



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 26 July 2020: Burbank Community, St Luke's and Stranton Churches

Stranton Church is open this Sunday **for private prayer only** from 9:30 to 11:30 am, and **St Luke's** has a simple service of the word at 9:15 am – both with Social distancing and hygiene measures in place to keep people safe. Stranton Church will be open for Sunday public worship from 2 August 2020 at 10 am: Live streamed worship will continue, for those who continue to self – isolate: please do not feel under any pressure to return to Church if you have concerns about your health: please do not attend if you are unwell, or are self isolating, or advised not to go out via contact tracing.

Services Sunday 26 July: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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>

Readings for today: **Romans 8: 26-end and Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52** (*Full text below*)

If coming to St Luke's we will have the service displayed on the screens, but you are welcome to bring the service sheet from 12 July with you and take it away afterwards.

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen



Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Romans 8: 26-39 (NIV)

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 (NIV)

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

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

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

Intercessions

We pray for the Communities of Hope Project, specifically praying for those who are submitting applications for the posts, for the short listing process and for the interviews in August.

We pray for all who are unwell, awaiting medical treatment or are in hospital and for those recovering at home, especially for Revd Mary, Ann Lumley, Tony Synott, Mary Fletcher and Tommy Dunne

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 all those known to us who are grieving at this time.

NOTICES

Stranton Church is open this 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 two 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:

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.

COMMUNITIES OF HOPE...

We are advertising the three posts that have been funded for our area! The closing date is **Friday 31st July**. You can find the details on our websites <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/jobapplications.html> and <https://www.stlukeshartlepool.org/communities-of-hope>

As Rev Norman explains:

The roles we are advertising for are: a Team Leader, a Children and Families worker and a Community worker/evangelist. The first part of the project will be to grow Christian community at St Aidan's kitchen and in and through St Matthew's Community Centre. If anyone is interested in the roles please do have a chat with Revd Norman (01429 233609 or 07985 148034). 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>

Services to Resume in Stranton

From **Sunday 2nd August at 10am** Stranton Church will reopen for public worship. This will alternate each week between Communion and a Service of the Word. Guidance and, advice will be given at every service.

We need to keep each other and ourselves safe so Government guidance must be followed on social distancing (including family bubbles) and hand sanitising. 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. At present masks are optional, but please look out for further advice.

If you wish to attend a service please arrive before the service start time (as we need to record people attending for contact tracing if necessary 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.

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

10am Sunday 2 nd August	- Communion
10am Sunday 9 th August	- Morning Worship
10am Sunday 16 th August	- Communion
10am Sunday 23 rd August	- Morning Worship
10am Sunday 30 th August	- Communion

An on-line service will also continue to be streamed live at 11am every Sunday during August

We will make sure 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 is to continue to stay at home.

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 form that service can be used for tracing and testing

Contacts:

The Church offices are not open, please telephone or email

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009 (Trish)

Email: admin@stranton-church-org.uk

For St Luke's Church Office Tel 01429 281122 (Julia)

Email: julia@stlukeschurch.plus.com (manned Mon, Wed & Fri)

Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609

Email: nshave1@btinternet.com

More information can be found on our websites at:

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

St Luke's www.stlukeshartlepool.org

8.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Live on line Services for 26 July - 1 August *facebook addresses are below*

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Monday	-----	-----	Rev Michelle
Tuesday	-----	Rev Norman	---
Wednesday	Rev Norman	-----	Angela Craig
Thursday	Rev Andrew	Revd Andrew	---
Friday	-----	Linda Dott	Andrew McAllister
Saturday	Mother Gemma (tbc)	-----	---

Services Sunday 2 August

9.15am	Eucharist	Revd Norman	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	Revd Norman	Stranton <i>facebook live</i>

Services Sunday 9 August

9.15am	Eucharist	Revd Norman	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 Norman	Stranton <i>facebook live</i>

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> (then available at www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus)

ALL Central Hartlepool Group of Parishes online services (from the start of lockdown) are available at <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html> for you to access at your convenience.

Songs for online worship 26 July 2020 11 am

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

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul

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 forever more.

My Hope

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust is Jesus' name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm he is Lord,
Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless, stand before the throne.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

***My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.***

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone....

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
then when we've first begun