



# Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

**COVID TIER FIVE - 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

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

### *The Presentation of Christ*

### *Streamed to Facebook...*

9.15am Holy Communion

Rev Norman & Rachel

*St Luke's*

10.45am Mass

Mother Gemma

*St Aidan's*

11.00am Morning Worship

Revd Norman & Emma

*Stranton*

**2:00 pm Sunday Club**

**Kate**

**Sunday Club**

**Readings:** Malachi 3: 1-5; Luke 2: 22-40 :

The words for Hymns & Songs are below

(Please note Wednesday Communion will be streamed from home at 9.15am)

### **Collect for the Presentation of Christ:**

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to  
your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. Amen

### **Post Communion:**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.



## Intercessions

We pray for national and local leaders: our Government: and for American President Jo Biden and his team, for wisdom in day to day decisions regarding the pandemic: for health, safety, wise & fair 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 amongst the needy in our community.

We pray for all affected by the pandemic and being in lockdown; praying particularly for health and care and other key workers, seafarers, transport and construction workers, electricians and plumbers.

We pray for all who are unwell, awaiting medical treatment or are in hospital and for those recovering at home, especially for Revd Peter Townsend and his family, for Dr Apte and for Sue Coates. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.

We pray for all families who are grieving at the present time, especially for the family and friends of John Wilson, Lilian Risby and Diane Hazelwood.

## NOTICES

### DIOCESAN LENT COURSE – RACIAL JUSTICE

Rev Michelle, Mary and Rachel are planning to use the diocesan Lent course exploring issues of Racial Justice. ***Dates and times to follow soon.***

**The Prayer Course:** Norman and Clive are planning to run 'The Prayer Course' online, using Zoom. This 8 session course will be on Wednesdays at 7.30. We will start on Wednesday 3rd February finishing on the Wednesday before Easter. As background reading for the course we recommend the book 'How to Pray' by Pete Greig. If you are interested in being part of this course please contact Julia or Trish.

**Prayers on Wednesday:** Zoom Prayer Room at 3pm on Wednesdays, you can join in with others in a moment of prayer. There will be links for these meetings on Zoom. Please contact Mother Gemma, if you'd like to join in.



**The Archbishop's are encouraging us to pray at 6pm each evening this week** remembering the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on our nation. They suggest the following prayer:

*Gracious God,  
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,  
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.  
Be gentle with us in our grief,  
protect us from despair,  
and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope  
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.*

**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](mailto:jess@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk) or on 07597 308751 or Julie 07763 490278

**Sunday club news!** Thank you to everyone who watched our first couple of online Sunday club videos. If you missed them they are still up for you to see on either of the links (below).

Please remember to join us for the next video which will be released on Sunday at 2pm either via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub> or on the Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/sundayclub.html>.

We will be looking at the "Sneaky Snake" in the continuing story of Adam and Eve. There will be a bible story and some fun craft activities you can try at home.

**Giving** - Annual boxes of weekly Loyalty Scheme envelopes will be distributed to those who use them next week. If you wish, 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 07960 829102

**Live on line Services for 1 – 6 February** facebook addresses are below

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 25 Jan	Mother Gemma		Rachel
Tues 26	Mother Gemma	Jess	
Wed 27	Revd Norman	<i>Prayers on zoom- Note **</i>	Linda
Thurs 28	Mother Gemma	Revd Michelle	
Fri 29	-----		Revd Andrew
Sat 30	Mother Gemma		

**Note\*\* Contact [revdgemma@gmail.com](mailto:revdgemma@gmail.com) if you would like the link to join 3 pm Wednesday Zoom Prayer**

**Facebook Addresses: for streamed service watch live or later on FaceBook or go to the “Videos” page**

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

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

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

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

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

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More information can be found on our web site at:

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

**Morning Worship Sunday 31st January 11am**

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

**Loving Lord,  
fill us with your life giving,  
joy giving, peace giving presence,  
that we may praise you now with our lips  
and all the day long with our lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**There's nothing worth more**  
that would ever come close,  
Nothing can compare, you're our living Hope,  
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,  
When my heart becomes free and my shame is  
undone,  
Your presence, Lord.

*Holy Spirit you are welcome here,  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.*

**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...*

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.

*Hosanna...*

**Your grace is enough**, more than I need,  
And your word I will believe.  
I wait for you, draw near again,  
Let your Spirit make me new.

*And I will fall at your feet,  
I will fall at your feet,  
And I will worship you here.*

Your presence in me, Jesus light the way,  
By the power of your word.  
I am restored, I am redeemed  
By your Spirit I am free.

Freely you gave it all for us,  
Surrendered your life upon that cross,  
Great is your love, poured out for all  
This is our God.  
Lifted on high from death to life,  
Forever our God is glorified,  
Servant and King rescued the world,  
This is our God.

*Collect*

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. Amen**

*Bible readings:* Malachi 3:1-5  
Luke 2:22-40

*Sermon*

**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 my intellect, and use  
every power 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.

#### *Creed*

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

#### *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.**

#### *Notices, birthdays and celebrations*

**Father, we love you**  
we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.  
Glorify your name,  
glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you.....

Spirit, we love you.....

**Over all the earth** you reign on high  
every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
but my one request, Lord, my only aim  
is that you reign in me again

*Lord, reign in me, reign in your power  
over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
so won't you reign in me again?*

Over every thought, over every word  
may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord.  
'Cause you mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't you reign in me again?

#### *Blessing*

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

## Songs for 9.15am service

**O', God, you search me**, and you know me  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze  
When I walk or lie down, you are before me  
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

You know my resting and my rising  
You discern my purpose from afar  
And with love everlasting, you besiege me  
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord  
You have known its meaning through and through  
You are with me beyond my understanding  
God of my present, my past and future, too

Although your Spirit is upon me  
Still I search for shelter from your light  
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you  
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

For you created me and shaped me  
Gave me life within my mother's womb  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you  
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new  
Mmm, all creation is made new

### **Holy Spirit You are Welcome Here**

There's nothing worth more  
That will ever come close, nothing can compare  
You're our living hope

Your presence Lord  
I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free  
And my shame is undone  
Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your Glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord

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Let us become more aware of your presence  
Let us experience the Glory of Your Goodness

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To be overcome by your presence, Lord  
Yeah

**Faithful One**, so unchanging  
Ageless One, You're my rock of peace  
Lord of all, I depend on You  
I call out to You, again and again  
I call out to You, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble  
You lift me up when I fall down  
All through the storm  
Your love is, the anchor  
My hope is in You alone

Faithful One, so unchanging  
Ageless One, You're my rock of peace  
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You are my rock in times of trouble  
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My hope is in You alone

Oh Lord, You are my rock,  
You are my hope  
Faithful One  
Oh my Lord, You are my rock, you are my  
hope  
Faithful One

I call out to You, again and again  
I call out to You, again and again

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You are my rock in times of trouble  
You lift me up, when I fall down  
All through the storm  
Your love is, the anchor  
My hope is in You alone  
My hope is in You alone

**Oceans**  
You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep  
My faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand  
Will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds  
me  
You've never failed and You won't start  
now

So I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

**CHORUS**  
Spirit lead me where my trust is without  
borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever  
wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior

### **Malachi 3: 1-5 The Coming Messenger**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### **Luke 2: 22-40 Jesus Is Presented in the Temple**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.