



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.



## All Saints (Stranton) Church

### Notices and Readings – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus, Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit*  
*Streamed services (marked \*) are usually available to watch at the time or later on Facebook pages.*

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January: First Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Becky	Stranton *
9:15 am	Holy Communion	Revd John/Revd Claire	St Luke's
10:45 am	Mass	Revd Becky	St Aidan's *
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Hayley/Revd Claire	Stranton

#### Midweek Services

Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> January	St Columba's	9:15 am	Revd Becky
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> January	St Luke's	9:30 am	Revd Andrew
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> January	St Matthew's	10:00 am	Revd John/Revd Claire

#### **Collect**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen.**

**Readings for 11<sup>th</sup> January:    Isaiah 42:1-9                    Acts 10:34-43                    Matthew 3:13 to end**

#### **Intercessions – Please pray for:**

- A permanent solution for peace in the Middle East, an end to all conflicts and persecution around the world. Pray especially for Ukraine, Nigeria, Sudan & Venezuela.
- Our local schools, as they return to school. And for the families who will find this a tricky time.
- Our Children, Young People and Families; those who minister to them, and for our Uniformed Organisation.
- Growth in our churches as we seek to grow both in number and in our knowledge and understanding of God.
- Bishop Sarah Mullally as she prepares to take up her position as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. And for the outcome following interviews for the new Bishop of Durham.
- Those living in isolation, anxiety and fear during the dark nights and cold days.
- Organisations in the town supporting those in need. For our local council and national government, and for Christian MPs witnessing their faith in the House of Commons.
- Our Clergy, Lay Ministry team and Mission Project Team.
- All those suffering in body, mind, or spirit; that they will know God's comfort and peace, including those we know in care homes.
- Those mourning the loss of loved ones

## Notices

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

**900th Anniversary:** If you have any **photos, memories, or family histories** of involvement with our church, then we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Revd John, Revd Claire, or the team (Jacqui, Maureen, Diane, Cheryl). Alternatively, contact the church office.

**900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – Weddings through the Years – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** please note the date in your diaries, and...

If anyone has a dressmakers dummy we could borrow from 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February for our Stranton Weddings through the Years Exhibition on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Revd Claire, or the team (Jacqui, Maureen, Diane, Cheryl or contact the Church Office).

**Messy Church: TODAY** (Sunday) 4:00pm to 5:30pm at St Matthew's CC. All families welcome.

**Discover Hope!:** Are you interested in finding out more about the hope Christians have in Jesus Christ? Or do you know someone who is? We'd love to welcome you in the New Year to journey through a series of 6 short sessions to find out more about the Christian faith. There'll be plenty of opportunities to ask any questions you might have. Come on join us on Thursday evenings from **15<sup>th</sup> Jan through to 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**, at Stranton. For more info, contact Revd John (07512 481115) or Revd Claire (07598 070481)

**'Sundays at 6'** a contemporary evening service on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6:00pm**.

**St Luke's Candlemas Coffee Morning:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at St Luke's Parish Centre, 10am to 12pm

**Pub Theology Group** meet on Wednesday 14th January at 7.00 pm in Jackson's Wharf (and alternate Wednesday's thereafter). If you have not been before, why not try something new this year.

**Opportunities to Serve:** If you would like help with our **Children's and Youth work, Music Group, Sound and AV** or in any other way, please have a chat with Revd John or Revd Claire. **We are also actively searching for someone to work alongside David and Maureen with our church finances as David looks to step back as treasurer in the not-too-distant future.**

**Foodbank:** if you would like to donate any items to Foodbank, there is a box at the back of church.

### Central Hartlepool Group Mission Project

Family Wellbeing Hub	Monday	5:00pm to 7:00pm	St Columba's
Stranton Toddlers (Term Time Only)	Tuesday	9:00am to 11:00am	St Matthew's
Spiritual Oasis	Wednesday	8:30am to 2:00pm	St Columba's
(including focussed prayer meeting for our town, community, parishes and project at 1:00pm)			
Friday Drop-In Cafe	Friday	10:00am to 12:00pm	St Aidan's

## Contacts:

<b><u>Priest in charge:</u></b>	<b>Revd John Bell (Stranton &amp; St Luke's)</b> <a href="mailto:revdjohnbell@stranton-church.org.uk">revdjohnbell@stranton-church.org.uk</a>	Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115. <b>Usual day off – Friday.</b>
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<b><u>Stranton Church Office:</u></b>	<b>Trish (Parish Administrator)</b> <a href="mailto:admin@stranton-church.org.uk">admin@stranton-church.org.uk</a> The Church Office is at St Matthew's Community Centre, Arncliffe Gardens, TS26 9JF. <b>Bookings: please call in on Weds, 12:00pm to 2:00pm, or contact to arrange a time.</b>	Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009 Contact hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm
<b><u>Safeguarding:</u></b>	<b>Jacqui Rogers (Parish Safeguarding Officer)</b> <a href="mailto:safeguarding@stranton-church.org.uk">safeguarding@stranton-church.org.uk</a>	Tel: 07749 163606

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/">https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/</a>
<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en_GB</a>
<b>YouTube:</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMNoiSa2KGgGWkzli62VFcA</a>

### Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

<b>St Luke's:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB</a>
<b>St Aidan's and St Columba's:</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/?locale=en_GB</a>
<b>Mission Project:</b>	<b>Patrick Reeve (Mission Enabler)</b> Tel: 07712 150190 <a href="mailto:patrick@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk">patrick@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh/?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh/?locale=en_GB</a>