



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 10 May 2020: Stranton, Burbank Community and St Luke's Churches

If you can, you are welcome to follow Services streaming LIVE from the homes of ministers and worship leaders, on Facebook or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos (NB Sunday services afterwards also on St Luke's web site under 'Coronavirus' tab).

Services Sunday 10 May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter **Minister** **Facebook page** (Link on the page below)

9.00am	1662HC	Revd Clive	Stranton
9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
10.00am	Morning Worship	Revd Norman and Julie	St Luke's

Readings for today: **Acts 7: 55-60 and John 14: 1-14**

(Full text at the end of the notices)

The words for the Hymns & Songs (10am Morning Worship are available below)

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father,
Amen

Post Communion

Eternal God
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns now and forever.
Amen.

8.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

A number of us are gathering for morning prayer each week day, this week Monday – Friday. You will need an invitation to join this meeting. Please either contact Norman or David Craig

On line Services for 11 - 16 May

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm (8.15 Thurs) Night Prayer
Monday	Mother Gemma	Rev Andrew	Jess
Tuesday	Mother Gemma	Jess Family Worship	Linda
Wednesday	Rev Michelle	Christine	Rev Michelle
Thursday	Mother Gemma	Emma C	Gemma
Friday	-	Rev Norman	Julia
Saturday	Mother Gemma	-	Andrew Mc

Services Sunday 17 May

9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
10.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Norman and Julie	Stranton
3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Andy and Lucy	St Luke's

Services will be live streamed on one Facebook page and then shared after

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

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

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

(Also available - almost simultaneously and afterwards <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

Intercessions

We continue to pray for the Hartlepool Foodbank and the Poolie Exchange Scheme supporting the vulnerable in our town.

We pray for all who are unwell, awaiting medical treatment or are in hospital. We pray for those in isolation.

We pray for all key workers

We pray for all in government making decisions regarding lifting the lockdown that will effect all our lives.

We pray for those who mourn, and we remember the family and friends of Robert Bell, Evelyn Packer, George Hamilton, Hilda Spence, Ernest Elstobb and Michael Murphy

FREE - Prayer “Apps” – in addition to the Daily prayer app- <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps> (used in 08:30 Morning Prayer) some of us are (on Norman and Julie’s recommendation) using “LECTIO 365” <https://www.cwr.org.uk/lectio365> to help in daily devotions.

Signpost

Now Jacqui and Andrew Rogers have returned safely from New Zealand we are in a position to publish a special edition of the Signpost magazine next week. If anyone is available to help with distribution (as part of a socially distancing exercise regime) please contact Trish on 07305 550009.

Communities of Hope:

The Communities of Hope steering group will be meeting on Thursday this week. If the bid is successful, which we anticipate it will be, we need to be in a place to advertise the various roles in early July with a view to appointing staff from early in September. Please pray for this group as they work towards these dates.

Thy Kingdom Come

From Ascension day on 21st May to Pentecost on 31st May we are encouraged to join with others across the country to pray, ‘Thy Kingdom Come’. Nationally the prayer resources will focus on ‘Prayer and care’. Locally we also hope to produce some prayer resources around Communities of Hope.

On Line Home Groups

We are preparing a 4 or 5 week set of material for Cell Groups or Home to meet on line, probably via zoom. If you would like to meet with others over the next few weeks please contact either Trish or Norman using the information below.

Contacts:

The Church offices are closed, please telephone or email

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More information can be found on our web sites at:

Stranton <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

St Luke’s www.stlukeshartlepool.org

Stranton Sunday Club!

Kate (one of the Sunday club leaders) has been continuing to support our younger Church members in a slightly different fashion by emailing Sunday club materials. These emails contain a bible story and suggested activities for Primary School and younger children. Activities have so far included drawing pictures, singing and dancing, creating blanket forts and even star gazing! Sunday club has looked at different themes including the fruits of the spirit, the creation story, and people of the bible with great faith. The emails from Kate sometimes point to something interesting or provide links to different activity ideas including yoga, Earth day activities and other fun things to do to keep us all entertained. If you would like to receive the emails which are sent a few times a week and always on a Sunday, then please feel free to contact Kate directly who will happily add you to the list or answer your queries. Kate’s email address is:

kate.lawson4@outlook.com

FIRST READING

Acts 7: 55-60 (NIVUK)

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 1-14 (NIVUK)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus comforts his disciples

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Jesus the way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Morning Worship 10th May 2020

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Living and loving God
fill our hearts with your joy.
Help us to sing in worship, pray in faith,
and hear your word today;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.

Praise the name of Jesus,
Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my rock, He's my fortress,
He's my deliverer
In Him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

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You're my rock, You're my fortress,
You're my deliverer
In You will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

Confession

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

Collects

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Birthdays and celebrations

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.

Bible Readings: Act 7: 55-end
John 14: 1-14

Sermon

Our Father everlasting,
the all creating One God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit,
conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour.

*I believe in God our Father,
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Our God is three in one.
I believe in the resurrection,
that we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender,
suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high.

I believe in You, I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
(repeat)

I believe in life eternal,
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion,
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection,
When Jesus comes again,
For I believe, in the name of Jesus.

Prayers *(concluding with the Lord's prayer)*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Notices

I will dwell within the shelter
Of the God who reigns above.
I will rest beneath the shadow
Of the mighty King of love.
Though a sickness hides in darkness,
Though a plague destroys by day.
I will stand upon his promises
Christ will be my hideaway.

*In You, my God, I trust,
You are strong and here with us
In You, my hope remains,
Christ will be my hideaway.*

Angels gather to protect me
When they hear my Saviour call.
Sovereign hands are ever ready
To uphold me should I fall.
Safe beneath his wings of refuge,
All my fears are kept at bay.
I am shielded by his faithfulness,
Christ will be my hideaway.

Though a thousand fall around me
Though death looks me in the eye;
Evil shall not have the vict'ry
While the Lord is at my side.
God in power raised my Saviour,
I no longer fear the grave.
Through this fragile life and evermore
Christ will be my hideaway.

The Grace

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all ever more.
Amen**

The Peace

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The risen Christ came and stood among his
disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'
Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you. Alleluia!