



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 22 August 2021: St Luke's and Stranton Churches

God's Blessing as we gather together.

Some services will continue to be streamed LIVE on St Luke's, St Aidan's or Stranton Facebook, or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos.

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Green)

Streamed to Facebook...

9.00am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Andrew	<i>Stranton</i>
9.15am	Parish Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman	
	Reader	Rob Darling	
	Intercessions	Rob Darling	
	Screens	Julia Taylor	
	Songs: Be Thou my vision; Christ will be my hideaway; Speak, O Lord; All I once held dear/Be still; And can it be.		
10.45am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Andrew	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Norman/Rachel Price	<i>Stranton</i>
12.30am	Baptism, St Aidan's	Revd Andrew	

Readings: - Ephesians 6: 10-20; John 6: 56-69

Wednesday 25 August St Luke's:

9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd Andrew	<i>St Luke's</i>
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Thursday 26 August St Columba's:

9.15am	Mass	Revd Norman	<i>St Aidan's</i>
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Collect for Trinity 12:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion:

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Ephesians 6: 10-20 NRSVA

The Whole Armour of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present



darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6: 56-69 NRSVA

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Words of Eternal Life

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Intercessions

- We pray for national and local leaders: for wisdom in day-to-day decisions regarding the pandemic: for health, safety, and wise use of resources. We pray that those resuming normal activities will be aware that others are still vulnerable and to continue wearing a mask and keep their distance when appropriate. We pray that everyone who is invited to take-up the vaccine chooses to do so.
- We pray for all affected by the pandemic; we pray particularly for health and care workers, for those whose day to day work means meeting the public and for those who clean and prepare venues to be Covid safe.
- We pray that we may be a Community of Hope, that we may reach out with love and hope to the vulnerable and marginalised. Pray for Emma and Jo, our Communities of Hope team as their work

continues amongst the needy in our community. We pray that recruitment of a new Children's Worker is successful.

- We pray that the process of recruitment into the Group Vacancy will go smoothly and that eventually the right person is sent according to your will, Lord, and we ask that they are in post by next Spring.
- We pray for Andrew and Lucy McAllister on this their final (almost we hope) service with us as they embark on their move to Durham, and for Andrew as he commences his courses at Cranmer College. We thank you Lord, for all their gifts and skills that they have shared with us, for their love and steadfastness over the years, and we wish them a fond farewell and a future that is bright.
- We pray for Piper Darcey May Bywater and Alaia Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy and their families as the children were baptised here yesterday.
- We pray for all who are unwell, for Anne Mann, for those awaiting medical treatment, are in hospital or are recovering at home, and we give thanks for Baby Magnus who is now home. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.
- We pray for all those who are mourning, and we remember the family and friends of all those we know who are grieving at this time.

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CHURCH IS OPEN FOR WORSHIP

The vaccine is safe, please have your vaccination when you are invited to. You still need to follow the rules after you've had the COVID-19 vaccination.

- The Sunday service will be displayed on the screens. If you want your own hard copy of the service please let Julia know.
- **Holy Communion** is to be offered in both kinds or bread only. Communicants will be directed to stand at the altar rail and with your hands held before you do one of the following:
 - to receive bread only, stand with your palms open
 - to receive bread intincted (dipped in wine) stand with your palms together, then open to receive
- If not taking Communion, please hold your hands down and you will receive a blessing
- If you are partaking in the Communion, please use hand sanitiser **every time you touch your mask**.

At our services of Holy Communion, we hope that you will feel able to let us know your thoughts and wishes so that we are able to move ahead as the whole people of God and in His service.

The following arrangements are in place...

