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

November 2022

Tenacious Faith in Trying Times

From a distance, a Canaanite woman saw, recognized and cried out to Jesus, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demonpossession." (Matthew 15: 22) Surprisingly, He did not respond to her at all! He was not "ignoring" her. He may, instead, have been testing the tenacity of her faith. So, with a faith that wouldn't give up, she kept crying out to Him – to the point that Jesus' disciples begged Him to "send her away!"

At that time, Jesus finally did respond to her, telling her that His ministry is only to the children (lost sheep) of Israel. But even this response — His recognition of her — is enough to embolden her to come closer to Him, throw herself at His feet and beg Him "Lord, help me!" (Matthew 15: 25)

He then said something to her that seems to our ears as even more harsh and "off-putting"... He told her that it is not right for Him to give the blessings that belong to the children of Israel to the dogs that surround them! With a faith that just won't give up, she told Him she believed that He had more than enough mercy, grace, love, care, power, help and healing for the children of Israel, for her and for her ailing daughter. What GREAT faith she had!

Jesus saw her faith, commended her, granted her request and completely healed her daughter "from that very hour." Hers was a great faith that called Him "Lord" or "Master." Her faith caused her to come on behalf of her daughter. Against all odds, even when it appeared that she was being ignored and even turned away, she trusted, believed and hoped in Jesus! Her tenacious faith kept hanging on to the hope that He would have mercy and help her; and He did!

Have you ever felt like you were "at the end of your rope, and just barely hanging on?" Perhaps in a situation at work; with your health or that of a loved one; maybe your family – or one near you – is in crisis. Does it seem, at times, that God is ignoring you, or at least distant and unapproachable? I know it sometimes does to me...

It is at times such as these, against all odds, that God calls us to trust, believe and hope in Jesus! Our gracious Heavenly Father welcomes all who come to Him by faith. He's not looking for status, social standing, kudos or worldly success... just faith, our faith, yours and mine.

He's making a way for the voice of the poor to be heard, for their beautiful sense of community and compassion for their neighbours to be seen. And that's because He's calling home the prodigal sons and daughters, the prophetic voices that have been left crying in the wilderness for far too long.

We pray for revival but as Bishop Philip North said "revival always begins in the margins". I believe that's because in the margins there is often a rawness and realness where we have to learn to push into God in war and peace times just to survive. Its hard work but excellent training ground for warriors. For people who dare speak truth to distorted power and authority and speak it in love, with forgiveness and grace. As we live out our faith through trials and testing, our faith grows into the "Great Faith" which Jesus commends – a Great Faith which invites us to come to Him; empowers us to seek Him every day, in every situation; and enables us to trust Him completely.

My prayer for us all is that God would graciously grant us that kind of faith – "A Faith that Won't Give Up!" – a faith that trusts our Saviour, won't let go of His promises – a faith that actively seeks out the Holy Spirit and joins the eternal dance of creation – a faith willing to partner with our God in bringing the Kingdom whenever and wherever He has called us.

Mothers' Union

November already! This year has flown by, what with covid, the war in Ukraine, the death of our dear Queen and the power struggle within our government – many of us wish 2022 would come to a speedy conclusion. So many prayers linger on our lips as we drop off to sleep at night. Remember our God is still there watching over us.

Some exciting news from Mothers' Union and Women's Federation – they have joined forces to work towards ending domestic abuse. This is aimed at making a world where girls can grow up without the threat of domestic abuse. An estimated 1.6 million women experience domestic abuse every year and that's only the tip of the iceberg as many women don't report it. One in seven children and youths under the age of 18 have lived with violence at some point of their childhood. Three women are killed every fortnight by a current or ex-partner, highlighting that much change is needed before women and children are safe. Mothers' Union and Women's Aid are working together so that no girl has to be the victim of domestic abuse. We'll hear more of this at our November meeting.

Christmas is coming. I'm booking our usual Christmas lunch at the Marine Hotel for Monday December 12th At 12.00 noon. Please let me know if you would like to come. I'll be ringing you as I've changed my phone number.

Our next meeting is on the 14th November at St Matthew's Community Centre at 1.30pm – I have MU Christmas cards, diaries and calendars, so please let me know if you'd like to see them.

