



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

COVID TIER FOUR - During this period Stranton Church will be closed to Public Worship.

(but - from 9am to 10am on Sundays - Church is Open, for Private Prayer only)

Stranton Church notices and Central Hartlepool group online Church services for Second Sunday of Lent - 28th February 2021

If you can, you are welcome to follow Services streaming LIVE from the homes of ministers and worship leaders, on Facebook or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page

DURING THIS PERIOD OF LOCKDOWN ALL THE GROUP CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent

9.15am Morning Worship
10.45am Mass
11.00am Morning Worship
2:00 pm Sunday Club,

Andrew & Lucy McAllister
Mother Gemma
Revds Michelle & Clive
with Kate

Streamed to Facebook...

St Luke's
St Aidan's
Stranton

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

Readings: Genesis 17; 1-7, 15-16; Mark 8: 31-38

The Readings and songs for Morning Worship are below.

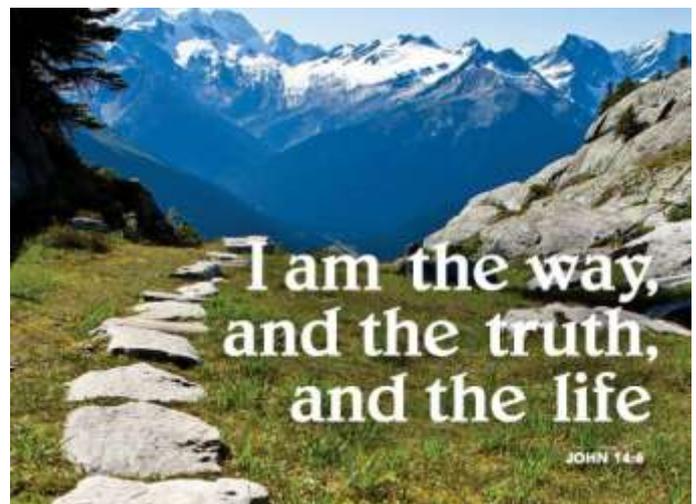
9.15am Wednesday Communion - Revd Norman

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Genesis 17, 1-7, 15-16 (NIV-UK)

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. 2 Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.'

3 Abram fell face down, and God said to him, 4 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.'

15 God also said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. 16 I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.'

Mark 8: 31-38

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

.....

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 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 with Children and families amongst the needy in our community. We pray for God's guidance regarding St Aidan's House.

We pray for all affected by the pandemic; praying particularly for health and care workers, pharmacists, volunteers and staff at vaccination centres, teachers preparing to reopen schools, delivery drivers, funeral directors and all who reach out to the lonely and housebound.

We pray for all who are unwell, and for those awaiting medical treatment or are in hospital or are recovering at home. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.

We pray for all those who are mourning, especially for the family and friends of Lewis Boyd Hill, Eileen Delves, Baby Everlake, Audrey Leslie and Joseph Fletcher

NOTICES:

Opportunities for Lent Study

Racial Justice Lent Course

Our local course will now be delayed until after Easter. The RRC are hosting 5 sessions on Thursday evenings exploring issues from a more personal perspective if you wish to join a zoom session please contact the church office or one of the clergy for details

The Prayer Course continues on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm with Norman, Clive and Angela facilitating the sessions. It's a great opportunity to connect with each other. This week the theme is '**Intercession**'. Why not come and join us? – zoom links are available from Norman and Clive. Links to the videos for previous weeks are on the Church website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

On Wednesday afternoons in Lent at 3pm (via Zoom), started 17th February on zoom, Mother Gemma is leading a lent course entitled 'Women in the Shadows'. Created by the Clewer Initiative (the Archbishop's Team for tackling Modern Slavery), this course uses short film clips, bible study, prayer, practical application, and discussion to explore the issues of Modern Slavery and particularly how women might be affected in our own communities.



Communities of Hope

Tea and Hope: Tuesday mornings at 10am Reaching out to families with young children, Bible story, craft and songs and time to chat together afterwards. On zoom with Jess and Julie. For more information contact Jess jess@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk or on 07597 308751 or Julie 07763 490278

Easter Egg Appeal: If you would like to donate any Easter Eggs we will be at St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road, every Friday 1-2pm, to 26 March. Do please contact us if you would struggle to get out, or you wish to make a donation.

Sunday Club News! This week our online Sunday Club video will be looking at the story of Joseph and his colourful coat. Our fun activities will involve gingerbread! Please join us on Sunday at 2pm on either the church website or our Facebook page, where you can pick up on all of our previous favourite bible stories
Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Giving - You can make direct donations to the Mission and Ministry of Stranton Church by bank transfer or standing order to Account: Stranton Parochial Church Council Sort Code 20-82-18 Account number 10146501. Or via the giving page on the Church website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> If you wish to join the **Parish Giving Scheme**, or give directly by standing order (with or without a gift aid tax declaration), or to have **loyalty scheme weekly envelopes**, or have any questions on church finance, please contact the Treasurer, David Craig tel. 07960 829102 or email treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk

Review of Church opening for public worship

The PCC will consider at its March meeting when it will be appropriate for re-opening of Church for public worship, in line with Government and Archbishops' advice and local public health information. In the mean time you are welcome to attend for private prayer only between 9 and 10 am on Sunday, and to join us online.

Live online Services for 1-6 March facebook addresses are below.

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 1 Mar	Mother Gemma		Rachel
Tues 2	Mother Gemma	Jess (family, CofH)	
Wed 3	Revd Norman	<i>Lent course **</i>	Angela/ Prayer course
Thurs 4	Mother Gemma	Revd Michelle	
Fri 5	-----	Revd Clive	Julia
Sat 6	Mother Gemma		

Note**

Contact revdgemma@gmail.com if you would like the link for the Wednesday Lent Course

Facebook Addresses: For "streamed" services to watch live or later on FaceBook, or on the Videos web page

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

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

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

also <https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh> and <https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub>

(then links to streamed services are available at <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

Contacts:

Church office, please telephone or email

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

Communities of Hope

Emma Cain (Team leader and volunteer co-ordinator) Tel 07597 308722 or emma@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk

**Morning Worship, Sunday 28th February
11am**

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.
Move among us
that we may behold your glory.
Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.

Song All Heaven Declares

**All Heaven Declares
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
With the beauty of the Lord?**

(Chorus)

**Forever You will be The Lamb upon the
throne.
I gladly bow the knee, and worship You
alone.**

**I will proclaim
The glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain
To reconcile man to God.**

(Chorus)

Confession

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in
heart.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and
divided.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness...

Collect:

**Almighty God, you show to those who are in
error the light of your truth, that they may
return to the way of righteousness: grant to all
those who are admitted into the fellowship of
Christ's religion, that they may reject those
things that are contrary to their profession, and
follow all such things as are agreeable to the
same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Birthdays and Celebrations:

Song Strength will rise...

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer,
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary (*Sing
twice*)**

**You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on the wings
Like eagles**

**Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer**

Song: Stronger...

**There is love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious**

**Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me**

Chorus

***You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all***

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defence
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

(Chorus)

So let Your name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher
So let Your name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher

(Chorus)

Bible readings: Gen. 17:1-7;15,16
Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

Song *This I Believe – (The Creed)*

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

*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*

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe
And I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

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

Prayers, ending with the Lord's prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Song: *There is a Redeemer*

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

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

(Chorus)
*Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
'Til the work on earth is done*

When I stand in glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve
My King forever, In that holy place

(Chorus)

Notices...

Blessing:

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