



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

**COVID TIER FOUR - 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 Mothering Sunday – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

If you can, you are welcome to follow Services streaming LIVE from the homes of ministers and worship leaders, on Facebook or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page

**PLANS TO RESTART PHYSICAL WORSHIP ARE NOW IN PLACE – SEE NOTICES BELOW**

#### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

*Streamed to Facebook...*

9.15am	Holy Communion	Revd Norman	<i>St Luke's</i>
10.45am	Mass	Mother Gemma	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship	Rachel Price & Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
2:00 pm	<i>Sunday Club, with Kate</i>		

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

**Readings:** Exodus 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21

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

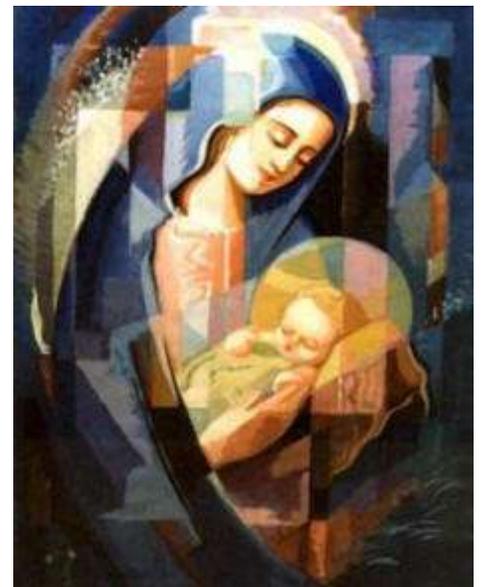
9.15am	<i>Wednesday</i> Communion	Revd Andrew	<i>St Luke's</i>
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#### **Collect for Mothering Sunday:**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### **Post Communion:**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us  
in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your good ness to grow in grace within the  
household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## **Exodus 2 1-10: The birth of Moses (NIV UK)**

**2** Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket<sup>Ⓜ</sup> for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup> She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.

<sup>7</sup> Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'

<sup>8</sup> 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

## **John 3 14-21 : The birth of Moses (NIV UK)**

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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### **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 for the PCC meeting this week to discuss plans for St Aidan's House and to reopen Church.

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 with Children and families amongst the needy in our community. We pray for God's guidance regarding St Aidan's House and specifically for the PCC meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

We pray for all affected by the pandemic; praying particularly for health and care workers, pharmacists, volunteers and staff at vaccination centres, teachers preparing to reopen schools, delivery drivers, funeral directors and all who reach out to the lonely and housebound.

We pray for all who are unwell, and for those awaiting medical treatment or 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, especially for the family and friends of Lewis Boyd Hill Eileen Delves and Kevin Long.

## NOTICES:

### REOPENING FOR WORSHIP:

PCC are discussing the proposal to reopen for Physical worship from **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)**. The other group Churches are also planning to reopen on the same day. The safety of everyone remains a priority for everyone, so Covid restrictions and safety measures will continue. Watch this space for further details about Holy Week and Easter next week.

**The Prayer Course** continues on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm with Norman, Clive and Angela facilitating the sessions. It's a great opportunity to connect with each other. This week the theme is **'Intercession'**. Why not come and join us? – zoom links are available from Norman and Clive. Links to the videos for previous weeks are on the Church website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

**On Wednesday afternoons in Lent at 3pm (via Zoom)**, started 17th February on zoom, Mother Gemma is leading a lent course entitled 'Women in the Shadows'. Created by the Clewer Initiative (the Archbishop's Team for tackling Modern Slavery), this course uses short film clips, bible study, prayer, practical application, and discussion to explore the issues of Modern Slavery and particularly how women might be affected in our own communities.



### Communities of Hope

**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.

**Easter Egg Appeal:** If you would like to donate any Easter Eggs we will be at St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road, every Friday 1-2pm, to 26 March. Do please contact us if you would struggle to get out, or you wish to make a donation. Your gifts will support families in need in our parish

### Sunday Club News!

Please join us on Sunday at 2pm on our Facebook page or the church website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> for our next video. We will be looking at the story of Moses in the Basket and think a bit about Mother's Day. Our craft activities will include painting.

*Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader*

**Giving** - 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 tel. 07960 829102 or email [treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk)

**Live online Services for 15-20 March** facebook addresses are below.

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 15 Mar	Mother Gemma		Revd Michelle
Tues 16	Mother Gemma	Jess (family)	
Wed 17	Revd Andrew	Prayers on zoom	Angela Craig
Thurs 18	Mother Gemma	Revd Michelle	
Fri 19	-----	Revd Clive	Julia Taylor
Sat 20	Mother Gemma		

**Note\*\***

Contact [revdgemma@gmail.com](mailto:revdgemma@gmail.com) if you would like the link for the Wednesday Lent Course

Facebook Addresses: For “streamed” services to watch live or later on FaceBook, or on the Videos web page

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

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

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

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

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

**Communities of Hope**

Emma Cain (Team leader and volunteer co-ordinator) Tel 07597 308722 or [emma@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk](mailto:emma@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk)



**Easter collection:**

**Support Anna Court and Rose House (supported housing accommodations helping young people) by donating Easter eggs or a card with a special message!**

**Donations can be brought to St. Aidan's church or Stranton Vicarage (54 Westbourne rd TS25 5RE) or St Luke's vicarage TS268NF).**

**Thank you!**

Find out more about Anna court by watching <https://youtu.be/vTKWl6ir 4>



**Holy Communion 14<sup>th</sup> March 9.15 am**

*The greeting and opening prayer*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

**Praise, my soul**, the King of Heaven;  
to His feet thy tribute bring!  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour,  
to our fathers in distress!  
Praise Him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless!  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him;  
ye behold Him face to face:  
sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Confession*

.... on these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen, Lord have mercy**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Words of forgiveness*

*Collect*

**God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Bible reading Exodus 2:1-10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Longing for light**, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Gospel reading John 3:14-21*

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

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

*Sermon*

*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.**

*Prayers of intercession*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,

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

*The Peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Thank you for saving me,** what can I say?

You are my everything, I will sing your praise.

You shed your blood for me, what can I say?

You took my sin and shame,

a sinner called by name.

*Great is the Lord,*

*Great is the Lord,*

*For we know your truth has set us free,*

*You've set your hope in me.*

Mercy and grace are mine, forgiven is my sin,

Jesus my only hope, the Saviour of the world.

"Great is the Lord" we cry,

God let your kingdom come,

Your word has let me see,

thank you for saving me!

**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.**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord**

**Holy is the Lord God almighty**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord**

**Holy is the Lord God almighty**

**Who was and is and is to come**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*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.**

*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.**

**Jesus lamb of God** have mercy on us,

Jesus bearer of our sins have mercy on us

Jesus redeemer of the world give us your peace,

Give us your peace.

*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*

**To God be the glory,** great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son.

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

*Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus his Son;*

*and give him the glory great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be

our wonder, our rapture when Jesus we see.

*The Blessing*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

## Morning Worship on Mothering Sunday

14.3.21

### welcome

*God so loved, that He gave his Son, to lay down his life, for the sake of us.*

*He bore the weight, of our sin and shame, with a cry he said it is finished.*

*Christ the Lord, overcame the darkness*

*He's alive, death has been defeated,*

*For He made us a way*

*by which we have been saved.*

*He's the saviour of the world!*

*So we lift up a shout, for His fame and renown.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Jesus saviour of the world.*

*We must spread the word of His soon return.*

*To reclaim the world, for his glory.*

*Let the Church now sing*

*Of this coming King.*

*Crowned with majesty our redeemer.*

*And he reigns, ruler of the heavens,*

*And His name, is Jesus the Messiah,*

*For He made us a way...*

### *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*

*Praise the Father...*

### confession

response: Father, forgive us:

**save us and help us.**

### words of forgiveness

***I will rejoice in the simple gospel***

*I will rejoice in you Lord (repeat)*

*I want to know You, Lord*

*Like I know a friend*

*I want to know You, Lord x2*

*So I'm laying down all my religion*

*I'm laying down*

*I want to know You, Lord x2*

*Lord, I've been told to be ashamed*

*Lord, I've been told I don't measure up*

*Lord, I've been told I'm not good enough*

*But You're here with me*

*I reach out and You find me in the dust*

*You say no amount of untruths can separate us*

*x2*

## collect

God of love,  
passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## birthdays/celebrations/notices

**readings:** Exodus 2:1-10; John 3:14-21  
**sermon**

## 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.

*There is a hill I cherish  
Where stood a precious tree  
The emblem of salvation  
The gift of Calvary  
How is it I should profit  
While He is crucified  
Yet as His life was taken  
So I was granted mine*

*My wealth is in the cross  
There's nothing more I want  
Than just to know His love  
My heart is set on Christ  
And I will count all else as loss  
The greatest of my crowns  
Mean nothing to me now  
For I counted up the cost  
And all my wealth is in the cross*

*I will not boast in riches  
I have no pride in gold*

*But I will boast in Jesus  
And in His Name alone*

*My wealth is in the cross...*

*And when I stand in glory  
My crowns before the Lord  
Let this be my confession  
My wealth is in the cross*

*My wealth is in the cross...*

## prayers

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one*

*Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high  
tower  
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my  
power*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art*

*High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's  
sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all*

## blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always, **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**in the name of Christ, amen.**