Look around you and see beyond the troubles of our world and thank God for his love for us.

God bless,

Ann Courtenay

St Matthew's Community Centre Elwick Road

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Saturday 5th November 2022 Saturday 3rd December 2022

A time to spend together, meet new people, make new friends



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From the Home Front

I love gardens and I try hard in my own garden, but I would never say I am a real gardener. My knowledge of plants is reasonable, I know the basics of growing and planting – how, where and when, but I am no expert! At times I have too many seedlings for my garden and although I give many away, there are always a few left over and I end up sticking them in totally unsuitable soil/areas.

The Lectio 365 reading today was from James 5 about Elijah praying for drought, then after three and a half years praying for rain. The commentary said:

After three and a half years of no rain, Elijah prayed again, the rain came, and the earth produced crops. This implies that the farmers were willing to sow seeds in the dust while there was no rain, believing that one day the rain would come. Prayer sometimes can feel like this –as if I'm sowing seeds in the dust. Physically, it feels as if nothing is happening, but in fact that's not the case spiritually. I want to have seeds in the ground when the rain comes.

God does answer earnest prayer to make His 'crops grow'. This year we had to have two lengths of our perimeter fence replaced and the soil was dry, stony and in parts heavy. With great difficulty I managed to plant my excess sunflower seedlings and a couple of pumpkin plants, grown from last year's saved Halloween Pumpkin seeds. I did remember to water them all through the dry part of the summer, staggering out with bowls of washing up water and watering cans with added growth supplements. Amazingly the sunflowers all thrived, growing between 3 and 8 feet tall and having multi flower heads, which have bloomed since June and some are still blooming now! I have never had sunflowers grow this tall, or with such fantastic flowers, or bloom for so many months. Likewise the pumpkin plants grew and the one in the poorest soil in the shaded, rough corner of the garden not only had flowers, but also produced a pumpkin (about the size of honeydew melon). I could hardly believe it!





Earnest prayer and having the initial faith to prepare and then trust in God's power are what is needed to achieve the seemingly impossible! So plant the seeds of God's word and pray earnestly...

J.A.R.

Rev John Bell



Originally from Durham, I left the area in the mid 90's when I went off to university to study engineering. I am currently Curate at Christ Church Bedford in the Diocese of St Albans, having trained for ministry through the Eastern Region Ministry Course (ERMC), while continuing to work full time. Prior to ordination, I worked in the aerospace and defence industry, as an engineer, for 18 years. I am married to Rebecca, and together we have two children Sophie (13) and Daniel (10). As a family, we are very much looking forward to getting to know you all as we begin this new and exciting chapter in our lives.

We would very much appreciate your prayers as we plan and prepare to move, particularly as we seek the right school places for the children, so that they can settle in quickly.

Rev John

Licensing of John Bell Sunday 13th November

Bishop Paul will introduce Revd John on the same day to all four churches in the Central Hartlepool Group (St Luke's, St Aidan's, St Columba's and All Saints, Stranton) with readings and prayers from 3.00pm.

The pilgrimage will start at St Luke's at 3.00pm and last about 10 minutes at each church in turn (St Columba's, St Aidan's) before coming to Stranton for the licensing. These times may be subject to slight changes so please check Notice Sheet.

Representatives of all the Group parishes will accompany Bishop Paul to each Church and it is hoped all parishioners from across the group and friends will join together for the full service at **4.30pm**The Licensing will be followed by a faith meal at Stranton Church, we will provide more details on the weekly notice sheet.

Welcome to John Quiz

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- J Which J was the son of Saul?
- O Which O was an old testament prophet?
- H Which H was a son of Noah?
- N Which N was a disciple?

Stranton Bell Project

The 8 bells were removed from the belfry in July and are now at Taylor's of Loughborough. They have been cleaned and tuned. The image shows 6 of the bells with their new modern headstocks.





Early in September two contractors, employed by Taylor's, removed as much of the dirt and corrosion from the bell frame and painted on some rust inhibitor. That took a couple of weeks to seep into the metal and dry. Then, in the week of 20th September they returned and helped by Rohan Wanduragala, Thelma Adams and Andrew Frost, they applied zinc primer and then a red enamel top coat to the frame. The image shows the frame ready to receive the bells.

We now expect that the bellhanger who removed the bells in July will return on 31st October to rehang them. He anticipates being on site for up to 3 weeks as there is a lot of work to do even before the bells return.

In the meantime Hartlepool's bellringers have been ringing at St Aidan's and St Oswald's for Sunday services and practices. They were also hard at work ringing bells during the period after the death of The Queen until her State Funeral.

Andrew Frost



Following Jesus where the need is greatest

Tear Fund Big Quiz

You are invited to the Tear Fund Big Quiz at All Saints, Stranton on Saturday 19th November at 6 for 6.30pm with drinks and team sorting on arrival.

Inclusive teams of up to six will be made up by whoever attends, just come as you are and bring your friends and something for the faith supper half way through. There will also be a short film about the work of Tear Fund and a Bring and Buy' stall, donations may be given on the night.

Andy Kaye

All the Hartlepool bellringers were sad to hear that Andy Kaye had died peacefully on the evening of 19th September in Alice House Hospice. Andy had been battling a brain tumour for a number of years including undergoing both chemotherapy and radiotherapy but to no avail.

Andy, Ailsa and their 3 girls arrived in Hartlepool in 2017 after living for a few years in Qatar. Their arrival was fortuitous for the bellringers as Barbara Busby was about to leave to spend most of the year with her husband Stephen on their narrow boat. Andy readily accepted becoming the Tower Captain, in place of Barbara, using his long experience of ringing to bring on learners and to help take Hartlepool's bellringing forward. Ailsa was experienced and both lona and Cleo learned to ring. Their daughter Lara was, at that time, too young but she is now ringing with us all.

Andy had been a ringer in Beverley and had been their society's President, Ringing Master and Secretary. He had also spent time in York and had rung regularly at York Minster. He was a very experienced peal ringer. Even though Andy's illness had prevented him from ringing for some time now, the bellringers will miss him terribly.

Andrew Frost





Stranton's bellringers are members of the Durham and Newcastle Association of Church Bellringers (The D&N). association is very active. Members meet occasionally to ring bells together and once year they hold Striking Good striking means the Competition. bells keep a steady rhythm and keep well spaced apart and do not get close together.

Hartlepool's ringers put a team into the 6 bell competition held on 24th September at Tanfield. There were 6 other teams taking part. Jack Hanlon had Elspeth Craig, Andrew Craig, Judith Dennis, Jan Wilderspin and Andrew Frost in the team with him. A judge is secreted away near to the tower and only knows the teams by a number. The judge then scores by counting the number of faults each team makes during their "test piece".

When the results were announced over cups of tea and cakes, we were surprised and delighted to have come first and to have won the association Six Bell Competition Rose Bowl.

Andrew Frost

Harvest Festival Sunday 9th October

Rev Clive lead the Harvest Festival Service including Church Parade of flags by the uniformed organisations. Congregations from the 9am and 11am services donated non perishable food which was given to the Food Bank.





A display of Harvest Gifts

Squash and swan neck tromboncino courgette



Church Parade of Boys Brigade, Guides and Brownie flags.



Mr B & Juniors perform 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter' on handbells



Members of Sunday Club lead the prayers

Ward Jackson CE Primary Harvest Festival 4th October



It was wonderful for Mr Akers to welcome parents, carers and governors to celebrate harvest in the school building. The children performed and sang enthusiastically. The generous gifts will be sent to the Food Bank.



Macmillan Coffee morning

Thank you for all your donations at our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. Together we raised an amazing £105.77. As always your generosity is greatly appreciated





Tugboats had a great day pumpkin picking at Spillman's farm!



Harvest Ceilidh

An active and fun evening with good company and a delicious faith supper. The band were up to their usual high standard and everyone enjoyed themselves.













Bishop Paul's Visit to the Central Group on Sunday 23rd October



Bishop Paul presided first at St Luke's on their patronal day. He then attended St Aidan's to preside over communion, where the congregation from Stranton had gathered alongside St Aidan's congregation. St Aidan's furnishings were shrouded in cloths for protection as they are having a new heating system installed.

