](#) – lifts available, please ask. At a later date we plan a Healing Service.

Sunday Club News

The current rates of coronavirus are still high in Hartlepool. The Sunday club leaders have therefore taken the decision not to hold Sunday club this month. This decision will be reviewed at the end of January.

Kate: Stranton Sunday Club Leader **Norman: Vicar**

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**

Live online Services for w/c 30th January 2022 (Facebook addresses are below).

- The Wednesday 9.30 communion from St Luke's and the Thursday 9.15 Mass from St Columba's will be streamed.
- If you would like to access a night prayer **Lectio 365 have daily night prayer** accessible by downloading the app. The Church of England has also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.
- Zoom Morning Prayer is online from 8.30 - 9.00am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

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 Facebook.

9:00 am Holy Communion is streamed via our Facebook page (below)

Facebook and Web Addresses:

<https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/> <https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/>

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/> <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus

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