



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 11 April 2021: Stranton and Burbank Community Churches

Welcome and God's Blessing as we gather in Church and online

Church services have now resumed, and you are welcome to attend subject to following all COVID-safe guidelines. If you are self isolating or cannot attend you are welcome to follow the Services streaming LIVE on Facebook or Stranton web pages at the times shown, or afterwards as online videos.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)

Streamed to Facebook...

9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
9.15am	Holy Communion	Revd Norman	
10.45am	Mass	Mother Gemma	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship with Baptism	Revd Norman/Rachel	<i>Stranton</i>
2.00 pm	Stranton Sunday Club (online only)	Kate	<i>Stranton Sunday Club</i>

Readings: - Acts 4: 32-35; John 20: 19-31

The Liturgy and songs for 11am Morning Worship are below.

9.15am	<u>Wednesday</u> Communion	Revd Clive	<i>St Luke's</i>
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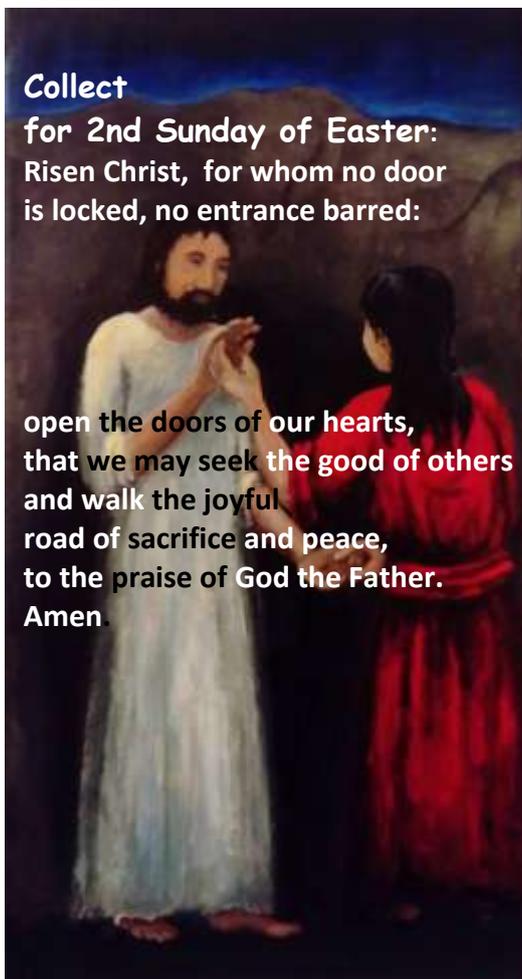
**for 2nd Sunday of Easter:
Risen Christ, for whom no door
is locked, no entrance barred:**

**open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful
road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.**

Post Communion:

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Acts 4: 32-35 (NIV) The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

John 20: 19-31 (NIV) Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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 the take-up of the vaccine and on-going safeguarding measures defeats the virus and it becomes safe for us all to resume our normal activities.

We pray for all affected by the pandemic and for the decision makers implementing the roadmap to ease the lockdown; we pray particularly for health and care workers, clergy, mental health councillors, financial advisors, those working in banking (facing great upheaval), pub and restaurant workers preparing to open and all those with no work to return to.

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 those to be baptised this Sunday: Leila, Elnaz, Mitra, Ava and Alice.

We pray for all who are unwell remembering Joan Herbert, for those awaiting medical treatment, 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, and we remember the family and friends of Prabhakar Apte and Olwyn Wood

NOTICES

Following the resumption of Sunday Worship, which you may attend in person (subject to the current guidelines on safety and self-isolation), also with online streaming of both Sunday services from Stranton Church, which you can also access later, the weekday streaming of services online via facebook and website from the homes of clergy and worship leaders is being reduced.

Live online Services for w/c 12 April (facebook addresses are below).

- Mother Gemma will stream Mass at 9.15am from St Aidan's each morning on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.**
- Communities of Hope will continue to stream an afternoon reflection at 3.00pm on **Tuesdays.**
- Later in April, (dates to be confirmed) Michelle will begin a weekly afternoon reflection on Thursdays at 3.00pm
- STRANTON SUNDAY CLUB will be online with Kate on Sundays at 2 pm with Bible stories and activities for children of primary school age

If you would like to access a night prayer **Lectio 365 have introduced a daily night prayer** accessible by downloading the app. The Church of England have also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.

Weekday Central Hartlepool Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30am Monday to Friday from Monday 12th April – ask for an invitation if you wish to join.

Parish Giving – how to support the mission and ministry of Stranton Church

The Parish Giving Scheme has been updated and it is now possible to join this direct debit scheme through the scheme's website. The link for Stranton church is <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/stranton-all-saints-ts24-7qt/> We do still welcome and give thanks to those who give by standing order and / or envelopes but there are additional costs involved in these older methods. It is also still possible to join the scheme by obtaining a form if you prefer a paper application. If anyone has any questions about the scheme please let me know. *David Craig, Hon. Treasurer treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk*

Easter Egg Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has given generously to this appeal.

Facebook Addresses:

<https://www.facebook.com/aidancolumba/> <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/>
<https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub> <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool>
<https://www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcoh>

(then available at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

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Stranton Church 11th April 11am
Morning worship with baptisms

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**

*He has risen, he has risen,
He has risen, Jesus is alive.*

When the life flowed from His body,
seemed like Jesus' mission failed.
But his sacrifice accomplished,
vict'ry over sin and hell.

In the grave God did not leave him,
for his body to decay;
raised to life the great awakening,
Satan's pow'r he overcame.

If there were no resurrection,
we ourselves could not be raised;
but the Son of God is living,
so our hope is not in vain.

When the Lord rides out of heaven,
mighty angels at his side,
they will sound the final trumpet,
from the grave we shall arise.

He has given life immortal
we shall see Him face to face;
through eternity we'll praise Him
Christ the champion of our faith.

The Collect

**Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen**

Notices

Birthdays and celebrations

*Jesus isn't dead anymore,
that is why we sing.
Jesus isn't dead anymore,
He's alive and he's the King of heaven.*

Killed on a cross and sealed in a tomb,
but that was not the end;
God brought Jesus back to life,
Now he's our living friend.

*Final chorus: Jesus isn't dead anymore,
that is why we sing.
Jesus isn't dead anymore,
He's alive and he's our King.*

*Bible readings: Act 4:31-35
John 20:19-31*

*At the end of the reading the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Song by Negar

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.**

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Saviour,
I know for sure
all of my days are held in your hand,
crafted into your perfect plan.

You gently call me into your presence,
guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
teach me, dear Lord,
to live all of my life through your eyes.

I'm captured by your holy calling,
set me apart,
I know you're drawing me to yourself;
lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mould me, use me, fill me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me,
walk beside me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

The Baptism

N Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

N asks the candidates: Do you wish to be baptized?

Candidates **I wish to be baptized.**

The Decision

N In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Candidates **I reject them.**

N Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

N Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Candidates **I repent of them.**

N Do you turn to Christ as saviour?

Candidates **I turn to Christ.**

N Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Candidates **I submit to Christ.**

N Do you come to Christ, the way the truth and the life?

Candidates **I come to Christ.**

Signing with the cross

N Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as disciples of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your lives.**

N May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen**

Prayer over the water

Profession of faith

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.**

N Is this your faith?

Candidates **This is my faith.**

Baptism

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Words of blessing

The welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

In the darkness we were waiting

Without hope, without light,
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word,
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died.

Praise the Father..

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath,
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me.

Giving of a lighted candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Blessing