Bishop Paul spoke on the Gospel reading from Luke ch 18 v 9 -14, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in the Temple. He told us that he, like the rest of us, has to watch out that he doesn't become self -complacent like the Pharisee, but also to have compassion for the Pharisee too.

It was good to share fellowship after the service. **J.A.R.**

Are you planning a special celebration or party and looking for a venue?

Have you thought about St Matthew's Community Centre?

We have 2 large halls which can accommodate up to 140 persons as well as 1 large and 2 small kitchens for your catering needs.

One hall is even big enough to house a bouncy castle – ideal for children's parties.

We also have our own private car park and some outdoor space if you fancy al fresco fun for your guests.

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Forest Church in September

Fellowship, food and fun and worship were shared by families and friends in St Aidan's School grounds.





Sunday Club News

We have lots of exciting sessions planned for November in Sunday Club. Here is what we will be up to:

Date	Theme	Bible Reading
6 th Novem-	Jesus' Parables	Luke 10:25-37
ber	The Good Samaritan	p.379, Beginners Bible
13 th No-	Jesus' Parables	Luke 15:3-7
vember	The Lost Sheep	p.391, Beginners Bible
20 th No-	Jesus' Parables	Luke 15:11-32
vember	The Prodigal Son	p.397, Beginners Bible

Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader



New Wine Celebration

New Wine Celebration on Saturday 19th November from 7pm till 9pm at Stockton Parish Church (doors open 6.30pm). The guest speaker is Mark Aldridge. This will be an amazing evening which we're hoping will be a good introduction to New Wine for those who have not previously attended such an event

YF (Youth Fellowship) Leader required Do you want to develop the faith of young Christians? Is this God calling you...?

We are seeking a New Youth Leader for YF.
We meet as a group every Sunday evening in Stranton Church from 7:00pm till 8:30pm. The youngsters are aged from 11 years (Y7) up to 18 years.

We presently have 8 young people attending the group.

The leader would be part of a team of leaders working on a rota, so you would not be expected to attend every week, but every other week at the moment.

Two new leaders would mean that could extend attendance to once a month!

Each week one leader is in charge of the session. They would use material from Rock Solid resource, which provides a list of games and a short talk on a theme for each session. The other leader in each session is there to provide support.

Presently each leader would lead a whole session once every three weeks.

We do have a tuck shop with chat slot at the start of each evening. The games and talk are followed by more games of the group's choosing. There are also film nights, cooking nights plus a trip to The Pulse in Durham Cathedral. All sessions are in term times, and we work around school holidays.

There will be a requirement to apply for a Church DBS and some Safe Guarding Training is necessary. These are a legal requirement to guard and protect the youth in our care.

If you are interested in the position or would like further information about it please contact Rev Clive Hall on 07804530120

Communities Of Hope Children & Families Work

There are many aspects to the work that Communities of Hope is involved in.

One area is the children and families work.

As part of this we are in regular contact with 6 schools in Hartlepool. This includes taking assemblies. It was a pleasure to welcome Kingsley Primary School Year 1s to All Saints, Stranton in September. They visited the church to look at what they could learn about Christianity from within it. It was also wonderful to host Stranton Primary School Harvest Festival service recently.

We have started up a new RE Lunch Club at Jesmond Gardens Primary School. This involves eating lunch with the children then going to a classroom to play board games and do a craft activity. There is an interactive Bible story followed by a prayer and a game. The children have joined in well and seem to really enjoy it.

Toddlers at St Matthew's Community Centre continues to thrive and it is a blessing to chat to the children and their adults who come, getting to know them all.

Most recently we have started a new faith community which is exciting. This is called Play & Praise. It is held weekly at St Matthew's Community Centre for an hour and fifteen minutes. Toddlers and their adults listen to a short, visual Bible Story, listen to a sung Lord's prayer, join in with bubble prayers and dance to Christian music. Light refreshments are served, then it is play time using the available equipment. It has made a very encouraging start.

Shortly we will be starting preparations for Christmas events, more of that another time.