- The use of face masks is encouraged while moving about the church building.
- Entry into church will be by the south door (usual entrance).
- Hand sanitiser must be used at the entrance
- Please respect other people's space and understand that some may feel vulnerable and wish to maintain 1+ metre distancing.
- Songs/hymns can be sung and played.
- Your seat will remain unused for 48 hours or be sanitised if another service is expected within that time frame.
- Access to the Parish Centre for the toilets is available.
- **Refreshments** after the service are being served in the Parish Hall. Please continue to wear a mask as you move around and only remove once seated. Collect your drink from the hatch maintaining social distancing; biscuits will be on the tables.
- If not going into the Parish Hall, please exit church via the north door. Please sanitise your hands.

If you become unwell with COVID-19 like symptoms within the week after attending a church service please advise a member of the clergy or a churchwarden.

The plate is available to receive your donations and the contact-less pay station. We prefer if you could make a regular donation: to use on-line banking, our account details are: St Luke's PCC, NatWest Bank Sort Code 55 81 04, Account Number 05609518. And please indicate if we can claim Gift Aid on your donation.

NOTICES

MAGAZINE: Please let Nigel have your news and articles by tomorrow. The Magazine will be printed on Wednesday and available for distribution on Friday morning.

GROUP VACANCY: The PCC is well on the way to producing information about our parish, church, mission and people. If you have something to contribute please contact a Churchwarden or the office. Please continue to pray for the PCC as we work to complete this before the next Group meeting on Monday 13 September.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY: Sunday 19 September. We are planning to send invitations to everyone on the Electoral Roll for this service. If you have the name of someone that you think would be encouraged to come by receiving an invitation please tell Julia asap.

COFFEE: The trial for coffee on a Wednesday has gone well. The Steering Group met on Wednesday and have decided that coffee on Sundays should resume from this week (see page 3).

COMMUNITY OF HOPE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S WORKER

This week we have advertised the vacant family and Children's worker post with Communities of Hope. This is a three year post. More details on line <http://stranton-church.org.uk/jobapplications.html> or contact Norman on 07985148034.

WE STILL NEED SOMEONE! to oversee the Website and Facebook pages once a week. This is the **last** time of asking – a limited service will be attempted, but not ideal. If you or a member of your family has these skills and is willing to take over these roles, please speak to a churchwarden. It is an important aspect of our mission work that the public face of our church is done well. **Please help us.**

Fundraising Challenge: Tehran - Hartlepool in 61 days: The team are walking, cycling, running, swimming, etc, etc. the equivalent distance from Tehran to Hartlepool over August and September to raise money for the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group (run by Hartlepower). That's 3,655 miles! All ages and abilities are encouraged to participate in whatever way they can - whether that's 5 miles walking or 100 miles cycling per week! Sign up to the team here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zw4Y2ZL5blsVCsZqfgOsABkFn0yh26MH5zJBwvIDck8/edit> and email Rachel with any questions: rachel@stranton-church.org.uk

Link to sponsorship page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tehran-to-hartlepool-in-61-days> .

Live online Services for w/c 23 August facebook addresses are below.

- The BCP communion will be streamed from St Luke's at 9.30 on Wednesdays and at 9.15 from St Columba's on Thursdays.
- If you would like to access a night prayer **Lectio 365 have introduced a daily night prayer** accessible by downloading the app. The Church of England has also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.
- Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

Facebook Addresses:

<https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/>

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/> (then available at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> (then available at www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus)

Contacts: Church offices, please telephone or email.

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More information can be found on our web sites (see facebook above.)

St Luke's Parish Safeguarding Officer

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NEXT SUNDAY 29 August:

9.00am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Michelle
9.15am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman
	Reader	Nigel Shaw
	Intercessions	Christine Amjad-Ali
	Screens	Julia Taylor
	Sacristan	Rob Darling
	Organist	Stephen Darkin
	Greeter/Sidesperson	Joan Nixon
	Counting	Evelyn and Maggie
	Flowers	Joanne Wheatley
	Linen	Sheila Anderson
10.45am	Mass, St Aidan's	Revd Michelle
11.00am	Family Communion and Baptism, Stranton	Revd Clive/Revd Norman