



# Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

## Notices and Readings 19 July 2020: Stranton St Luke's and Burbank Community Churches

The planned date for a return to public worship in Stranton Church is **2 August** – to be confirmed in next week's notices. Meanwhile, Stranton Church will be open for **Private prayer only** from 9:30 to 11:30 am on Sunday 19 July with social distancing and hygiene measures in place according to national guidelines. Services are now taking place in our sister churches at St Luke's and St Aidan's but we will continue to stream services on Facebook and via the website for you to join us at home 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 via <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>.

### Services Sunday 19 July **THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.15am Service of the Word Revd Clive St Luke's Church

10.45am Mass Mother Gemma St Aidan's Church

11.00am (online) Worship & Songs of Praise with Revd Clive <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/>

Readings for today: **Romans 8: 12-25 and Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43** (Full text below)

The words for Worship & Songs of Praise on-line, are available below.

### Collect

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
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



## Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Romans 8: 12-25 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

*Present Suffering and Future Glory*

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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

### Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 (NIV)

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

*The Parable of the Weeds*

<sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

<sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

<sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup> “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

<sup>28</sup> “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

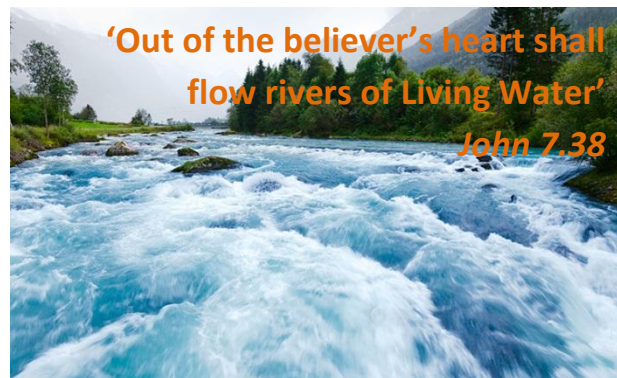
“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ <sup>29</sup> “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

*The Parable of the Weeds Explained*

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

<sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. <sup>40</sup> “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

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



Stranton Church is open on Sunday 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:

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](mailto: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

## **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.

We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.

We pray for all those who mourn especially the family and friends of Pat Webster, of Brian Lamb and Shirley Cotson, and all those others known to us who are grieving at this time.

## NOTICES

### COMMUNITIES OF HOPE...

We are now advertising the three posts that have been funded in our area! 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>,. If you are interested in applying please contact Rev Norman (01429 233609 or 07985 148034), or Mother Gemma (07780 675322)

OLD PHONES ETC: Vodafone have launched 'The Great British Tech Appeal' to help young people and families who don't have access to the internet for remote learning, contacting friends and family or care workers. We rely on technology, more than ever and it's helping us stay connected but thousands of young people and families are stuck at home without a phone or tablet to stay connected. You can donate your old phones and tablets and Vodafone will gift them to families and support workers in need, with free data. You can find out how to donate here: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/techappeal/> or let me know and I can do that for you. The Diocese mentions that they are needed as well for asylum seekers.

**SCAMS:** there is a particular risk at the moment as people have become more reliant on electronic access and messaging, of being "Scammed" – this now includes emails seeming to come from our clergy (as a result of someone's email contacts having been "hacked"). Please be careful and treat emails with due caution and commonsense - and if you are not sure PLEASE DO NOT OPEN ATTACHMENTS OR LINKS without first checking with the sender that it is legitimate.

### Contacts:

**The Church offices are not open, please telephone or email**

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More information can be found on our web sites at:

St Luke's           [www.stlukeshartlepool.org](http://www.stlukeshartlepool.org)  
Stranton           <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

### **8.30am Zoom Morning Prayer**

A number of us gather online for morning prayer each week day Monday – Friday. You will need an invitation to join this meeting. Please contact either Revd Norman or David Craig

### **Live on line Services for 20 - 25 July**   facebook addresses are below

| Day              | 9.15am<br>Mass/Communion | 3pm<br>Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon | 8pm<br>Night Prayer |
|------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Mother Gemma             | -----                                     | Revd Clive          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | -----                    | Rev Michelle                              | ---                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Rev Clive                | -----                                     | Rev Norman          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Rev Norman               | Christine Amjad-Ali                       | ---                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | -----                    | Emma Cain                                 | Julia Taylor        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | -----                    | -----                                     | ---                 |

## Services Sunday 26 July

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|---------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 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/>

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

ALL group services are later streamed on <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

## SONGS FOR ONLINE WORSHIP 19 July 11 am

### When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

#### Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

#### Verse 2

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

#### Verse 3

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

#### Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

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### Knowing You

#### Verse 1

All I once held dear built my life upon  
All this world reveres and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now compared to this

#### Chorus

Knowing You Jesus knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all You're the best  
You're my joy my righteousness  
And I love You Lord love You Lord

#### Verse 2

Now my heart's desire is to know You more  
To be found in You and known as Yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift of righteousness

#### Verse 3

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like You in Your death my Lord  
So with You to live and never die

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### How Deep The Father's Love For Us

#### Verse 1

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

#### Verse 2

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

#### Verse 3

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r 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  
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### I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

#### Verse

Over the mountains and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing  
Of when Your love came down yeah

#### Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever  
I could sing of Your love forever

#### Bridge

Oh I feel like dancing  
It's foolishness I know  
But when the world has seen the light  
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now

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### This I Believe (The Creed)

#### Verse 1

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

#### Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

#### Verse 2

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high  
Bridge  
I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

#### Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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