



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

COVID TIER FOUR - we are still able to open Church for services in a Covid safe way.

Stranton Church notices and group church services for Epiphany 3rd January 2021

☆ **Sunday 3rd January**

Epiphany

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Sunday Services

Stranton	9.00am	Holy Comm (1662) (<i>and streamed</i>)	Revd Clive/Mary Tones
St Luke's	9.15am	Eucharist	Revd Norman
St Aidan's	10.45am	Mass (<i>and streamed</i>)	Revd Gemma
Stranton	11.00am	Family Communion (<i>and streamed</i>)	Revd Clive/Revd Norman

Readings: Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

Collect for Epiphany:

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord who reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



Post Communion:

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 we may be a Community of Hope, that we may reach out with love and hope to the vulnerable and marginalised. Pray for Emma, Jess and Jo, our Communities of Hope team as their work continues amongst the needy in our community.

We pray for all affected by the pandemic and the implications of being in Tier 4; praying particularly for health and care workers and all key workers, and for families and businesses that have lost income.

We pray for Families with children and Teachers facing uncertainty about the new term.

We pray for all who are unwell, awaiting medical treatment or are in hospital and for those recovering at home.

We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.

We pray for all families who are grieving at the present time.



‘Thank you’ to all those who have given so generously to the Food Hamper and other Christmas Appeals: the abundance of our local response has enabled us to apply successfully for a grant to continue with further provision of targeted food support into early January. With the Communities of Hope team we were particularly able to help needy families in the Burn Valley area of our parish.

Photo: Before Christmas, donations enabled by St Luke’s to our friends at Ward Jackson School helped to ensure all pupils had enough to eat over Christmas.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Advance Notice - Bishop Sarah is coming to Stranton Church, to lead a Service of Confirmation on Sunday 24th January at 11am. Please let Norman know if you are interested.

BEING IN CHURCH FOR WORSHIP... *Please read, things may have changed...*

COVID19 update on church attendance and safety measures

- If you have the Government's mobile Tracing "App" on your smartphone, as you come into church please scan the "QR code". It is not an alternative to signing in, as many people still do not have the App, but it is one of the ways we can help to keep one another safe. Keep distance as you sign in
- If you have been advised under Tier 4 guidance to self-isolate at home, please do so.
- Entry into church is via the South (porch) door (usual entrance) and follow the one-way direction of floor markings.
- You may if you wish come in by the West Door and sit in the North aisle to maintain greater distancing, for example if you have a vulnerable person in your household
- Sit individually, or in "one household" groups, in marked pews only, maintaining 2 metre distance
- Hand sanitiser is available on entry and exit and must be used as you come in.
- Your name and contact details will be entered onto the sign in sheet which will be kept for three weeks for tracing purposes only.
- The use of face masks is mandatory during worship. Singing by the congregation is not permitted.
- ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION: please follow the directions of Churchwarden/Sidespersons: Sanitise your hands and keep your face covering on until you receive.
- Your seat will be sanitised after use.
- Access to the toilets is available if necessary. Please follow directions and wipe all surfaces after use.
- Please do not stop in Church to chat afterwards – despite the cold, please meet at distance in the Churchyard keeping the exit clear. (Tier 4 guidance is that you should meet up outdoors with only one other person)
- 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 so that the contact list information from that service can be used for test and tracing purposes.
- You should NOT come to Church if you are in quarantine, or are self isolating because you have Covid-19 symptoms or have been a direct contact of someone who has recently tested positive.

Offertory: We are very grateful for the continued financial support of members, including several very generous donations made in recent months to help maintain our parish ministry and the wider work of the Church.

There will not be collections taken during the Service. You may leave an offertory including loyalty envelopes in the basket at the back of Church.

If you wish, you can make direct donations by bank transfer or standing order to

Account: Stranton Parochial Church Council

Sort Code 20-82-18

Account number 10146501

Or by the giving page on the Church website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

If you wish to join the **Parish Giving Scheme**, or give directly by standing order (with or without a gift aid tax declaration), or to have loyalty scheme weekly envelopes, please contact the Treasurer, David Craig 07960829102

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More information can be found on our web sites at:
 Stranton

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

Facebook Addresses: for streamed service watch live or go to the "Videos" page

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

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

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

also <https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh>

(then links to streamed services are available at <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

Live online Services for 4 – 9 January 2021 *facebook addresses are above*

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 4 January	Mother Gemma		Rachel
Tues 5 January	Mother Gemma	Linda	
Wed 6 January	Revd Norman at St Luke's		Revd Norman
Thurs 7 January	Mother Gemma	Revd Michelle	
Friday 8 January		Revd Clive	Julia
Saturday 9 January	Mother Gemma		