Many thanks to everyone for their support of this work and their prayers, it is much appreciated. **Hayley**



Boys Brigade News



Squad Drill, Games and Crafts tonight at company $\mathring{\mathbb{T}}$





Bacon Butty Bonanza!!!



On October 9th we held a Bacon Butty Sunday for the 9 O' clockers & 11 o 'clockers at St Matthew's CC to celebrate Harvest Festival. A large number of butties were served, so many that the Harvest Festival Service was nearly delayed, except for some good thinking by the Rev Clive!

Our Anchor Boys and Company Lads had their work on display The Anchor Boys display was of several parables with a harvest connection - The Sower, The Weeds and the Mustard Seed. The Company Lads were very creative and designed various vegetables!

The Juniors gave a hand bell display which included "All things bright and beautiful" and the chorus of 'We plough the field and scatter'.





Christmas Fayre

We are holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December at St Matthew's Community Centre and we are now collecting Bric a Brac (But no clothing please).

If you have any that needs collecting please ring George Bainbridge on 07816445829.

Camp

Looking further ahead we are camping at Fanwood Scout Centre in South Yorkshire next summer.

New Starters welcomed-

We have room in all sections for new starters:

Anchor Boys for 6-8 year olds, every Friday night 6.00-7.00pm Juniors for 9 to 10 year olds, every Monday night 6.30-8.00pm Company for 11-16 year olds, every Friday night 7.15 - 9.00pm

All sections meet at St Matthew's Community Centre Elwick Road and weekly subs for each Section is £2.00.

If you would like to know more of what we do we are on Facebook.

George Bainbridge tel: 07816 445829

Welcome to John - Quiz Answers

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Methuselah

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- T In what T occurred when Jesus met with Moses & Elijah?

Transfiguration

- O Which O was the sister in law of Ruth? **Oprah**
- J Which J was the son of Saul? **Jonathan**
- O Which O was an old testament prophet? **Obadiah**
- H Which H was a son of Noah? Ham
- N Which N was a disciple? **Nathaniel**

Birds of a Feather

My favourite birds, the oyster catchers, are arriving daily on the beach. Every year I am fascinated by their busyness as they run up and down poking their long beaks into the sand. Their beaks always seem empty when pulled out, so they must have an almighty slurp!

The weather is getting so changeable - one day lovely sunshine, another very cold and wet. The starlings are gathering in great flocks – I have never seen so many wheeling and changing direction as the sweep over The Green and settle momentarily on roofs before once more showing off wonderful patterns in flight.

The garden birds are bolder too, coming right up to the kitchen door and even knocking with their beaks demanding their breakfasts, plus lunch and supper later. The dog, who used to chase them, does so no longer- it's too boring! As the days shorten more birds are settling into old nests after giving them an autumn clean. A hard winter is forecast, but the birds are usually better forecasters than the weather-people on TV.

The mice have come back into my big workroom and the traps have gone down. This year their numbers seem to be up, probably because I no longer have any cats.

As we settle into winter, so many of us are feeling anxious about how the coming months will pan out. As God looks after the birds, bees and all creatures, we must give Him praise for His care of us in all the changing circumstances of our lives.

Ann Courtenay

Some of you don't even realize how you light up rooms and inspire people just by being you. You're literally magnetic and you don't 't even realize it.

God you are.....

God you are powerful and mighty God you are Creator redeemer healer. And yet you call me friend

God you are holy,majestic Powerful and yet so gentle

God you are merciful forgiving
Full of justice. God you are approachable.
There is nothing I do or not do that can make
you love me less.

God you are good, kind, patient and true no one can compare to you.

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God you everlasting understanding All your ways are true. God there's no one else like you.

God you reign you rule God you are everlasting

God you are God and I am not.

Ang Hall

Always be kind.

If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them.

If someone is being ignored, find a way to include them.

If someone has been knocked down, lift them up.

Always remind people of their worth.

Be who you needed when you were going through hard times.

Just one small act of kindness could mean the world to someone.

Autumn Recipes

Rich apple fool

2lb cooking apples – peeled, cored and sliced

4-6oz caster sugar

Juice of large orange

½ pint whipping cream

Green colouring

Place prepared apple in a dish with sugar and orange juice. Cover lightly and cook in oven or microwave till soft and fluffy. Remove from heat and beat hard or sieve. Cool completely.

