



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 16 May 2021: Stranton and Burbank Community Churches

God's Blessing as we gather in Church and online

Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus, Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Some services will continue to be streamed LIVE on Facebook pages, or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)

Streamed to Facebook...

9.00am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Norman	Stranton
9.15am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Mother Gemma	
10.45am	Mass, St Aidan's	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
11.00am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Michelle/Revd Norman	Stranton

Stranton Annual Church Meetings will follow the 11am service today

2.00pm Sunday Club (online only) with Kate (<https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/>)

Readings: - Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; John 17: 6-19

The Liturgy and songs for 11am Holy Communion are below.

9.30am	<u>Wednesday</u> Holy Communion BCP	Revd Michelle	St Luke's
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Collect for 7th Sunday of Easter:

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Post Communion:

Eternal God, give of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the
world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 NIV

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry." ²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²²beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." ²³So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17:6-19 NIV

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Intercessions

- We pray for your peace, justice and reconciliation where there is conflict and division among the nations.
- 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 that the take-up of the vaccine and on-going safeguarding measures defeats the virus and it becomes safe for us all to resume our normal activities. We pray for Jill Mortimer our new Member of Parliament and elected Ward Councillors that they may know and serve you in serving our community in truth mercy and justice.
- We pray for the care of all affected by the pandemic, for wisdom for the decision makers concerning the roadmap to ease the lockdown; we pray particularly for health and care workers, the police and community wardens, small businesses and local employers, and all who are seeking work.
- 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, and that we may find ways in which to become involved.
- We pray peace and healing for all who are unwell in body mind or spirit, for those awaiting medical treatment, or are in hospital or recovering at home. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially for the family and friends of Tommy Richardson.

ATTENDING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP.

Despite generally improving public health, there is still a quite high risk of transmission of infection and new variants: we still need to follow the guidance to care for each other even after COVID-19 vaccination, including (if required to quarantine or showing symptoms) self isolating and not attending church.

- If you are attending a church service do please try to come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance as the service starts. Please (if you can) scan the NHS QR code poster using the NHS COVID-19 app.
- Please sanitise hands on entry and exit, and as you are directed for receiving Communion
- We ask you to register as you come in for "tracing". A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks.
- Holy Communion is offered by intinction (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday service will be displayed on the screens.
- There will be no congregational singing, but a small worship group will sing for us
- After the service, please meet outside, continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- The use of face masks is **mandatory** during worship.
- Maintain two metre distancing – families/"bubbles" may sit together
- Seating is sanitised between services. Access to toilets is available if absolutely necessary, but please follow the guidance provided on cleaning

- If you become unwell with COVID-19 like symptoms within the week after attending a church service please advise a member of the clergy or a churchwarden so that the contact list information from that service can be used for test and tracing purposes.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

NOTICES:

Online Sunday Club

Please join us on Sunday at 2pm for our online Sunday Club video on our Facebook page or the church website. This week we will be looking at the story of Samson, who was a very strong man. Our fun activities will include creating a pull-out picture and a mini Samson craft.

Exciting News –Stranton Sunday Club is back!

I am very excited to let you know that Sunday Club will be returning. Our first session will be on Sunday 6th June at the 11am service. If you have any questions, please let me know. More information will be made available next week.

Kate, Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Signpost Magazine Needs New Distributors!

Could you volunteer for less than an hour once a month to deliver Signpost magazines?

We need help in the Caledonian Road, Lister Street/Elwick Road and Victoria Road/Hutton Ave area.

If you can help, please contact *Jacqui Rogers* on 01429 265527 / mobile: 07885 083913 or email: energy.education@btconnect.com

Christian Aid Week 10 - 16 May 2021

75th anniversary appeal - an envelope for your gift was enclosed with printed copies of last week's notices and some are available in church: you can also give online via our church E-envelope (link below) . Our Church Target this year is £500 – if everyone who was at Church last Sunday can give at least £10 we will exceed that amount!

