



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 12 July 2020: Stranton, St Luke's and Burbank Community Churches

Stranton Church is open for private prayer and some Sunday services are now taking place in churches across the group but we continue to record services on facebook for those unable to attend in person. 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.

Services Sunday 12 July THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY-

9.15am Service of the Word	Revd Norman	St Luke's Church
10.45am Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's Church
11.00am Holy Communion <i>on-line</i>	Revd Norman	https://en-gb.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton

9.30-11.30m Private Prayer, Stranton Church

Readings for today: **Romans 8: 1-11 and Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23** (Full text below)

The words for the Service of the Word, Hymns & Songs are available below. If coming to St Luke's we will have the service displayed on the screens, but you are welcome to bring this sheet with you and take it away afterwards. Note - singing is not yet permitted as part of public worship because of infection risk

Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen



Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Romans 8: 1-11 (NIV)

⁸ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (NIV)

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

¹³ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

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

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 consider this further. The SMDT are recommending to PCC that we should not open for worship until the current risks are better understood/reduce further. At present the plan is to restart Sunday worship in Stranton 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.

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

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

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 Judson and Pat Webster.

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 Herbert Watson, John Robinson, Shirley Cotson and William Lamb

NOTICES

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE...

Our central Hartlepool Group bid has been successful, we are and now at the point of advertising the posts! The closing date is **31st July** so you do have time to consider if this could be the job for which you have been hoping and praying. If you have access to the internet please check out Mother Gemma's video and the job descriptions at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/jobapplications.html>

The roles we will be advertising for are a Team Leader, a Children and Families worker and a Community worker/evangelist. The first part of the project will be to grow Christian community at St Aidan's kitchen and in and through St Matthew's Community Centre. If anyone is interested in the roles please do have a chat with Revd Norman (01429 233609 or 07985 148034) or Mother Gemma (07780 675322).

PRAYER BOOKLET: *Please find attached a booklet of prayers asking God to help us with the next steps for Communities of Hope.*

FREE ONLINE LEARNING COURSES: If you are climbing the walls looking for something to do why not take one of these courses, see link below? All courses in the guide are available for immediate enrolment. If there are any courses that may be of interest and you would like to enrol, or have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Tara and she will look into this for you... Tara Davison | Voluntary & Community Sector Officer

Learning & Skills Service, Hartlepool Borough Council, Tel: (01429) 857074 Email: tara.davison@hartlepool.gov.uk

Hartlepool Learning & Skills Service Online Course Guide:

https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/downloads/file/6123/online_course_guide_2020-21

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 or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609

Email: nshave1@btinternet.com

More information can be found on our web sites at:

St Luke's www.stlukeshartlepool.org

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

Live on line Services for 12 - 18 July facebook addresses are below

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

Services Sunday 19 July

9.15am	Service of the Word	Revd Clive	St Luke's Church
10.45am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's Church
11.00am	Worship & Songs of Praise on-line	Revd Clive	Stranton <i>facebook live</i>

Services Sunday 26 July

9.15am	Service of the Word	Revd Michelle	St Luke's Church
10.45am	Eucharist	Revd Andrew	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)

Holy Communion Sunday 12th July 11am

The greeting and opening prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God.

Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose you now.

We bow down and confess

You are Lord in this place.

We bow down and confess

You are Lord in this place.

You are all I need,

It's your face I seek.

In the presence of your light

We bow down, we bow down.

**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

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

News and celebrations

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.

Bible reading Romans 8: 1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

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.

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.

**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**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then shall I bow, in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

The Blessing

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