

Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 5 July 2020: Stranton St Luke's and Burbank Community 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 Services can be seen afterwards on Stranton web site <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> - link to Central Hartlepool Group Streaming worship.

Services Sunday 5 July THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

		Minister	Facebook page (Link on the page below)
10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Norman	Stranton
10.45am	Mass	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Andy & Lucy	St Luke's

Readings for today: **Romans 7: 15 -25 and Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-40**, (Full text below)

The words for the Hymns & Songs are available below (10am Communion and 3pm Songs of Praise)

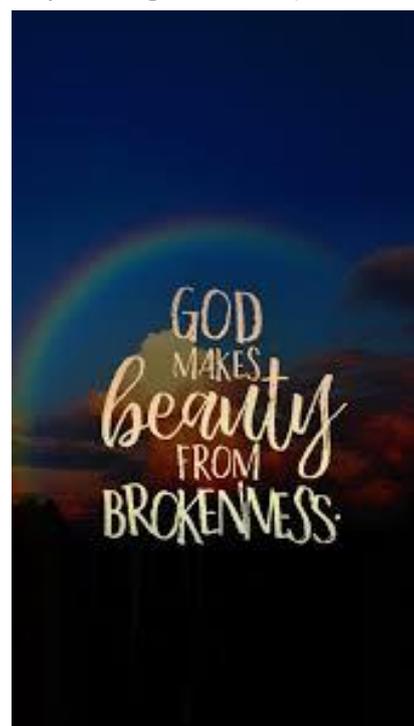
Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world:

draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Post Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace. that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



OPENING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP.

Thank you to those who responded to the notice last week about opening the Church for worship on Sundays. PCC will meet to consider this further. The SMDT are recommending to PCC that we should not open for worship until the current risks reduce further. At present the plan is to restart Sunday worship in Church on 2nd August but this is subject to PCC approval and a final decision will be taken later in July

Stranton Church is currently open on Sundays between 09:30 and 11:30 am **for private prayer only**. Those wishing to come into church are very welcome. The church will be a quiet space for you to pray and we are doing our best to make coming into church a Godly and good experience for you. But please be prepared for it to look different, we ask you please to sit and move around as directed and to observe 2 metres social distance. We will be playing some quiet music and prayers will be displayed on the screen. We ask that you respect the quiet and refrain from noisy chat while others are present. At times, though not always, a member of the clergy will be present

The following arrangements are still in place:

- Entry into church will be by the south door (usual entrance).
- Hand sanitiser must be used at the entrance
- Please give your name so it can be entered onto the register, for tracing if necessary
- Follow the floor markings to take you around the one way system
- Maintain 2 metre distancing with one person to a pew – though households may sit together
- Your seat will be sanitised after use
- Please avoid using the toilet if possible - and if you must, please follow the instructions for sanitising.
- When you leave, please pause to leave space for others to pass in safely through the porch if necessary.

Please follow the notices that explain what to do as we respect the current guidelines to prevent the spread of Coronavirus and keep people safe in church.

Weekly Offertory - online or direct payment option: There will not be a collection in church until a safe method of banking has been approved: If you are anxious about a backlog of Loyalty Scheme envelopes please contact the Treasurer, details below. You can, if you wish, make online offertory in support of the mission and work of the Church, directly via your web browser if you have one:

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

- or indirectly via the church website: <http://stranton-church.org.uk>

- also on our dedicated page on the Church of England "A Church Near You" website:

- or if you do not have a web connection and/or wish to set up a Parish Giving Scheme regular monthly payment please contact craigdanew@gmail.com (07960 829102) - David Craig, Hon. PCC Treasurer, who can provide this information. You can also set up a direct payment by standing order or online payment from your own bank to: Stranton PCC, sort code 20 82 18 Account 10146501.

Romans 7:15-25 (NIV)

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (NIV)

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

¹⁶ "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ "'We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

The Father Revealed in the Son

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Intercessions

We continue to pray for the Hartlepool Foodbank, St Aidan's Kitchen and the Poolie Exchange Scheme supporting the vulnerable in our town.

We pray for the Hartlepool Communities of Hope bid and for the recruitment of the team.

We pray for all in government making decisions regarding lifting the lockdown that will affect all our lives and for wisdom as we begin to open our churches for private prayer.

We pray for the just and fair treatment of all ethnic groups in Britain and across the world.

We pray for all who are unwell, awaiting medical treatment or are in hospital and for those recovering at home, especially for Revd Mary struggling with recovery from treatment for her cancer.

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

We pray for all those who mourn praying for the families and friends of Judy Anderson, Margaret Parkinson, James Barron and Herbert Watson.

Contacts:

The Church offices are not open, please telephone or email

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009 (Trish) Email: admin@stranton-church-org.uk

For St Luke's Church Office Tel 01429 281122 (Julia) Email: julia@stlukeschurch.plus.com (manned Mon, Wed & Fri)

Norman and Julie shave Tel 01429 233609 Email: nshave1@btinternet.com

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

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 contact either Revd Norman or David Craig

Live on line Services for 6 - 11 July *facebook addresses are below*

Please note a new pattern is starting from Monday

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Monday	Mother Gemma	-----	Rev Clive
Tuesday	Mother Gemma	Linda	-----
Wednesday	Rev Norman	-----	tbc
Thursday	Mother Gemma	Rev Michelle	-----
Friday	-----	-----	Julia
Saturday	Mother Gemma	Emma	-----

Services Sunday 12 July

9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
9.15am	Service of the Word	Revd Norman	St Luke's
11.00am	Holy Communion on-line	Revd Norman	St Stranton <i>facebook live</i>

Services Sunday 19 July

9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
9.15am	Service of the Word	Revd Clive	St Luke's
11.00am	Worship & Songs of Praise on-line	Rev'd Clive	Stranton <i>facebook live</i>

<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)

Holy Communion Sunday 5th July 10am

The greeting and opening prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you,
We turn to you.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you,
We long for you.

*When we see you we find strength to face the day.
In your presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away.*

*Hosanna, Hosanna, you are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna, come have your way among us,
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you,
We turn to you.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new.

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

.... on these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen, Lord have mercy

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

News and celebrations

You chose the cross with every breath,
The perfect life, the perfect death:
You chose the cross.
A crown of thorns you wore for us,
And crowned us with eternal life:
You chose the cross.
And though your soul was overwhelmed with pain,
Obedient to death, you overcame.

*I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love,
I'm lost in praise for evermore.
Because of Jesus' unfailing love
I am forgiven, I am restored.*

You loosed the chords of sinfulness
And broke the chains of my disgrace:
You chose the cross.
Up from the grave victorious,
You rose again so glorious:
You chose the cross.
The sorrow that surrounded you was mine,
"Yet not my will but yours be done" you cried.

Bible reading Romans 7: 15-25a

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel reading Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
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, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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

The Peace

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

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**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.**

Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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 for 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**

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world,
shine upon us,
set us free by the truth
you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

The Blessing

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