



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

COVID TIER FIVE - 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 the Sunday next before Lent - 14th February 2021

Sunday next before Lent

Streamed to Facebook...

9.15am	Holy Communion	Revd Gemma	<i>St Luke's</i>
10.45am	Mass	Mother Gemma	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship	Rachel/Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
2:00 pm	<i>Sunday Club with Kate</i>	<i>https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub</i>	

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9

The Liturgy and songs for 11 am Morning Worship are below.

(Please note Wednesday Communion will be streamed from home at 9.15am)

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent:

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion:

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



2 Corinthians 4: 3-6(12) NIV

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Mark 9: 2-9 NIV

The Transfiguration

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Intercessions

We pray for national and local leaders: our Government: and for American President Jo Biden and his team,

for wisdom in day to day decisions regarding the pandemic: for health, safety, wise & fair 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 God's guidance regarding St Aidan's House

We pray for all affected by the pandemic and being in lockdown; praying particularly for health and care and other key workers, seafarers, transport and construction workers, electricians and plumbers.

We pray for all who are unwell, awaiting medical treatment or are in hospital and for those recovering at home, especially for Revd Peter Townsend and his family, Dr Apte, Eileen Delves and Joan Herbert. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.

We pray for all families who are grieving at the present time, especially for the family and friends of Lilian Risby, Diane Hazelwood, Audrey Leslie, Joseph Fletcher and Lewis Boyd Hill

And also: Dear Church family, please pray for Steph, Mike, Sean, Frances, James and Lydia at the unexpected death of Lewis. Please respect the family's privacy in their grief.

NOTICES

Racial Justice Lent Course

This course, led by Michelle Delves, Mary Tones and Rachel Price, is planned to run for 5 weeks on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm. The first session is planned for 23rd February. **For pastoral reasons this course may be delayed until after Easter. More details next week**

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 adoration. Why not come and try a session – zoom links available from Norman and Clive. The teaching used in the previous two sessions is also available on our website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/prayer1.mp4> and <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/prayer2.mp4> if you missed them (including Persian subtitles)

On Wednesday afternoons in Lent, at 3pm (via Zoom) Starting 17th February, Mother Gemma will be 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.*

#Live Lent is also available from the Church of England as an App for your phone or check out the Church of England Website. This includes reflections from the Archbishops

Shrove Tuesday 16th February Communities of Hope, Sunday Club, and pancakes! (**What a mixture!**) If anyone would like to join us on Shrove Tuesday at 5pm please let Jess (Jess@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk) know and she'll drop off some pancake mix so we can all prepare for Lent together (on zoom) with a pancake cook-a-long – diets? - don't exist in lock down, f.y.i. 🐼 Alternatively, you can enjoy home- made pancake fun with a Sunday Club recipe and still ask Jess for zoom: <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/sundayclub.html>

Ash Wednesday 17th February:

9.15am Holy Communion (1662) (streamed from Stranton Vicarage)

12.00noon Mass with imposition of ashes (streamed from St Aidan's)

6.00pm Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes from Durham Cathedral

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

7.30pm Informal Prayer for Ash Wednesday on Zoom, concluding with Compline
(Zoom joining details on request from Rev Norman or Parish Office)

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

Online Sunday Club!

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for our fun online Sunday Club sessions so far. This week we are looking at the story of a **Tall Tower** that was called **The Tower of Babel**. Our activities will include building our own towers and learning how to say "hello!" in some different languages. Please join us on **Sunday at 2pm** on either our Sunday Club Facebook page or on the website. As an added bonus because it is Valentine's Day this week check the website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/sundayclub.html> for some fun Valentine's Day themed activity ideas. There is also a pancake recipe available for Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day as mentioned above! **Kate**

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 07960 829102.

Live on line Services for 15 - 20 February facebook addresses are below

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 15 Feb	Mother Gemma		Revd Norman
Tues 16	Mother Gemma	Jess (family)	
Wed 17	Revd Norman	<i>Lent Course**</i>	<i>7.30 Ash Wednesday zoom prayers (link from Norman or Parish office)</i>
Thurs 18	Mother Gemma	Rachel	
Fri 19	-----	Christine	Julia T
Sat 20	Mother Gemma		

Note Contact revdgemma@gmail.com if you would like the link to join 3 pm Wednesday Lent Course**

Facebook Addresses: for streamed service watch live or later on FaceBook or go to the "Videos" 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>)

Contacts:

Church office, please telephone or email

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

Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609 Email: nshave1@btinternet.com

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

St Valentine's Day - Sunday Club bonus!

Sunday is of course St. Valentine's Day and the Stranton Sunday club has prepared for download:

- a Recipe for DOUBLE Chocolate CHUNK Brownies for Children to make (with parental help)
- a Love Heart to print and colour in

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

Morning Worship at Stranton 14.2.21

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing,

O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

O praise Him, O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,

O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,

Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

O praise Him...

Let all things their creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in one

Oh praise Him...

God so loved, that He gave his Son, to lay
down his life, for the sake of us.

He bore the weight, of our sin and shame,
with a cry he said it is finished.

Christ the Lord, overcame the darkness

He's alive, death has been defeated,

For He made us a way

by which we have been saved.

He's the saviour of the world!

So we lift up a shout, for His fame and
renown.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Jesus saviour of the world.

We must spread the word
of His soon return.

To reclaim the world, for his glory.

Let the Church now sing

Of this coming King.

Crowned with majesty our redeemer.

And he reigns, ruler of the heavens,

And His name, is Jesus the Messiah,

For He made us a way...

confession

Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole
heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.**

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

words of forgiveness

How great is Your love

it never gives up on me

Stronger than shame

it carries me back to You

Jesus my redeemer, You have made a way

All glory to God who is able

All power and praise

Forever the earth will proclaim

You are mighty, You are mighty

So great is Your love,

it keeps all its promises

Unshakable, eternity rests in Your hands

Jesus I surrender, lead me in Your ways

All glory to God who is able...

Lift Him higher, He is mighty

Lift Him higher, He is God (repeat)

collect:

**Holy God, you know the disorder of our
sinful lives:**

set straight our crooked hearts,

and bend our wills to love your goodness

and your glory

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

notices, birthdays, celebrations

Readings: 2 Cor 4:3-12 Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

Creed:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for
whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and
rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy
Spirit, who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We 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.**

Amen.

Hear our cry, oh King of heaven

Jesus hope to every heart

We are lost without Your glory

We are lost without You God

Be the fire, that burns within us

Flames of love that purify

Send Your power and Your salvation

Let us see Your Kingdom come

Only You can move the mountain

Only You can heal our land

Christ alone, our hope and glory

Christ alone in You we stand

Turn Your eyes and show us mercy

How we need Your Father's love

Lead us home, and out of darkness

With Your gospel, burning bright

Only you can move the mountain...

We believe our God is mighty

We believe our God is here

We believe our King is coming

Christ alone in You we stand

Praise the Lord, our God is mighty

Praise the Lord, our God is here

Praise the Lord, our King is coming

Christ alone in You we stand

Only you can move the mountain...

Intercessions

finishing with The Lord's Prayer

***In Christ alone** my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen.