



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.



All Saints (Stranton) Church

Notices and Readings – 18th 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 18th January: Second Sunday of Epiphany (White)

9:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Kevin/Revd Claire	Stranton *
9:15am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew	St Luke's
10:45am	Mass	Revd Becky	St Aidan's *
11:00am	Holy Communion	Revd Andrew/Revd Claire	Stranton
1:00pm	Baptism	Revd Claire	Stranton

Midweek Services

Tuesday	20 th January	St Columba's	9:15am	Revd Becky
Wednesday	21 st January	St Luke's	9:30am	Revd John/Revd Claire
Wednesday	21 st January	St Matthew's	10:00am	Angela Craig
Wednesday	21 st January	St Aidan's	6:00pm	Revd Becky

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 18th January: **Isaiah 49:1-7** **1 Corinthians 1:1-9** **John 1:29-42**

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 & the Americas.
- Our local schools, and especially for Ward Jackson School following their Ofsted inspection last week.
- 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 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, 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.

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).

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.

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 invite you 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)

Churches Together: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts with a service today at 4.30pm (Ward Jackson School) then gathering each lunchtime 19th to 23rd January. Full details at the back of church. If you can help make soup for, or serve soup at, the meeting at St Matthew's on Wednesday, please speak to Maureen Anderson
'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 28th 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 25th January, 4pm – Family Candlemas craft workshop; Sunday 1st February, 4pm – Family Candlemas service; Sunday 15th February, 4pm – A 'Your Church' service

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.**

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:

Priest in charge:	Revd John Bell (Stranton & St Luke's) revdjohnbell@stranton-church.org.uk	Tel: 01429 756309 / 07512 481115. Usual day off – Friday.
Priest in charge:	Revd Becky Reeve (St Aidan's & St Columba's) revbeckystaidanandcolumba@gmail.com	Tel: 01429 671358 Usual day off – Saturday.
Curate	Revd Claire Mead (Stranton & St Luke's) curate@stranton-church.org.uk	Tel: 07598 070481 Usual day off - Friday
Stranton Church Office:	Trish (Parish Administrator) admin@stranton-church.org.uk 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.	Tel: 01429 894006 / 07305 550009 Contact hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm
Safeguarding:	Jacqui Rogers (Parish Safeguarding Officer) safeguarding@stranton-church.org.uk	Tel: 07749 163606

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
Mission Project:	Patrick Reeve (Mission Enabler) Tel: 07712 150190 patrick@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh/?locale=en_GB