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/stranton-all-saints-church-hartlepool?channel=copy>

"This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day.

From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means ordinary people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.

Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives. Together we stop this climate crisis". **(Envelopes can be left at the Vicarage or handed in at Church)**

'Communities of Hope: Volunteering Opportunities

Please find below and on the next page a list of activities which we'd love to invite you to volunteer to help with!

Jess: 07597308751

Jo: 07597308748

Homeless Outreach (around the town centre) Fridays 2.30 – 4pm. This person must have an evangelistic heart as we pray with everyone we meet, and this ministry is very much about sharing the hope of Christ with people. Contact Jo.

Pop-up café (outside St. Matthew's Community Centre) Fridays 10-12pm. We need volunteers who are happy to engage with the Burn Valley community, people who like to have a chat, especially about Jesus!! We'd also appreciate any offers of baking (cakes/brownies/cookies etc.) Contact Jo.

Prayer spaces in schools (differing primary schools in the parishes) Usually Wednesday afternoons/Monday mornings. This is creative prayer with 5-11 year olds, both indoors and out, it's super fun and rewarding. Volunteers would need to consent to a DBS check taking place. Contact Jess.

Emotional Literacy sessions in schools (differing primary schools in the parishes) Days/times during which we go into school will vary depending on their availability. We use a secular emotional literacy programme but deliver this alongside the introduction of prayer as a coping mechanism and to help build resilience. Volunteers in this setting would need to be confident in a classroom environment and consent to a DBS check taking place. Contact Jess.

Hope café, breakfast club (The Blacksmiths Arms, Stranton) Wednesdays 9-10.30am. This is a post-school run free breakfast club for parents/carers/individuals. We'd like volunteers who can help on a practical level, serving food/drinks, but also in a relational sense, building relationships with those who attend. Contact Jess.

Open Skies Forest Church (St. Aidan's Primary School nature garden) Last Sunday of every month, 3pm. We would like volunteers to help with welcoming, leading/reading, manning prayer stations, general helping with setting up tidying away. Our first Forest Church session will be on 30th May and monthly thereafter. Contact Jess.

Equally, we'd love to see you just turn up and say hi/eat yummy food at either the Pop-up café or Breakfast Club or join us in worship at Open Skies Forest church. As always, our strength and success in any of these activities comes only from God, so can we could ask for your continued prayers in all of this.'

Have a great week everyone, *Jess*

Parish Giving – how to support the mission and ministry of Stranton Church

The Parish Giving Scheme has been updated and it is now possible to join this direct debit scheme through the scheme's website. The link for Stranton church is <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/stranton-all-saints-ts24-7qt/> We do still welcome and give thanks to those who give by standing order and / or envelopes but there are additional costs involved in these older methods. It is also still possible to join the scheme by obtaining a form if you prefer a paper application. If anyone has any questions about the scheme please let me know. *David Craig*, Hon. Treasurer: **email - treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk**

Live online Services for w/c 16 May facebook addresses are below.

- Mother Gemma will stream Mass at 9.15am from St Aidan's each morning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The 9.30 communion will also be streamed from St Luke's.
- If you would like to access a night prayer **Lectio 365 have introduced a daily night prayer** accessible by downloading the app. The Church of England has also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.
- Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

Facebook and Web Addresses:

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus)

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

Parish Contacts: Church office please telephone or email.

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009

Email: admin@stranton-church.org.uk

Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609

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More information on our web site <http://www.stranton-chrch.org.uk> and facebook page)

Stranton Church Family Communion
16th May 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.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me:
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger,
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Birthdays and celebrations

Faithful God, faithful God,
All sufficient one, I worship you.
Shalom, my peace, my strong deliverer,
I lift you up, faithful God.

Bible reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: John 17:9-16

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.

How deep the Father's love for us,

How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life-
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

**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 Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
to so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
as a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh my words could not tell, not even in part
of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.*

You deserve my every breath
for You've paid the great cost;
giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in.

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

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Blessing

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