



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices 29 November 2020: St Luke's and Stranton Churches

Under the current lockdown we can only open Church for private prayer or streaming services.

Sunday 29th November: 1st Sunday of Advent

Purple

Private Prayer:

Stranton 9.00am-10.30am
St Luke's 9.30am-10.30am
St Aidan's 10.00am-11.00am

Services broadcast on facebook pages

9.15am Mass (from home) Revd Gemma Sampson
11.00am Morning Worship (from Stranton) Revd Norman and Rachel

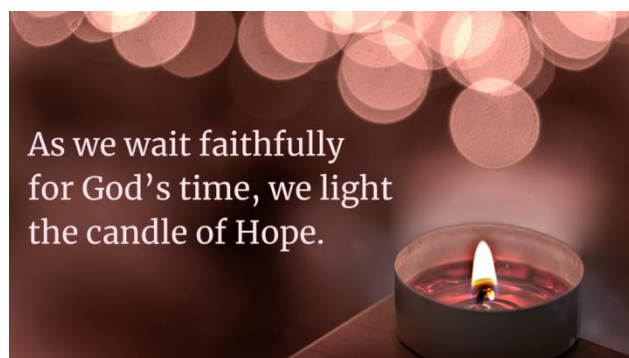
Readings: Isaiah 64: 1-9 or 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 and Mark 13: 24-end

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Next Week

**Following Government guidelines we will reopen for socially distanced worship,
both services will be streamed**

9.00am Holy Communion (order 1)

11.00am Family Communion (with songs) – Watch this space for Christmas Info next week

Month of Prayer

The month of prayer continues until Sunday 6 December. We are encouraged to pray at 6.00pm each day (or another suitable time for you). On Thursdays we are encouraged to consider fasting in some way. The final prayer diary is also available today.

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 the work begins to take shape.

We pray for all effected by the pandemic and the implications of the second lockdown, praying particularly for health and care workers and all key workers.

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, we remember the family and friends of Edward Bunting, Lorraine Richardson, Richard Wilson and Freda Hodgson and we pray for all the families who are grieving at the present time.

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The Return of Virtual Sunday Club!

Due to Sunday Club currently being unable to meet in Church I am bringing back the Virtual Sunday Club from the first lockdown. Back in March I began sending Sunday Club emails to a variety of families that included a bible reading/story, some suggested activities/things to think about and an adult assisted activity. Many children enjoyed the activities and learning more about God. **These emails are suitable for 5-11 year olds.**

These emails will be sent out every Sunday starting from the 15th November until Christmas. If you would like to be added to the email list or have any questions about this, please let me know. My email address is kate.lawson4@outlook.com.

Kate Lawson, Stranton Sunday Club Leader

Appeal 1: Toy Collection for Harbour and Asylum seekers

Working in partnership with other churches we plan to collect and distribute toys to asylum seekers and the women's refuge. **TOYS TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE VICARAGE 34a Westbourne Rd or at Church by 6th December.** Toys need to be **new and unwrapped** suitable for children age 0 – 18years.

Denise from Harbour writes: "Any new toys and gifts for any age children, we often receive large amounts of toys for younger children but rarely for children 12+ some ideas could be make up sets, jewellery sets, cinema vouchers or any other kind of vouchers, Greggs, Primark etc. (these start at £5), Lynx sets, playing cards, ear phones, powerbanks, footballs or small lego sets.

We also use a lot of Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags and tags so these would also be a great help to have donated. New underwear or nightwear (with tags or in packaging) – females, children; boys and girls, ages up to 16 years, Socks and Slippers Hats, Scarfs and Gloves (gender and age as above)

Toiletries, unopened/unused such as shower gels, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes or gift sets
Dried foods, such as what would be donated at Harvest or for Christmas Food Hampers and can be kept in a pantry
Selection boxes and sweets are very well received to include in Christmas Gifts for children and the women

Other items all year round: Children's Crafts, Household cleaning items, New underwear for women and children, New PJ's for women and children

Appeal 2: HAMPERS (with Communities of Hope team) “As we look towards Christmas this year we are hoping to reach our most vulnerable families with a package of Christmas treats that reflects the hospitality and generosity that we at Communities of Hope, think everyone should be able to experience along with the Good News of Jesus’ birth.

