



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 17 May 2020: Stranton All Saints, Burbank 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 17 May

<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Facebook page (Link on the page below)</i>
9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma
10.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Norman and Julie
3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Andy and Lucy

Readings for today: **Acts 17: 22-31 and John 14: 15-21**

(Full text at the end of the notices)

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

Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
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.

Thy Kingdom Come

From Ascension day to Pentecost we are encouraged to seek God in prayer especially praying for the growth of His kingdom. Distributed with this notice sheet is a prayer diary focussing on Communities of Hope in Hartlepool. There is also a letter from Angela Hall (*below) inviting you to join 18 hours of prayer on Tuesday 26th May. You can if you wish commit to a half hour prayer slot on 26 May through the link on the church web site: <http://stranton-church.org.uk> - Sign up for half an hour sometime between 6.00am and 12 midnight. – it does not prevent you from praying at other times! There will also be other resources available on the diocesan website. Nationally the prayer resources will focus on ‘Prayer and care’.

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 18-23 May

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm (8.15 Thurs) Night Prayer
Monday	Mother Gemma	Mother Gemma	Clive
Tuesday	Mother Gemma	Jess Family Worship	Angela C
Wednesday	Rev Michelle	Linda D	Emma C
Thursday Ascension Day	Mother Gemma	Rev Michelle	Revd Norman Holy Communion 7pm
Friday	Mother Gemma	Rev Norman	Julia
Saturday	-	-	Andrew Mc

Services Sunday 24 May

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

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 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 including Hazekl.

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 affect all our lives.

We pray for those who mourn, and we remember the family and friends of George Hamilton, Hilda Spence, Ernest Elstob, Michael Murphy, Moira Lynch and Arnold Miller

Notices

SIGNPOST MAGAZINE - May 2020 issue

The May issue has been published, and (at the time of writing) sent out to distributors: many thanks to Jacqui and Trish, distributors, - and those who have stepped in for a couple of distributors who are self-isolating: A downloadable e - copy is attached to the notices email, also posted on the church web site (for those who have computers and can download it to read, who would normally pick up their copy at Church), but if you have not received a copy by one of these means and would like to have a printed one please contact Trish, who will arrange for one to be sent out to you.

Here is a message about Foodbank from Andrew Craig...

Hartlepool Foodbank's transition to a "delivery" model has worked very well. We are indebted to British Gas for making vans and drivers available for this service. The first 2 weeks of operation have been remarkably free from unforeseen problems. We are very grateful for this. Foodbank is still "open" over Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes with a skeleton staff, mainly to prepare food packages for delivery and also to receive any donations. Strict social distancing is being maintained. We continue to prepare packages in our warehouse for the Council, partly to fulfil vouchers for emergency food relief that they give to clients, and partly to make resources available to other individuals and families they consider to "vulnerable" or needy during the current crisis. Most of the food for the latter is provided separately by the Council but donations are still needed, and these are directed to those needing emergency relief.

We would like to do something additional to help families with small (mainly pre-school) children that are finding the lock-down difficult for want of entertainment or stimulation for the children. Please would you make people in your congregations aware that we would like simple jigsaws, colouring or painting sets, toys or other educational games to give to families. Offerings should be new (or as new) - no used toys, broken boxes or missing pieces, please. They could be brought down to the foodbank, 28 Church Street on Tuesday or Friday (11:00-1:30).

Please keep praying and encourage people to continue their wonderful support.

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.

Don't forget the **Prayer Diary** also attached as an aid to devotion as we celebrate ascension and Pentecost – Please use this to help unify guide our collective prayer.

Christian Aid Week;

- If you would like to make a donation to Christian Aid there are three options you could choose from: *there will not be a door to door collection this year*
Donation on-line at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>
- Use the link at the top of the home page of the Church Website <http://stranton-church.org.uk>
- Use the post-paid form (*attached to paper notices only*) to make a direct payment by transfer or cheque (don't forget to fold and seal!)

