

Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 16 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 16 August: THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

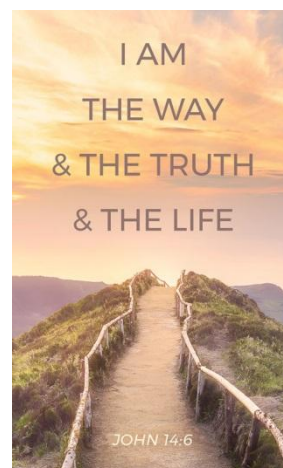
Readings for today: **Isaiah 56: 1,6-8 and Matthew 15: 21-28** (*Full text below*)

If coming to a Church Service this Sunday we will have the service displayed on screens, but you are welcome to bring the attached service sheet with you and take it away afterwards.

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer Works



Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 56 1,6-8

This is what the LORD says:

‘Maintain justice and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

⁶And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him,
to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant –

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.’

⁸The Sovereign Lord declares – he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
‘I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered

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

Matthew 15: 21-28

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

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. ²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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 that we may be a Communities 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 and Cindy Collins

Communities of Hope

We are now absolutely delighted to announce that our Hartlepool Communities of Hope team is as follows:

Project leader and volunteer coordinator	- Emma Cain
Children and families worker	- Jessica Monopoli
Community worker/evangelist	- Jo Leslie

Emma and Jess are well known in our church congregations here and Jo is moving from Leicester to join us, where she currently works with the un-housed community.

We’re so excited to bring this team together, with the Holy Spirit, to work with God to bring hope to this town!
Please pray also for those who applied but were not successful, giving thanks for their vision and commitment.

NOTICES

As we reopen for public worship we need to keep each other and ourselves safe so Government and church of England 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. We understand people will want to talk after the service, but please do this outside and with distancing, weather permitting.

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, or 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 some activity packs will be available – children must take home all the paper they use in church.

The services are planned as follows:

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 try to ensure that as and 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 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
- Church is cleaned with suitable materials before each service and 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 leave space for others to pass safely, and talk outside.

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.

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	---	Rev Norman
Tuesday	Mother Gemma	(To be confirmed)	---
Wednesday	Rev Andrew C	---	Jess
Thursday	Mother Gemma	Linda	---
Friday	-----	Christine	Andrew Mc
Saturday	Mother Gemma	-----	---

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>

Services Sunday 30 August

9.15am	Eucharist	Rev Clive	St Luke's Church
10.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle	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>

<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)

NB All Central Group Parishes' streamed services are available via <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

Contacts:

The Church offices are not yet open, (but please telephone or email in advertised office hours)

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For St Luke's Church Office Tel 01429 281122 (Julia) Email: julia@stlukeschurch.plus.com

For 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 web sites at:

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

St Luke's www.stlukeshartlepool.org