To that end we are asking for donations of specific items to put these “hampers of hope” together for some of the most needy residents in our parish. If you wish to support this outreach, donations “in Kind” or by financial donation (So that everyone receives the same) please can we ask for: ● Tubs of sweets (celebrations/heroes etc) ● Boxes of biscuits ● Mince pies/Christmas pudding ● Cake (Christmas or otherwise, needs to have an appropriate shelf life) ● Boxes of chocolates – chocolate coins ● Crackers (the kind that go bang with jokes in!) ● Christmas napkins ● Party poppers ● Tesco vouchers (£10- or monetary donation towards them)

We will be at St. Matthew’s Hall to receive donations: ● 1-2pm Friday 27th Nov ● 1-2pm Friday 4th Dec ● 1-2pm Friday 11th Dec

To make a monetary donation, please make a bank transfer to: ‘Stranton Parochial Church Council’ Account number: 10146501 Sort code: 20-82-18 **Reference: HAMPERS** Or you can post or drop off a cheque payable to ‘Stranton Parochial Church Council’ to CoH Hampers % St Matthews Community Centre Arncliffe Gardens Hartlepool TS26 9JF”

News from our Community of Hope Team

Mobile Carol service (with donkey!):

As we can’t sing in Church, we thought we would take our carol singing out to people where they live. So, we have hired a donkey and on **20th December** we will take "our" donkey along a pre-planned route, to sing carols with all who would like (and Covid permitting, are able) to join in with us. If it is possible, please do come and support us.

More details about the timing and the route will follow once we have it arranged.

Advent trail:

Jess will run an outside "trail" during Advent. We will give all our partner schools a trail form and a map of where the posters will be placed. If you have pre-school age children who would like to take part, please get in touch with us (telephone below) and we will do our best to help you join in as well.

At the end of the holidays, those who have managed to work out the special sentence hidden in the trail will receive a small gift. If you feel you can support us in sourcing gifts (we are thinking of, possibly, a chocolate orange), please let us know.

Christmas cards:

We have designed Community of Hope Christmas cards and they are on sale now. The designs are advertised on the Hartlepool Community of Hope Facebook page where you can place an order.

Pack of 10, with 2 different designs, costs £3.50; Pack of 12, with three different designs, costs £4.00

Please contact us via facebook to order cards and then pay via online banking

- Account name "Stranton Parochial Church Council"
- Account number 10146501
- Sort Code 20-82-18
- quoting reference "Card sales":

or, if you don’t bank on line, please get on touch with us and we will make different arrangements, to make it possible for you to buy our COH Christmas cards!

Please contact us via our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh> or our phone numbers are:

- Emma: 07597 308722
- Jess: 07597 308751
- Jo: 07597 308748

Advent Photo Challenge!

During the time of advent your challenge is to take a photo a day to help you to pause and reflect through the season of Advent. Each day will have a different word to help to inspire your daily photo. Anyone can take part in this challenge and you may want to share your pictures with each other or create a collage of photos at the end of Advent. Don't worry about whether you are using a camera or your phone, just make sure that you are having fun and thinking about the things that we are celebrating at this time of year. If you would like to receive the daily word to inspire your photo as well as a picture for inspiration (taken by yours truly 😊), please let me know. If you would prefer to do this independently here are the daily words to inspire you:

1 st Dec – Light	7 th Dec – Patience	13 th Dec – Good News	19 th Dec – Gentleness
2 nd Dec – Inspire	8 th Dec – Preparation	14 th Dec – Love	20 th Dec – Trust
3 rd Dec – Joy	9 th Dec – Hope	15 th Dec – Promise	21 st Dec – Waiting
4 th Dec – Peace	10 th Dec – Family	16 th Dec – Grace	22 nd Dec – Kindness
5 th Dec – Prayer	11 th Dec – New Life	17 th Dec – Faith	23 rd Dec – Rest
6 th Dec – Wonder	12 th Dec – Blessed	18 th Dec – Holy	24 th Dec – Christmas

