

**St Aidans and St Columba’s, Hartlepool**

***Central Group, Hartlepool***

***One Family, Three parishes,***

***Growing the kingdom.***

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity 10th August 2025**

*Throughout the Central Hartlepool Group, we live stream as many services as we can.*

**Today’s Service**

Whether this is your first-time visiting St Aidan’s, or whether you are a regular worshipper here, you are most welcome. Please stay after our service for a cup of coffee or tea.

Thank you to everyone who regularly gives money to church. If you too would like to give money, the collection plate is passed around during the offertory hymn, you can also use the contactless machine in church or you can pay money directly into our bank account “St Aidan’s PCC” sort code 050974, account number 15415262.

Before the service, please pray for all those who are worshipping with you, those conducting the service, those who are prevented from being in church today, those in need and those who do not know or love God. Pray too for yourself that our Lord may renew and refresh you in this act of worship.

**10.45 am: Sung Mass (St Aidan)**

Introit: 511

Gradual: 573

Offertory: 12

Communion: 195, 200 and 632

Final hymn: 531

**12.30 pm: Holy Baptisms (St Aidan)**

**Genesis**

Chapter 15 verses 1-6

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



**Letter to the Hebrews**

Chapter 11 verses 1-3 and 8-16

1Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’13All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind; they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**Luke**

Chapter 12 verses 32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 32 ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.35Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.39But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

**Notices and News**

Our reader Ray will be preaching this morning.

Please pray for Caleb, Eva and George who are to be baptised this afternoon. Please pray too for their families and Godparents.

The Parish Magazine for August and September is available in church, please don’t forget to buy your copy.

Have you ever wanted to talk to the priest but didn’t want to bother them as you know they are busy? If you would like to talk but it is not urgent then there is now a dedicated time to call Mother Becky from 11.00 am until 12.00 noon on a Monday morning. This does not mean that you cannot call at other times as normal! It is just to encourage you to not feel that you cannot take up her time for little things. Mother Becky’s phone number is 01429 671358.

“Heart of the Week” is a 20-minute intentional prayer time for the work of the Central Hartlepool Group and the people of our parishes. It is in St Columba’s Church every Wednesday at 1.00 pm and everyone is welcome to come along.

We are now into holiday season and members of our church family go on their holidays or visit relatives. At this time, and, throughout the year we ask you to keep an eye out for people who normally sit near you and are missing from church. They may be away but we worry about people we have not seen for a while, so if you do wonder where someone is please speak to Helen or Jane our churchwardens, Becky or Ray Turner our reader.

These are the dates for the next “Bread for the Soul” midweek mass, Wednesday 20th August and then Wednesday 10th September. From Wednesday 17th September this mass will be weekly every Wednesday. The mass time is 6.00 pm in St Aidan’s and if you haven’t been before, please come along.

Jacksons Wharf is the new venue and meeting place for the Group Mission Project’s Pub Theology Group. The Group next meet on Wednesday 20th August at 7.00 pm. If you are unsure where Jacksons Wharf is the address is [The Highlight, Hartlepool TS24 0XN](https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=3076671b7d1d4c4f7acec0f970d768763f0d3f9f54fcfce89cf0d55622908979JmltdHM9MTc1NDUyNDgwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=3dd2ced0-aa29-6f91-3c49-db10ab926e3f&u=a1L21hcHM_Jm1lcGk9MH5-RW1iZWRkZWR-QWRkcmVzc19MaW5rJnR5PTE4JnE9SmFja3NvbnMlMjBXaGFyZiZzcz15cGlkLllOMTAyOXgxNDU1MDUzNDY0Mjk1OTU1MTEzMSZwcG9pcz01NC42OTA3NzY4MjQ5NTExN18tMS4yMDY2OTQwMDY5MTk4NjA4X0phY2tzb25zJTIwV2hhcmZfWU4xMDI5eDE0NTUwNTM0NjQyOTU5NTUxMTMxfiZjcD01NC42OTA3Nzd-LTEuMjA2Njk0JnY9MiZzVj0xJkZPUk09TVBTUlBM&ntb=1).

On Saturday 16th August at 2.00pm St Luke’s are having a celebration to mark the end of World War II. Tickets are £2.00 and if you would like to go, please speak to Kathrine.

From 3rd September the Wednesday service at St Lukes will be at a new time of 10.00 am.

On Saturday 13th September at 11.00 am in Durham Cathedral Hayley Liversidge

will be licensed as an Authorised Lay Reader and Lesley Small will be licensed as an Authorised Chidren’s Minister. Everyone is invited to the service so, if you can, please go to support Hayley and Lesley.

The Deanery are looking to organise a trip for all the churches in Hartlepool to Durham Cathedral on Saturday 13th September from 1.00 pm. To have a guided tour of the Cathedral costs £6.50 per person. If you are interested, please pick up a form today complete it and pass to Kathrine. At the moment we are just finding out how many people would like to go. More information about the trip will follow.

There will be a MacMillian Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th September in St Luke’s parish centre between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome.

**Central Group Mission Projects**

Monday - Meditation – 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm, St Columba’s

Wednesday – Spiritual Oasis – from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm, St Columba’s

Wednesday – Heart of the Week Prayers – 1.00 pm, St Columba’s

Wednesday(fortnightly) - Pub Theology - from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm,

Jackson’s Wharf

Friday - Community Drop-In Café – from 10:00am to 12:00pm, St Aidan’s

Friday - Meditation - 2:00pm to 3:00pm, St Columba’s

Our Mission Enabler is Partick Reeve, please contact him for more information about the Group mission or any of the projects.

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**This week in our Group Parishes**

**Monday**

8.45 am Morning Prayer in Stranton Vicarage

6.00 pm Meditation in St Columba’s – Group Mission Team

**Tuesday**

8.45 am Morning Prayer in Stranton Vicarage

**9.15 am Mass in St Columba’s**

**10.30 am Daytime Cell Group in St Columba’s**

**6:00pm Prayer Zoom Group**

[**zoomprayergroup@gmail.com**](mailto:zoomprayergroup@gmail.com)**title PrayerGroupStA&StC**

**The meeting number is 871 9675 8134 Passcode: r2Mxw8**

**Wednesday**

8.45 am Morning Prayer in Stranton Vicarage

8.30 am until 2.00 pm Spiritual Oasis in St Columba’s – Group Mission Team

9.30 am Holy Communion in St Luke’s

10.00 am Holy Communion in St Matthew’s Hall

1.00 pm Heart of the Week prayer meeting in St Columba’s

**6.00 pm Mass “Bread for the Soul” in St Aidan’s**

7.00 pm Pub Theology in Jackson’s Wharf – Group Mission Team

**Thursday**

8.45 am Morning Prayer in Stranton Vicarage

**9.30 am Kitchen in St Aidan’s**

**7.00 pm Evening Cell Group in The Vicarage, 5 Tunstall Avenue**

**Friday**

10.00 am Community Drop in Café in St Aidan’s – Group Mission Team

2.00 pm Meditation in St Columba’s – Group Mission Team

**Sunday – Nineth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints

9.15 am Parish Communion in St Lukes

**10.45 am Sung Mass in St Aidan’s**

11.00 am Morning Service in All Saints

1.00 pm Holy Baptism in All Saints

**Contacts**

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***Please contact Kathrine Batty to make an appointment to book weddings and baptisms or to book St Columba’s for an event or party.***

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