Welcome to All Saints, Stranton

Sunday 8th November 2026



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

Collect – 3rd Sunday before Advent

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's services – 3rd Sunday before Advent (Green)

This week's readings: **Wisdom 6:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end; Matthew 25:1-13**

9:00am: Service of the Word (Hayley Liversidge) @ Stranton
9:15am: Holy Communion (Revd John/Kate Lawson) @ St Luke's
11:00am: Morning Worship (Revd John/Kate Lawson) @ Stranton

Refreshments will be served after all our services. Please do stay and join us if you can.

Our Midweek Services

Wednesday 10:00am: Holy Communion (BCP), 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.

Singers Wanted

Are you a singer? Would you like to be part of our Christmas Carol Service on 20th December? If so, please speak to David Craig who is trying to get a merry band of singers together. Rehearsal dates to come.

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…

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: Sundays@6 starts at 6:00pm at Stranton.

Boys Brigade Christmas Fayre

Saturday 21st November: 9:30am-12:00pm at St Matthews CC.
Admission £1, children free.

If you have any Bric a Brac to donate (or would like collecting) please contact George Bainbridge 07816 445829.

Stranton Church will be running a bottle/prize stall. If you can donate prizes, please contact the church office.

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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Weekdays 10am-12noon, 01429 894006 / 07305 550009
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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

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