



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

COVID TIER FOUR - During this period Stranton Church will be closed to Public Worship.

(but - from 9am to 10am on Sundays - Church is Open, for Private Prayer only)

Stranton Church notices and Central Hartlepool group online Church services for Third Sunday of Lent – 7th March 2021

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

DURING THIS PERIOD OF LOCKDOWN ALL THE GROUP CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Lent

Streamed to Facebook...

9.15am Holy Communion

Mother Gemma

St Luke's

10.45am Mass

Mother Gemma

St Aidan's

11.00am Holy Communion

Revd Norman & Rachel

Stranton

2:00 pm Sunday Club, with Kate

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

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

The Readings and songs for Morning Worship are below.

9.15am Wednesday Communion - Revd Clive

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only
God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 (NIV-UK)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'^[c]

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

John 2: 13-22

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'^[b]

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

²⁰ They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.^[c] ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

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 for the SMDT meeting this week to discuss plans to reopen Church.

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 with Children and families amongst the needy in our community. We pray for God's guidance regarding St Aidan's House and specifically for the PCC on Monday 15th March.

We pray for all affected by the pandemic; praying particularly for health and care workers, pharmacists, volunteers and staff at vaccination centres, teachers preparing to reopen schools, delivery drivers, funeral directors and all who reach out to the lonely and housebound.

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

We pray for all those who are mourning, especially for the family and friends of Lewis Boyd Hill, Eileen Delves and Baby Everlake.

NOTICES:

Racial Justice Lent Course

Our local course will now be delayed until after Easter. The RRC are hosting sessions on Thursday evenings exploring issues from a more personal perspective if you wish to join a zoom session please contact the church office or one of the clergy for details

The Prayer Course continues on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm with Norman, Clive and Angela facilitating the sessions. It's a great opportunity to connect with each other. This week the theme is 'Intercession'. Why not come and join us? – zoom links are available from Norman and Clive. Links to the videos for previous weeks are on the Church website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

On Wednesday afternoons in Lent at 3pm (via Zoom), started 17th February on zoom, Mother Gemma is leading a lent course entitled 'Women in the Shadows'. Created by the Clewer Initiative (the Archbishop's Team for tackling Modern Slavery), this course uses short film clips, bible study, prayer, practical application, and discussion to explore the issues of Modern Slavery and particularly how women might be affected in our own communities.



Communities of Hope

Tea and Hope: Tuesday mornings at 10am Reaching out to families with young children, Bible story, craft and songs and time to chat together afterwards. On zoom with Jess and Julie. For more information contact Jess jess@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk or on 07597 308751 or Julie 07763 490278

Easter Egg Appeal: If you would like to donate any Easter Eggs we will be at St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road, every Friday 1-2pm, to 26 March. Do please contact us if you would struggle to get out, or you wish to make a donation.

Sunday Club News! Join us at 2pm this Sunday for the next Sunday Club video. It will be available on our Facebook page or the church website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>. We will be looking at the next part of the story of Joseph - Pharaoh's Dreams!

Our fun activities this week will include making a dream catcher and learning how to write and decode hieroglyphs, the ancient writing of the Egyptians!

Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Giving - You can make direct donations to the Mission and Ministry of Stranton Church by bank transfer or standing order to Account: Stranton Parochial Church Council Sort Code 20-82-18 Account number 10146501. Or via 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**, or have any questions on church finance, please contact the Treasurer, David Craig tel. 07960 829102 or email treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk

Review of Church opening for public worship

The PCC will consider at its March meeting when it will be appropriate for re-opening of Church for public worship, in line with Government and Archbishops' advice and local public health information. In the mean time you are welcome to attend for private prayer only between 9 and 10 am on Sunday, and to join us online.

Live online Services for 8-13 March facebook addresses are below.

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 8	Mother Gemma		Mother Gemma
Tues 9	Mother Gemma	CoH	
Wed 10	Rev Clive	Lent Course	Rev Andrew
Thurs 11	Mother Gemma	Linda	
Fri 12	-----	Rachel	AndrewMc
Sat 13	Mother Gemma		

Note**

Contact revdgemma@gmail.com if you would like the link for the Wednesday Lent Course

Facebook Addresses: For "streamed" services to watch live or later on FaceBook, or on the Videos web page

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

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

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

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

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

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More information can be found on our website at: <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

Communities of Hope

Emma Cain (Team leader and volunteer co-ordinator) Tel 07597 308722 or emma@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk

Stranton Church
Family Communion 7th March 11am

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
And also with you.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let everything that, everything that,
everything that has breath, praise the Lord. (x2)

Praise you in the morning, praise you in the evening,
praise you when I'm young and when I'm old.
Praise you when I'm laughing,
praise you when I'm grieving,
praise you every season of the soul.

If we could see how much you're worth,
your power, your might, your endless love,
then surely we would never cease to praise.

Let everything....

Praise you in the heavens, joining with the angels,
praising you forever and a day.
Praise you on the earth now, joining with creation,
calling all the nations to your praise.

If we could see how much you're worth...

Let everything that, everything that,
everything that has breath, praise the Lord. (x2)

I will worship, I will worship,
I will worship you with every breath. (x2)

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you my master,
ready to do your will.

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Refiner's fire...

Confession

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of forgiveness

It's your blood that cleanses me,
It's your blood that gives me life.
It's your blood that took my place
In redeeming sacrifice
And washes me whiter than the snow,
Than the snow:
My Jesus, God's precious sacrifice.

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Birthdays and celebrations

Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: John 2:12-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers

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

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.

The Peace

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

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died.
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place;
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

Thank you for the cross,
Thank you for the cross,
Thank you for the cross, my friend.

**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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and
made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him;
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him;
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

The Lord's prayer

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.**

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.**

Notices

Made in perfect love,
Innocent we walked as friends of God.
Still we turned away,
Traded freedom for a life enslaved.

Helpless we were lost,
Heaven sent the rescue plan of God.
Through the love of Christ,
We are found and born into new life.

*We are watching, we are waiting,
We are hoping, we are praying,
We're believing, let your kingdom come.*

*Father in heaven, your name is holy,
Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory
God of salvation, unfold your story
Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen.*

King of endless love,
Here on earth just as in heaven above.
Let your will be done,
Wake our hearts and let your kingdom come.

Last chorus:
*Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.