



# Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

## Notices and Readings 13 September 2020: Stranton St Luke's and Burbank Community Churches

Services are taking place in Church and streamed on Facebook\*\* (please see details below).

### **Services Sunday 13 September: THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	Revd Clive	Stranton Church
9.15am	Eucharist	Revd Norman	St Luke's Church
10.45am	Mass (**streamed)	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's Church
11.00am	<b>Morning Worship (**streamed)</b>	Revd Michelle and Revd Norman	Stranton Church

\*\*All streamed services are available afterwards via <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

Readings for today: **Romans 14: 1-12 and Matthew 18: 21-35** we are using the NIV version, set out below. **We propose in future not to include the text in notices, but will display it on screen for Church services**. Please use your own Bible; if anyone would like to have a separate printout please let us know.

Church services will be projected on the screens so you will not need a service book.

### **Collect**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen



### **Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Romans 14: 1-12 NIV**

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup>One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup>Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup>It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord,  
‘every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

## **Matthew 18: 21-25 NIV**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **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 members, as they prepare to take up posts in our Group of Parishes later in September; and for Mother Gemma and Revd Norman for the additional responsibility they will be assuming.

We pray for Andy and Rose Roberts our CMS Link missionaries as they prepare to visit us later this month. We pray for the work of ReVive in Brazil working to rebuild the lives of young girls.

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 and we remember the family and friends Marion Hopkins, Rosemary Hogan, Richard Mason, Carol O'Donovan, Vera Smith and for all who are grieving at this time.

## ***SOCIAL GATHERINGS, CHURCH SERVICES and Annual Parish Meeting (APCM)***

The Prime minister has specifically stated that **Church Worship can continue** in the coming months. This is because we provide a 'Covid Secure' environment in Church. Separately, Bishop Paul has also directed that we must hold our APCM, before the end of October, that is open to all members. We are putting plans in place for this to take place after the service in Church on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. This meeting will be in person **with an option to join on-line by zoom link that will be emailed to members for whom we hold details in advance**.

### ***TWO SERVICES TO RETURN FROM SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER***

From today, 13 September we are restarting two services on Sunday mornings.

9.00am - will be a said communion service (BCP 1662 alternating with order 1)- We anticipate this will be a quiet service with plenty of room for social distancing. The usual instructions (below) will apply. The service will be projected on screens.

11.00am - This service will also be streamed, live, weekly and will alternate a more informal Holy Communion service with Morning Worship. There will be some songs sung by the music group (see details below). We want to welcome all ages to this service. Sunday club (for ages 5 – 11) will restart on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September and will be held fortnightly. The Sunday Club leaders will be in contact with our regular families with more details before we start.

### ***INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP***

Please read carefully if you are coming into Church for Sunday worship: online "streaming" services are also continuing, so we do not want people to feel under any pressure to come, especially those who may be most at risk. If you are a recent COVID!9 contact or in isolation for health reasons you should not to come to Church.

Enter Church by the south door (usual entrance) but the West (Choir vestry) door will also be open and the pews on the north side are recommended for those who wish to take particular care in distancing.

- Everyone is required to maintain social distancing as well as sanitising their hands on entry and exit, and immediately before receiving communion . A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks (for tracing purposes only). Please give your name so it can be entered onto the register.
- Please follow the directions of sidespeople and the "one way" arrows
- Maintain 2 metre distancing – families may sit together
- The use of face masks inside the building is now mandatory during attendance for services of worship.
- The words for Sunday service will be displayed on the screens.
- Although songs/hymns will be played there will be no congregational singing.
- Sunday club is not yet operating so Children will need to stay with parents
- at the end of the Service please meet outside and/or socially distanced to meet and talk, please do not obstruct the way for others to leave safely.
- Your seat will be sanitised after use
- Access to the toilet is available if necessary Please try to avoid using, and sanitise all surfaces touched after use in accordance with the instructions on display.