You may just want to enjoy taking pictures however if you want you can enter the Stranton Advent Photo Competition which is open to all ages. To enter all you need to do is to send a collage of your pictures to me and then they will be judged. Some of these pictures will be shared in the Signpost magazine (with your permission) and the winner will be announced in the notice sheet and the Signpost magazine.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is kate.lawson4@outlook.com.

Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

BEING IN CHURCH... Please read, things may have changed...

- Under the new lock down rules we can only gather for private prayer or to lead/help stream a service with no congregation.
- You should NOT come to Church if you are in quarantine, or are self isolating because you have Covid-19 symptoms or have been a direct contact of someone who has recently tested positive.
- We ask for your co-operation in keeping yourself and others as safe as possible and ask everyone coming in to Church to wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser coming in and going out. Please do not come if you are unwell or have recently been in contact with someone who has developed COVID -19.
- Let a member of the Team, Churchwarden or the parish office know if you develop COVID-19 symptoms in the week following your attendance at church
- Entry into church is via the south door (usual entrance). The North Aisle is reserved for those who wish to take particular care in distancing, entry by West door.
- Hand sanitiser is available on entry and exit and must be used when you come in.
- Your name and contact number will be entered onto the register of attendance. The register of attendees will be kept for three weeks, for track and trace purposes only.
- If you have the Government's mobile Tracing "App" on your smartphone, we have a "QR code" on display that you can scan as you come into church. It is not an alternative to signing in, as many people still do not have the App, but it is one of the ways we can help to keep one another safe.
- The use of face masks is mandatory while in the building.
- Follow the floor markings to take you around the one way system.
- Maintain 2 metre distancing one person to a marked pew – families/household “bubbles” of no more than 6 may sit together – please do not sit in a pew marked as not available for use .
- Your seat will have been sanitised before you come and will be cleaned again after use.
- Access to the Toilets is available if necessary, but you are asked to follow the directions for flushing and wiping down

A collection will not be taken up but you may leave your offering e.g. loyalty envelopes in the basket at the back of church if you come for private prayer. Please Visit the parish website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> for details of how to support the work and mission of the Church financially, or ask the Treasurer David Craig craigdanew@gmail.com / 07960 829102 for details of online giving and gift aid schemes.

Live on line Services for 30 November – 5 December *facebook addresses are below*

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 30 Nov	Mother Gemma		Rachel
Tues 1 Dec	Mother Gemma	Community of Hope	
Wed 2	Revd Michelle		Angela Craig
Thurs 3	Mother Gemma	Mary Tones or Mother Gemma	
Fri 4	-----	Revd Clive	Julia Taylor
Sat 5	Mother Gemma		

<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>

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

ALL group services are available later via the video link on Stranton website above – this also works even if you do not have a facebook account.

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Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609

Email: nshave1@btinternet.com

More information can be found on our web site at: <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

Morning Worship on Advent Sunday

Welcome

Lift up your heads to the coming King,
Bow before Him and adore Him sing.
To His Majesty, let your praises be
Pure and holy giving glory to the King of kings.

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with
fire,
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin,
The people sing, the people sing:

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith.
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek,
We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

Hosanna, hosanna...

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen,
Show me how to love like you have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks yours
Everything I am for your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity.

Advent Wreath: Lighting of candle

People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.
You are God's children.
**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**

Confession

Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Words of forgiveness

Intercessions

Collect

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Celebrations, birthdays, notices

Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am.....

*And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.*

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-37

Sermon

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.**

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

(repeat)

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.

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
pour out your Spirit we pray;
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
pour out your Spirit on us today.

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Blessing and dismissal

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