Whip cream till just thickened then fold into the apple puree. Separate into two bowls. Add colouring to one bowl an fold in.

Fill glasses or glass bowl with alternate layers. Serve with sponge fingers or chocolate biscuits.

Apricot and Pumpkin Flapjack

175g butter 50g pumpkin seeds

25g golden syrup 50g dried apricots chopped finely

125g light soft brown sugar 250g porridge oats

Preheat oven to 180C gas 4

Grease Swiss roll tin

Melt the butter and syrup together then add the sugar, stirring until dissolved.

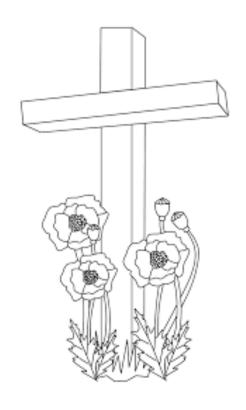
Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well.

Spread the mixture evenly in the tin and cook for 30 minutes until golden.

Remove from oven, allow to cool a little then cut into squares whilst warm.



Thankful Remembrance



The poppies grow below A sign of military sacrifice Of lives bought to ensure A just and great victory That for a short while A peace will endure.

An empty wooden cross
A sign of a cruel sacrifice
A life given for a great victory
For every individual sinner
Who wants a second chance
Let's be grateful for each
And give thankful remembrance.



At Safe Families, like many other individuals and groups, we can't look away from the impact the cost of living crisis is having and could continue to have as we head into autumn and winter.

In this email you'll find a link to a selection of resources we have created that we hope will equip and empower you as you are coming alongside the families you support. If you are volunteering with a family at the moment and have specific concerns, please do contact your Family Support Manager.

We can all struggle with life's circumstances. The cost of living crisis, loneliness and past trauma can affect us all.

For the families we work with these things layer on top of each other. And the cost of living crisis is compounding existing struggles.

Further down this email, you'll see that we have now had the privilege of connecting over 7,500 families into relationships with our volunteers, a huge joy for us. We know that these relationships offer perhaps the greatest solution to many of the struggles we face.

Thank you for the role you have played in these 7,500 connections and thank you for the support you continue to give as we look forward to connecting with many more families in the future.



CELEBRATES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to

November

Jenna Bruce
Daniel Busby
Ray Clark
Sally Clarke
Linda Cartwright
Debbie Coxon
Ann Cuthbert
Anna Jennett
Jo Leslie
Jasmine Padgett
Sylvia Shepherd
Mike Weimer





If you have something to celebrate we would love to share it - email admin@stranton-church.org.uk or phone 864006.

All entries to be in by the 16th of the month.

Dates for the Diary

Nov	eml	ber
Sat	5 th	Nov

Coffee & Cake St Matthew's CC 2.00-4.00pm Sun 6th Nov 4.00pm All Souls Remembrance Service Mon 7th Nov Standing Committee 19 Trentbrooke Ave 7.00pm Sun 13th Nov Licencing of Rev John Bell Stranton Church 4.30pm followed by Faith Tea Sat 19th Nov Tear Fund Quiz, Fulthorpe Chapel 6.30pm Sat 19th Nov New Wine Evening at Stockton Parish Church

7.00-9.00pm (doors open 6.30pm)

Tues 22nd Nov PCC Asda Room St Matthew's 7.00pm

December - to be confirmed

Sun 11th Dec **Christingle Stranton** 4.00pm Sun 18th Dec Nativity Stranton 11.00 am **TBC** Carols by Candlelight (Joint) 6.00 or 6.30pm TBC Sat 24th Dec **Stranton Midnight Communion** 11.00pm St Aidan's Christingle & Crib 3.30pm St Luke's Nativity 6.00pm St Aidan's Midnight Mass 11.30pm St Luke's Midnight Communion 11.30pm Sun 25th Joint Christmas Day Family Service at Stranton

10.00am



Mission to Seafarers

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? If you can help please contact Aidan Webster on 01642 546424 or 07507 493749.

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