If you become unwell with COVID-19 like symptoms within the week after attending a church service please advise a member of the clergy or a churchwarden so that the contact list information from that service can be used for test and tracing purposes.

**Helping one another:** as we open up for worship we need people to assist the Churchwardens to set up before services and clear away afterwards, greet and guide at all services, Verger at Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings, read the Bible, lead intercessions, prepare and operate the projector and screens, clean the church, look after flowers. Everyone is welcome to take up any of these roles, please let Trish know if you feel you can help: Thank you.

***Offertory/giving – we are not yet permitted to take up an offertory in Church, but you may now leave your gift in the basket at the back of church, and there are various means of online giving: contact the Treasurer David Craig if you would like to join the Parish Giving Scheme or to have standing order details.***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR AND WELCOME:** Rachel (our Ordinand Trainee) and her husband Seth, Give thanks for a smooth move across to Hartlepool and pray for them as they settle into our town. And also for Lizeleke, (Ministry experience volunteer), as she finishes her studies in Durham and prepares to Join us in late September.

**Visit of Andy and Rose, our CMS link missionaries in South America– at both services, 20 September**

Andy and Rose work to help the Lord restore lives and renew hope among young girls who are victims of sexual abuse, exploitation and neglect in Brazil. As founders and directors of UK charity, ReVive and Brazilian NGO ReaViva, they promote this work internationally, and run a safe house in Olinda for girls who have been abused or abandoned: **come and hear them next Sunday (will be streamed live at 11:00 am)**

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Monday	Mother Gemma	---	Angela C
Tuesday	Mother Gemma	Jess	---
Wednesday	Revd Norman	---	Jess
Thursday	Mother Gemma	Revd Michelle	---
Friday	----	Christine	Julia
Saturday	Mother Gemma	---	---

**Live on line Services for 14 - 19 September** facebook addresses are below.

**Services Sunday 20 September (NB Two Services live streamed on Facebook)**

9.00am	Holy Communion (order 1)	Revd Norman	Stranton Church*
9.15am	Eucharist	Revd Michelle	St Luke’s Church
11.00am	Morning Worship ( <b>streamed</b> )	Revd Norman	Stranton Church*
10.45am	Eucharist ( <b>streamed</b> )	Mother Gemma	St Aidan’s Church

**\*At Stranton in both services we will welcome our CMS link missionaries, Andy & Rose Roberts**

All group live-streamed “Facebook” services are available via <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

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

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

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

**Contacts:**

**Church offices (Stranton – will open after Monday, by appointment only)**

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009 (Trish) [admin@stranton-church-org.uk](mailto:admin@stranton-church-org.uk) (appointment only)

For St Luke’s Church Office Tel 01429 281122 [julia@stlukeschurch.plus.com](mailto:julia@stlukeschurch.plus.com) (open Mon, Wed & Fri)

Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609 [nshave1@btinternet.com](mailto:nshave1@btinternet.com) (day off – Friday)

More information can be found on our web sites at:

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

St Luke’s [www.stlukeshartlepool.org](http://www.stlukeshartlepool.org)

**Morning Worship Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
**11am (in Church and Streamed on Facebook)**

**As we are gathered**, Jesus is here  
one with each other, Jesus is here.  
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood;  
part of the body, the church of God.  
As we are gathered, Jesus is here  
one with each other, Jesus is here.

**Speak, O Lord**, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All Your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

**Lord, I come to you**,  
let my heart be changed, renewed,  
flowing from the grace that I found in you.  
And, Lord, I've come to know  
the weaknesses I see in me  
will be stripped away  
by the power of your love.

*Hold me close,  
let your love surround me,  
bring me near,  
draw me to your side;  
and as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,  
and I will soar with you;  
your Spirit leads me on  
in the power of your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,  
let me see you face to face,  
the knowledge of your love,  
as you live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind  
as your will unfolds in my life,  
in living every day  
in the power of your love.

**Brother, sister** let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I might have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.

We are brothers on a journey,  
We are sisters on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I might have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.