



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

6th December 2020: Stranton, Burbank and St Luke's Churches Notices

Under Tier Three we are able to open church for services in a Covid safe way.

Sunday 6th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Purple

Sunday Services

Stranton	9.00am	Holy Communion (<i>Streamed*</i>)	Revd Norman & Jess
Stranton	11.00am	Family Communion (<i>Streamed*</i>)	Revd Clive & Jess

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11 or 2 Peter 3: 8-15 and Mark 1: 1-8

Wednesday Service 9th December

St Luke's	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Norman
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***services are streamed on <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/>**

Physical Christmas Services - Please contact the church office if you plan to attend:

Sunday 20th December

11.00am Nativity Service, (*an informal service for all ages*)

Thursday 24th December,

7pm Holy Communion for Christmas Night

11pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, Friday 25th December,

10.00am Family Communion

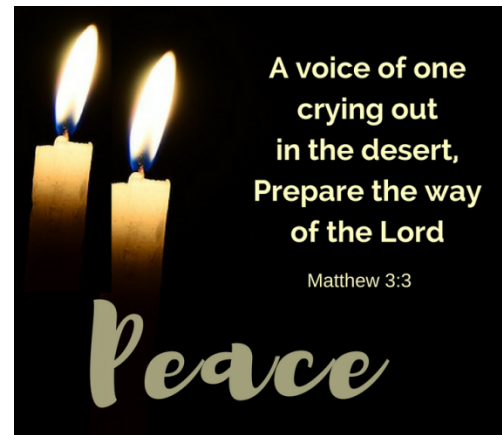
Other services will be streamed:

Sunday 13th December 3pm A short Christingle service (Messy Church Facebook Page)

Sunday 20th December, 6pm Carol service from Stranton

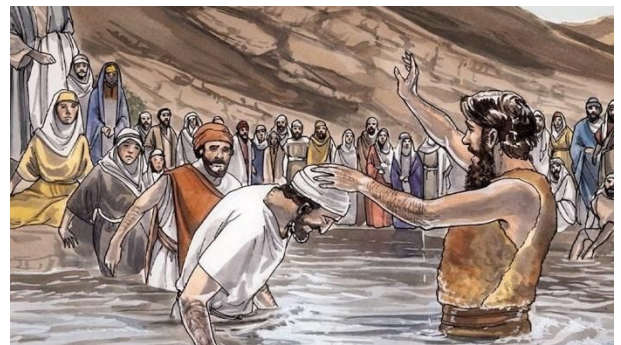
Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent:

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and Saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
And who also reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen



Post Communion:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of
his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 Lorraine Richardson, Richard Wilson Freda Hodgson Andrew Delves and Ron Taylor we pray for all the families who are grieving at the present time.

Ron Taylor Just to inform those who remember Rev Stephen Taylor's Dad Ron, who did so much inside Stranton Church during Stephen & Julie's time in Hartlepool (they left in 2000 to take up a post at Sunderland Minster), we received this on Tuesday.

"Just wanted to let you and others in Hartlepool know the sad news that Ron, aged 96, died yesterday (30th November). He was admitted to hospital 4 weeks ago after a fall at home and the plan was for him to return home with carers, but he deteriorated over the weekend. It was very hard as it has been for so many families not to be allowed to visit. However, Stephen was able to be with him at the end and Joyce and his sister were also allowed a visit. It is very sad but we are thankful for his long life and all the great memories. We are supporting Joyce as best we can within the lockdown

and soon to be Tier 3 restrictions. Stephen's sister lives relatively locally in Leeds and Ron and Joyce have/are very much been part of their street community.”

Ron and Joyce were loved and respected within the Stranton Family, spending most weekends in the Parish participating fully in Parish activities, plus accompanying us on Parish weekends and holidays. Ron was a modest man who had served in the Special Services during the war. He was talented with his hands building and decorating the Choir Vestry cupboards and toilet. In addition his time on car watch duty (who remembers those days?) was always well spent -checking all the cars had up to date tax discs!

Stephen & Julie have recently moved house, if you would like to send condolences please contact me for their address.

Jacqui Rogers: 07885 083913 or 01429 265527

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 34a Westbourne Rd or at Church by 13th 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

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 can gather for socially distanced worship.
- 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 7-12 December facebook addresses are below

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 7 Dec	Mother Gemma		Mother Gemma
Tues 8	Mother Gemma	Monopoli family	
Wed 9	Revd Norman		Lizelke
Thurs 10	Mother Gemma	Revd Norman	
Fri 11	-----	Rachel	Andrew McAllister
Sat 12	Mother Gemma		

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Daily Services are streamed on Facebook and afterwards on <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

Contacts:

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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>

Holy Communion Sunday 6th December 11am

The greeting and opening prayer

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

And also with you.

Lighting of Advent candle

Response: Lord, make us one in the love of Christ today

Make way, make way,

for Christ the King in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives.

*Make way! Make way! For the King of kings.
Make way! Make way! And let His kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all.
To have no gods before Him their thrones must fall!

Confession

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again. Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of forgiveness

Collect

**Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen**

Birthdays and celebrations

Interview with Jess

My Lord, he is a comin' soon;

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Get ev'rything ready for that day;
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*

If you're asleep, it's time to wake up;
Awake, O sleeper, arise.
If you're in the dark, it's time to be lit;
Awake, O sleeper, arise.

Come, Lord Jesus, come into my heart;
Prepare ye the way of the King
He is coming, he's coming soon;
Prepare the way of the King.

Bible reading Isaiah 40: 1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading Mark 1:1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

At the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Creed

response: I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth,
pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

*Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
to so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung
as a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh my words could not tell, not even in part
of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.*

You deserve my every breath
for You've paid the great cost;
giving up Your life to death, even death on a cross.
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
The glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
And of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and

made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him;

his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him;

his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,

send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine

may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts

make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world

we offer you this sacrifice of praise

and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Breaking of bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,

precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father for giving us your Son

and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,

precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,

and there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.

I lift my hands to the coming King

To the great I AM, to you I sing,

For you're the one who reigns within my heart.

And I will serve no foreign god, or any other treasure.

You are my heart's desire: Spirit without measure.

Unto your name I would raise my sacrifice.

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Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies

to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Notices

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King,

Let his song rise within you as a fragrant offering,

Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem,

All who trust in his unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,

With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ,

Walking justly before him, loving all that is right,

That the life of Christ may shine through us.

King of heaven, we will answer the call,

We will follow, bringing hope to the world,

Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim

Salvation in Jesus' name!

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost,

With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,

Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come;

Let the nations put their trust in him.

The Blessing

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.