



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices 13th December 2020: Stranton, Burbank & St Luke's Churches

Under "Tier Three" we are able to open church for services in a Covid-safe way.

Sunday 13th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Purple

Following new guidelines from this week, Communion will include wine (each wafer will be dipped before distribution – guidance will be given at the service for those wishing to receive)

Sunday Services

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| Stranton | 9.00am | Holy Communion Order 1 (<i>streamed*</i>) | Revd Clive |
| Stranton | 11.00am | Morning Worship (<i>streamed*</i>) | Revd Clive and Revd Norman |

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-12 and John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Wednesday Service 16th Dec

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| St Luke's | 9.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Revd Clive |
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Services are streamed on <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/> and later on the Stranton website

Sunday 20th December

- 9.00am Holy Communion for Advent 4
- 11.00am Nativity Service, (*an informal service for all ages*)

Physical Christmas Services –

for seating allocation, please contact the church office if you plan to attend

Thursday 24th December

- 7pm Holy Communion for Christmas Night
- 11pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, Friday 25th December,

- 10.00am Family Communion

Other services will be streamed:

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| Sunday 13 th December 4pm | A short Christingle service (Stranton Messy Church Facebook Page) |
| Sunday 20 th December, 6pm | Carol Service from Stranton Church and shown at St Lukes Church |
| Sunday 27 th December 10am | Holy communion (from the vicarage) |

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent:

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion:

We give thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Intercessions

We pray for national and local leaders: for wisdom regarding the current trade talks and 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 3; praying particularly for health and care workers and all key workers.
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, we remember the family and friends of Freda Hodgson Andrew Delves, Ron Taylor and Mavis Faulds

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CHRISTMAS NIGHT SERVICES and NATIVITY: we need to manage numbers at this service; you can help us by letting the Church know of your *intention* to come Tel 07305 550009 (Trish) or Email: admin@stranton-church-org.uk

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed both to the toy appeal and the Christmas Hamper appeals. All the food donated through Church will go to the most vulnerable families linked with Ward Jackson School. The Community of Hope team are also very grateful for a generous response to their hamper appeal. Harbour thank us for the generous gifts of toys and for the on going connection with local Churches.

Contacts:

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

BEING IN CHURCH... Please read, things may have changed...

- Under the current lock down rules we can gather for socially distanced worship.
- 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.
- We ask for your co-operation in keeping yourself and others as safe as possible and ask everyone coming in to Church must wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser coming in and going out. Please do not come if you are unwell or have recently been in contact with someone who has developed COVID -19.
- Let a member of the Team, Churchwarden or the parish office know if you develop COVID-19 symptoms in the week following your attendance at church
- Entry into church is via the south door (usual entrance). The North aisle is reserved for those who wish to take particular care in distancing, entry by West door.
- Hand sanitiser is available on entry and exit and must be used when you come in.
- Your name and contact number will be entered onto the register of attendance. The register of attendees will be kept for three weeks, for track and trace purposes only.
- If you have the Government's mobile Tracing "App" on your smartphone, please scan the "QR code" on display as you come into church. 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.
- The use of face masks is mandatory while in the building.
- please follow the floor markings to take you around the one way system.
- Maintain 2 metre distancing one person to a marked pew – families/household “bubbles” of no more than 6 may sit together – please do not sit in a pew marked as not available for use .
- Your seat will have been sanitised before you come and will be cleaned again after use.
- Access to the Toilets is available if necessary, but you are asked to follow the directions for flushing and wiping down.

A collection will not be taken up but you may leave your offering e.g. loyalty envelopes in the basket at the back of church if you come for private prayer. Please visit the parish website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> for details of how to support the work and mission of the Church financially, or ask the Treasurer David Craig craigdanew@gmail.com / 07960 829102 for details of online giving and gift aid schemes.

Live on line Services for 14-19 December *facebook addresses are below*

| Day | 9.15am Mass/Communion | 3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon | 8pm Night Prayer |
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| Mon 14 Dec | Mother Gemma | | Angela Craig |
| Tues 15 | Mother Gemma | Communities of Hope | |
| Wed 16 | Revd Clive | | Linda Dott/Gemma |
| Thurs 17 | Mother Gemma | Mother Gemma/Linda | |
| Fri 18 | ----- | Christine Amjad-Ali | Julia Taylor |
| Sat 19 | Mother Gemma | | |

<https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/> (then available at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/> (then available at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool/> (then available at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

<https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh/>(then available at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

Confirmation Service: Advance Notice

Bishop Sarah is coming to Stranton Church,

to lead

A Service of Confirmation

on

Sunday 24th January at 11am.

Would anyone interested in confirmation, please contact Norman?

Morning Worship Sunday 13th December 11am

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

Lighting of the advent wreath

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.
Amen.**

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you,
I want to see you. (repeat)*

To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy
holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.

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.

Confession

Heavenly Father,
you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son:
forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you were proclaimed by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you speak through the prophets:
make us attentive to hear your word.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

Collect

**God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare
the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Birthdays and Celebrations

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone....

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
then when we've first begun.

Bible readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-12
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon

Creed

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, you reign forever,
Our hope, our strong deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God, you do not faint
You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Prayers ending with 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.**

Notices

**To God be the glory,
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son.
Who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate
that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus his Son;
and give him the glory
great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To every believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture
when Jesus we see.

Blessing

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