



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.



## All Saints (Stranton) Church

### Notices and Readings – 25<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 25<sup>th</sup> January: Conversion of Paul / 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9:00am	Holy Communion	Rev'd John/Rev'd Claire	Stranton *
9:15am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Andrew	St Luke's
10:45am	Mass	Rev'd Becky	St Aidan's *
11:00am	Lighthouse	Rev'd John/Kate Lawson	Stranton
6:00pm	Sunday @ 6	Rev'd John/Rev'd Claire	Stranton

#### Midweek Services

Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> January	St Columba's	9:15am	Rev'd Becky
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Luke's	9:30am	Julia Taylor
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Matthew's	10:00am	Rev'd John/Rev'd Claire
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Aidan's	6:00pm	Rev'd Becky

#### **Collect**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the  
poor, release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of  
the world: may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Readings for 25<sup>th</sup> January:**    **Jeremiah 1:4-10**    **Acts 9:1-22**    **Matthew 19:27-end**

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

- **Our PCC Away Day** on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, as we look for a renewed vision, specific prayer prompts coming soon.
- **Our World**, thinking of the political tensions, the conflicts, the persecution, and the climate challenges, faced across many nations.
- **Our local schools**, and especially for Ward Jackson School following their recent Ofsted inspection.
- **Our Children, Young People and Families**; those who minister to them, and our Uniformed Organisations.
- **Growth in our churches** as we seek to grow in numbers 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 news about who will become **the new Bishop of Durham**.
- Those living in isolation, anxiety and fear during the dark nights and cold days, and for those living in poverty across our town
- Organisations in the town supporting those in need (including Foodbank and Street Pastors). For our local council and national government, and for Christian MPs witnessing their faith in the House of Commons.
- Our Clergy, our Lay Ministry teams and our 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.

**Morning prayer:** Monday to Thursday at 08:45am, Stranton Vicarage. All Welcome.

**900<sup>th</sup> 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).

**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.

**Discover Hope!:** Are you interested in finding out more about the hope Christians have in Jesus Christ? Our journey continues at Stranton Church this Thursday (through to 19<sup>th</sup> Feb), and there'll be plenty of opportunities to ask any questions you might have. For more info, contact Revd John or Revd Claire.

**'Sundays at 6':** a contemporary evening service today **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

**The Bible Course:** The Mission Project/St Columba's are running The Bible Course starting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of January at 7pm. We will be going on a journey through all the books in the Bible. All are welcome.

**Pub Theology Group** meet on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Columba's:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm – Family Candlemas craft workshop; Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 4pm – Family Candlemas service; Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 4pm – A 'Your Church' service.

**Cell Groups:** meet Tuesday 10:30am @ St Columba's and Thursday 7:00pm @ 5 Tunstall Avenue. All Welcome.

**Opportunities to Serve:** If you would like to serve the church in any way, please have a chat with Revd John or Revd Claire. **We are particularly 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.**

**Stranton Toddlers** meets at St Matthew's, Tuesdays, 9:00am to 11:00am during Term Time

**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
Dorcas Sewing Group	Tuesday	2:00pm to 4:00pm	St Luke'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)			
Drop-In Cafe	Friday	10:00am to 12:00pm	St Aidan's
Meditations	Friday	2:00pm	St Columba's

### Contacts:

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<b>Stranton Church Office:</b>	Trish (Parish Administrator) <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
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<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>