



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 11th 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 11th January: First Sunday of Epiphany (White)

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| 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

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| Tuesday | 13 th January | St Columba's | 9:15 am | Revd Becky |
| Wednesday | 14 th January | St Luke's | 9:30 am | Revd Andrew |
| Wednesday | 14 th 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 11th 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.

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

If anyone has a dressmakers dummy we could borrow from 12th - 16th February for our Stranton Weddings through the Years Exhibition on Feb 14th. 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 **15th Jan through to 19th 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 25th January at 6:00pm**.

St Luke's Candlemas Coffee Morning: Saturday 31st 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

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| 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:

Priest in charge: **Revd John Bell (Stranton & St Luke's)** Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115.

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Priest in charge: **Revd Becky Reeve (St Aidan's & St Columba's)** Tel: 01429 671358
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Curate **Revd Claire Mead (Stranton & St Luke's)** Tel: 07598 070481
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Stranton Church Office: **Trish (Parish Administrator)** Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009
admin@stranton-church.org.uk Contact hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm

The Church Office is at St Matthew's Community Centre, Arncliffe Gardens, TS26 9JF.

Bookings: please call in on Weds, 12:00pm to 2:00pm, or contact to arrange a time.

Safeguarding: **Jacqui Rogers (Parish Safeguarding Officer)** Tel: 07749 163606
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Website: <https://www.stranton-church.org.uk/>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/?locale=en_GB

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

Other Central Hartlepool Group links:

St Luke's: https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/?locale=en_GB

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

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