



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings Easter 7, 24 May 2020: Stranton, Burbank and St Luke's Churches

If you can, you are welcome to follow Services streaming LIVE from the homes of ministers and worship leaders, on Facebook or via Stranton web page <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html> at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos.

Services Sunday 24 May The Sunday after Ascension Day

		Minister	Facebook page (Link on the page below)
9.00am	BCP 1662 HC	Revd Norman	St Luke's
9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
10.00am	Morning Worship	Revd Clive & Angela	Stranton
4.00pm	Messy Church	Julie	Messy Church Page

Readings Collect and Prayers for today: **Acts 1: 6-14 and John 17: 1-11**

(Full text at the end of the notices)

The words for the Hymns & Songs (9am 1662 & 10am Morning Worship are available below)

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

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver 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 e proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thy Kingdom Come

From Ascension Day to Pentecost we are encouraged to seek God in prayer specially praying for the growth of his kingdom. We are using a Prayer Diary focussing on Communities of Hope in Hartlepool. Join the 18 hours of prayer on Tuesday 26th May between 6.00am and 12 midnight. There if you wish commit to a half hour prayer slot on 26 May through the link on the church web site: <http://stranton-church.org.uk> – If you can, please sign up online for half an hour sometime between 6.00am and 12 midnight. – it does not prevent you from praying at other times! are other resources available on the diocesan website. Nationally the prayer resources will focus on ‘Prayer and care’.



The Prayer Diary had some prayers missing. Here they are to finish off up to and including Pentecost...

Friday 29th May 2020*

“Pray for everyone. Ask God to bless them. Give thanks for them” 1 Tim. 2v1

Father God we pray for our church and our clergy. We give thanks for their work and their ability to communicate and support us in such trying times.

We pray for Christians all over the world and for those in war torn areas which no longer make the news.

We pray for all those suffering during this pandemic whether missing friends and family, through isolation, illness or bereavement. Please surround and comfort them O Lord. Amen

Saturday 30th May 2020*

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope” Romans 15:13

O Lord, during this pandemic in particular, protect GPs, local surgeries, coroners, funeral directors, community nurses, all NHS staff and key workers. Guide and protect all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit.

Fill us with joy and excitement as we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Sunday 31st May 2020* Pentecost Sunday

“Don’t worry about anything. Instead, tell God about everything. Ask and pray. Give thanks to him” Philippians 4v6

For the Holy Spirit of Peace which calms our mind and stills our life, we give you thanks and praise.

For the Holy Spirit of Love that touches hearts and reaches out, we give you thanks and praise.

For the Holy Spirit of Joy that lifts our soul and gives us faith, we give you thanks and praise.

For the Holy Spirit of Power, that gift of grace for this your church, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

(adapted from Faith and Worship) faithandworship.com

Intercessions

We continue to pray for the Hartlepool Foodbank and the Poolie Exchange Scheme supporting the vulnerable in our town.

We pray for all who are unwell, awaiting medical treatment or are in hospital. We pray for those in isolation.

We pray for all key workers.

We pray for all in government making decisions regarding lifting the lockdown that will affect all our lives.

We pray for those who mourn, and we remember the family and friends of Joyce Pidd, Claudette Brooks, Joan French, Doreen Stoddart, Ernest Elstob, Michael Murphy, Moira Lynch and Arnold Miller

On line Services for 25-30 May

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm (8.15 Thurs) Night Prayer
Monday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Mother Gemma	Jess	Linda
Wednesday	Rev Clive	Rev Michelle	Rev Michelle
Thursday	Mother Gemma	Rev Andrew	Rev Norman
Friday	Rev Norman	Emma C	Julia
Saturday	Mother Gemma		Andrew Mc

Additional Service

7pm Wednesday An informal service of Prayer and worship Stranton FB

Services Sunday 31 May PENTECOST

9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
10.00am	Parish Communion	Revd Michelle	Stranton
3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Julie & Norman	Stranton
4.00pm	Messy Church	Julie	Messy Church Page

Services will be live streamed on one Facebook page and then shared afterwards

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

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

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

(Also available simultaneously or very shortly afterwards <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

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

Notices

There are also more resources on the 'Thy Kingdom Come' app via <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> which can be downloaded free. OTHER FREE - Prayer "Apps" – in addition to the Daily prayer app- <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps> (used in 08:30 am Morning Prayer), and some of us are (on Norman and Julie's recommendation) using "LECTIO 365" <https://www.cwr.org.uk/lectio365> to help in daily devotions.

Friday 29th May 1.00pm is the provisional time for Joyce Pidd's funeral. This will be for family only. The funeral will be streamed on Stranton Facebook Page. All Joyce's friends are encouraged to join us if they can via Facebook.

Weekly offertory - online

We are pleased to report that we now have a (*Church of England approved and recommended*) means of making "one off" offerings including a "gift aid" option for UK taxpayers, in support of the mission and work of the Church, which you can access directly via your computer browser if you have one:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/471d3a8c-3abe-4b11-8cb4-ef7bfa074df4>

This option is also available indirectly via Facebook (look for the post linked to the Church website at the top of the page) or on the church website: <http://stranton-church.org.uk> or our dedicated page on the Church of England "A Church Near You" website.

As previously advised, if you use the envelope scheme to make weekly set aside, that is absolutely fine: we look forward to receiving your saved offerings in due course.

If you wish to set up a Parish Giving Scheme regular monthly payment please contact David Craig, the Treasurer who can provide the necessary information. You can also set up a direct payment by standing order from your own bank to Stranton PCC, sort code 20 82 18 Account 10146501

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More information can be found on our web sites at:

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

St Luke's www.stlukeshartlepool.org

Acts 1: 6-14

⁶Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

⁷He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Matthias chosen to replace Judas

¹²Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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

John 17: 1-11

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

Jesus prays to be glorified

¹⁷After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus prays for his disciples

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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For 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. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I 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.

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

Songs for 10 am Sunday Morning worship will be posted on Facebook and with the downloadable notices on the Church Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/notices.html>: Songs for 9 am Sunday Communion service are on the next page.

Holy Communion 24th May 9am

Come down, O love divine,
seek Thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let Thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take y intellect, and use
every ower as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day or the night,
Both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong
tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my
power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.