Weekly offertory - online

We are pleased to report that we now have a (*Church of England approved and recommended*) means of making "one off" offerings including a "gift aid" option for UK taxpayers, in support of the mission and work of the Church, which you can access directly via your computer browser if you have one:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/471d3a8c-3abe-4b11-8cb4-ef7bfa074df4>

This option is also available indirectly, via Facebook (look for the post linked to the Church website at the top of the page) or on the church website: <http://stranton-church.org.uk> or our dedicated page on the Church of England "A Church Near You" website

As previously advised, if you use the envelope scheme to make weekly set aside, that is absolutely fine: we look forward to receiving your saved offerings in due course.

If you wish to set up a Parish Giving Scheme regular monthly payment please contact David Craig, the Treasurer who can provide the necessary information. You can also set up a direct payment by standing order from your own bank to Stranton PCC, sort code 20 82 18 Account 10146501

HELPING UK SCIENTISTS TRACK COVID-19

By Keith Blundy

Throughout the last couple of weeks, I have been looking at the statistics and data released by the government and other research units such as Kings College London. I have also been helping them track the virus by taking part in a daily return of my own progress using their APP COVID Symptom Tracker. One of the challenges that we face is knowing when the population has gained herd immunity and this is one of the ways the scientist are trying to understand the situation. Maybe this is something you might want to get involved with? As they say, 'Every Little Helps'!
More details here: <https://covid.joinzoe.com>

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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

FIRST READING

Acts 17: 22-31 (NIVUK)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ 'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ "For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring."

²⁹ 'Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 15-21 (NIVUK)

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

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

All Saints Church Stranton



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Rooted in God's love,
Growing together in Jesus,
Branching out in the power of the Spirit.

Dear Friends,

A few of us have been moved to initiate a day of prayer.

1 Chronicles 16:11

Look to the Lord and His strength, seek His face daily.

So we have come up with the idea of a virtual day of prayer this will be on **Tuesday the 26th May** starting at 6.00am and ending at Midnight. We hope to eventually have a 24 hour day of prayer in the not too distant future.

If you are like me a day of prayer feels long! That is why we are inviting you to just give a half an hour to an hour slot where you can talk to God, be still and listen.

Prayer looks different for each one of us, I like to walk and talk to God, I easily get distracted so often I have to write my prayers down, You can pray where and whatever way you like.

There are so many things we need to bring before God these are few ideas for you to focus on:

- The Covid 19 Pandemic
- The NHS and Care Homes
- Our Church family
- Schools
- Politicians
- Our families and Friends
- Those struggling with poor mental health
- Homeless, Food banks

At the end of your designated prayer slot it would be great if you posted a comment on the web page of how you found it, if God gave you any pictures or thoughts that you need to share to encourage others.

On the Stranton and Burbank Web page there will be a link for you to click on and add your name to time slot you want to pray. If you know of anyone that is not on the internet but would like to be involved then please contact Ang Hall on 07806520650 and she will be able to put their names up.

I read a quote that that made me smile '*Pray daily, God is easier to talk to than most people*'

Love and prayers

Angela Hall, with the support of the group clergy

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Holy Communion Sunday 17th May 10am

The greeting and opening prayer

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Light of the world,

you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am.....

*And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.*

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

News and Celebrations

Abba Father, let me be
yours and yours alone.
May my will forever be
more and more your own.
Never let my heart grow cold;
never let me go.
Abba Father let me be
yours and yours alone.

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Saviour,
I know for sure
all of my days are held in your hand,
crafted into your perfect plan.

You gently call me into your presence,
guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
teach me, dear Lord,
to live all of my life through your eyes.

I'm captured by your holy calling,
set me apart,
I know you're drawing me to yourself;
lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mould me, use me, fill me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

Bible reading Acts 17: 22-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

John 14: 15-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
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All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

response: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God
Father son and Holy Spirit.**

Prayers of intercession

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

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

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

Breathe on me, breath of God,

Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
'Til I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
The glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
And of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord God almighty
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord God almighty
Who was and is and is to come
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

This is his/our story.
All **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus lamb of God have mercy on us,
Jesus bearer of our sins have mercy on us
Jesus redeemer of the world give us your peace,
Give us your peace.

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone....

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
then when we've first begun.

The Blessing

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

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!