Welcome to All Saints, Stranton

Sunday 1st November 2026



Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus,
Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Collect – All Saint's Day

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's services – All Saints Day (Gold)

This week's readings: **Revelations 7:9-end; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5:1-12**

10:00 am: Joint All Saint's Day Service, Bishop Rick will be presiding over this special service at Stranton to mark the official end of our year of our 900th celebrations.

Refreshments will be served after this service. Please do stay and join us if you can.

Our Midweek Services

Wednesday 10:00am: Service of the Word (St Luke's)

For info: achurchnearyou.com or Facebook pages

Church Family News

It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Michael Thompson.**
Michael was a long-standing member of Stranton church, and his funeral will take place on **Monday 9th November at 2pm**

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time.

At St Matthew's Community Centre

Stranton Toddlers: Tuesdays, 9:00 to 11:00 (term time only)

The **4th Hartlepool Boys Brigade:**
Juniors (ages 8-11) **Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00pm**
Anchors (ages 5½-8) **Fridays, 6:00-7:00pm**
Company Section (ages 11+) **Friday, 7:15-9:00pm**
New Members Welcome

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, and **Rangers** meet Mondays:
Rainbows (ages 4-7) **5:30-6:30pm** – **Brownies** (ages 7-10) **6:00-7:15pm**
Guides (ages 10-14) **7:00-8:30pm** – **Rangers** (ages 14-18) **7:00-8:30pm**
New Members Welcome

New to Stranton Church? Please take a copy of '**Signpost**' our church magazine. We'd love to keep in touch. Feel free to complete a **Welcome contact card** and then pass it onto clergy/churchwarden.

November's 'SIGNPOST': Our latest issue is available from the back of church now. **On Sunday 4th October we returned to the Common Cup** – If you missed Revd John's teaching on this, do see his latest article in this month's edition.

COMING UP…

Monday 2nd November: All Souls Service of Remembrance 7.00pm
Please pass on any names that you would like to have mentioned.
Wednesday 4th November: Prayer Meeting 6.00pm at Stranton.
Saturday 7th November: Coffee & Cake 2.00-4.00pm at St Matthews CC.
Sunday 8th November: Messy Church 4.00-5.30pm at St Matthews CC.
Sunday 15th November: Sunday @ Six 6.00pm at Stranton.
Saturday 21st November: Boy's Brigade Christmas Fayre: St Matthews CC from 9.30-12noon. Admission £1, children go free.
BB are collecting Bric a Brac. If you need any collecting, please ring George Bainbridge 07816 445829.
Stranton Church are collecting prizes for their bottle / prize stall,

Please continue to pray for:

All involved in taking **Home Communion** to people in their homes or care homes or providing **Pastoral Care** in our communities.

The ongoing work of our **CMS Mission Partners**, Andy, Kati, and Eva Walsh serving out in Brazil, and Ultan McCabe.

Our schools & colleges, local businesses, aid agencies, and health & social care services across our town as they seek to work with, and support those in our communities.

The **ongoing conflict** in the many places in the world around us. And for our brothers and sisters in Christ suffering **persecution** for their faith.

Renewed vision – in our churches, in our prayers, in our own discipleship and faith; for new people coming to know Jesus.

All who are struggling with health concerns or financial worries, or who are grieving the loss of loved ones, including the family and friends of Michael Thompson, Barbara Butcher and Eva Busby.

We support the **Central Hartlepool Group Mission Project -** activities/services through the week.
For info: check out the Facebook page or contact the Mission Enabler: *patrick@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk*

If you'd like to give any foodbank donations, please leave them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you: to everyone who currently gives financially to the church. If you would like to give too, there is a collection basket on your way in and out of church, as well as a contactless machine, or you can give online or through the Parish Giving Scheme – details are at the back of church.

Key contacts:

If you have a **Safeguarding** concern, please contact:
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Beth Miller, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer
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Revd John Bell, Priest-In-Charge:
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Revd Claire Mead, Curate: 07598 070481
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Other clergy & churchwarden/activity contacts are in 'Signpost' or at:
www.stranton-church.org.uk

Find us: *All Saints Church Stranton, Church Row, Hartlepool TS24 7QT*