



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 9 August 2020: Stranton, St Luke's and Burbank Community Churches

Services are taking place in church and on facebook (please see details below)

Services Sunday 9 August: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am	Eucharist	Revd Norman	St Luke's Church
10.00am	Morning Worship	Revd Clive	Stranton Church
10.45am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's Church /facebook
11.00am	Holy Communion on-line	Revd Norman	Stranton facebook live

Readings for today: **1 Kings 19:9-18 and Matthew 14: 22-23** (*Full text below*)

The words for readings and prayers for services in Church are displayed on the screens, but you are welcome to bring the attached service sheet with you and take it away afterwards.

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 Kings 19: 9-18 (NIV)

⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰ He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' ¹¹ The LORD said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.'

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴ He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.'

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.'

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

Matthew 14: 22-23 (NIV)

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

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

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 all the users of St Matthew's Community Centre as it begins to reopen next weekend.

We pray that we may be a Community of Hope, specifically praying for those invited to interviews this week and for the godly discernment of the interview panel.

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 those who mourn and we remember the family and friends of Harry Sherwood.

NOTICES

As we reopen for public worship we need to keep each other and ourselves safe so Government guidance must be followed on social distancing (including family bubbles), hand sanitising and the wearing of face masks in Church. This guidance presently stipulates there will be no singing and that Communion can only be in one kind – wafer, but no wine. Numbers in church are limited.

If you wish to attend a service please arrive just before the service start time and leave promptly at the end of the service. Follow the guidance of the Church Wardens and Sides-persons when arriving. There will be no refreshments.

Ministering to one another: If you feel able to help with the services: welcoming at the door, operating the computer or sound desk, doing a reading or leading the prayers please talk with a Church Warden, contact Norman or Trish (details below).

There is no Sunday Club during August and parents are responsible for their children throughout the service. Parents are asked to bring quiet activities for their children, but activity packs will be available – children must take home all the paper they use in church. The services are planned as follows:

10am Sunday 9 th August	- Morning Worship
10am Sunday 16 th August	- Holy Communion
10am Sunday 23 rd August	- Morning Worship
10am Sunday 30 th August	- Holy Communion

An on-line service will continue to be streamed live at 11am every Sunday during August

We will make sure that when individuals who have been self-isolating feel able to return we have firm clear measures in place for you to be kept safe, but the advice to those with high health risk from other conditions will be to continue to stay at home.

The following arrangements are still in place:

- Entry into church will be by the south door (usual entrance). The Choir vestry door will also be open
- Hand sanitiser must be used at the entrance
- Please give your name/contact number 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.

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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

Live on line Services for 10 – 15 August *facebook addresses are below*

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Monday	Mother Gemma	---	Angela C
Tuesday	Rev Andrew	Jess	---
Wednesday	Rev Clive	---	Rev Andrew
Thursday	Rev Gemma	Rev Norman	---
Friday	-----	Rev Clive	Julia
Saturday	Rev Gemma	-----	---

Services Sunday 16 August

9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Luke’s Church
10.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Norman	Stranton Church
10.45am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan’s Church
11.00am	Worship & Songs of Praise on-line	Andy and Lucy	St Luke’s <i>facebook live</i>

Services Sunday 23 August

9.15am	Eucharist	Revd Michelle	St Luke’s Church
10.00am	Morning Worship	Revd Clive	Stranton Church
10.45am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan’s Church
11.00am	Holy Communion on-line	Revd Michelle	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)

All of the services streamed (Sunday and weekday) on the above facebook pages by Central Hartlepool Group of Churches are available soon after streaming on the Stranton Church website:

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

Holy Communion Sunday 9th August 11am

The greeting and opening prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust is Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless, stand before the throne.

Jesus, be the centre,

be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Jesus, be the centre,
be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails;
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,
be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

Be the fire....

Jesus, be the centre,
be my source, be my light, Jesus.

**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,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

News and celebrations

Bible reading 1 Kings 19: 9-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise. *(repeat)*

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee. *(repeat)*

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love! *(repeat)*

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace. *(repeat)*

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm. *(repeat)*

Gospel reading Matthew 14: 22-33

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,

followed by 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.

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus, broken for you.*

He offered his body, he poured out his soul;
Jesus was broken, that we might be whole.

Come to my table and with me dine;
eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

This is my body given for you;
eat it remembering I died for you.

This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new.

**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**

Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Into the darkness You shine;
Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You,
None like You.

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer, awesome in power,
Our God, our God...*

And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us,
then what can stand against?

The Blessing

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