



# 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 First Sunday of Lent - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

#### *First Sunday of Lent*

#### *Streamed to Facebook...*

9.15am Lent Eucharist

Revd Clive

*St Luke's*

10.45am Mass

Mother Gemma

*St Aidan's*

11.00am Family Communion

Revd Norman/Emma

*Stranton*

2:00 pm *Sunday Club with Kate*

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

**Readings:** Genesis 9: 8-17: Mark 1: 9-15

The Liturgy and songs for 11 am Family Communion are below.

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

#### **Collect for the First Sunday of Lent:**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord who reigns  
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### **Post Communion:**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds out of your mouth  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## **Genesis 9: 8-17** NIV

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup> “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup> Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

<sup>17</sup> So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

## **Mark 1: 9-15** NIV

*The Baptism and Testing of Jesus*

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

*Jesus Announces the Good News*

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

## **Intercessions**

We pray for national and local leaders: our Government: 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 God’s guidance regarding St Aidan’s House

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, Dr Apte, and Joan Herbert. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.

We pray for all with poor mental health .

We pray for all families who are grieving at the present time, especially for the family and friends of Lewis Boyd Hill, Eileen Delves, Baby Everlake, Audrey Leslie and Joseph Fletcher,

## NOTICES

### Racial Justice Lent Course

Following Michelle's recent bereavement this course will now be delayed until after Easter. The RRC are hosting 5 sessions on Thursday evenings exploring issues from a more personal perspective if you wish to join a zoom session

**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 adoration. Why not come and try a session – zoom links available from Norman and Clive. The teaching used in the previous two sessions is also available on our website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/prayer1.mp4> and <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk/prayer2.mp4> if you missed them (including Persian subtitles)

**On Wednesday afternoons in Lent, at 3pm (via Zoom)** Starting 17th February, Mother Gemma will be 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*.

**#Live Lent** is also available from the Church of England as an App for your phone or check out the Church of England Website. This includes reflections from the Archbishops

**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

**Durham Cathedral** is offering a couple of additional opportunities to grow, which we can also take up as a recommitment to our discipleship. This last year has reminded us that even though travel has been restricted we are very much part of an international community. The first offering is a series of Lenten Addresses at the **Sunday Choral Evensong at 3:30pm "Saints for Our Time: keeping the rumour of God alive"**.

These will be on the lives and witness of five twentieth century holy people – from five continents:

**Sunday 21 February – Rutilio Grande (1928-1977), Jesuit Priest and Martyr in El Salvador – The Americas**

**Sunday 28 February – Janani Luwum (1922-1977), Anglican Archbishop and Martyr in Uganda – Africa**

**Sunday 7 March – Esther of Melbourne (1858-1931), Anglican Religious and Missionary in Australia**

**Sunday 14 March – Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941), Roman Catholic Priest and Martyr in Poland– Europe**

**Sunday 21 March – Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997), Roman Catholic Religious and Missionary in India**

The second is linking up with St George's College in Jerusalem and their Lent Course 'A River Through The Desert', which focuses on the physical features of the Holy Land to explore our faith through Lent in Six Sessions.

This is an exciting and stimulating course using video clips from the Holy Land. In medieval times when international pilgrimages became difficult, places such as Westminster Abbey (Jerusalem Chamber), Walsingham (the English Nazareth) and of course Durham (the Galilee Chapel) named and celebrated their links with the Holy Land.

The Durham Diocese Lent course links will be shared in the middle of each week and accessible via the **Durham Cathedral website** and **Facebook** pages. <https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/>

There is much within each session to enable us to reflect upon.



## Sunday Club News!

This week our online Sunday Club video will be looking at the story of Abraham and Sarah who were looking for a new home. Our fun activities will include building a house using salt dough and creating a camel picture using an envelope! Please join us on Sunday at 2pm on either the church website or our Facebook page.

*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 on line Services for 22 - 27 February** facebook addresses are below

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 22 Feb	Mother Gemma		Mother Gemma
Tues 23	Mother Gemma	Com of Hope	
Wed 24	Revd Michelle	<i>Lent Course**</i>	Lizelke
Thurs 25	Mother Gemma	Revd Michelle	
Fri 26	-----	Revd Andrew	Andrew McA
Sat 27	Mother Gemma		

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

**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>

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

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

### Contacts:

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**Stranton Church Family Communion**  
**21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

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

**Loving God, we have come to worship you.**  
**Help us to pray to you in faith,**  
**to sing your praise with gratitude,**  
**and to listen to your word with eagerness;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**I see your face in every sunrise,**  
The colours of the morning are inside your eyes.  
The world awakens in the light of the day,  
I look up to the sky and say, you're beautiful!  
*Ooh, ooh, you're beautiful! Ooh, ooh.*

I see your power in the moonlit night,  
Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright;  
We are amazed in the light of the stars,  
It's all proclaiming who you are, you're beautiful.

I see you there hanging on a tree,  
You bled and then you died  
and then you rose again for me.  
Now you are sitting on your heavenly throne,  
Soon we will be coming home, you're beautiful.

When we arrive at eternity's shore,  
Where death is just a memory and tears are no more,  
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring,  
Your bride will come together and we'll sing,  
You're beautiful.

**To be in your presence,** to sit at your feet,  
where your love surrounds me, and makes me complete.

*This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.*  
*This is my desire, O Lord, this is my desire.*

To rest in your presence, not rushing away.  
To cherish each moment, here I would stay.

*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*

**Heavenly Father,**  
**your Son battled with the powers of darkness,**  
**and grew closer to you in the desert:**  
**help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer**  
**that we may witness to your saving love**  
**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**You chose the cross** with every breath,  
The perfect life, the perfect death: you chose the cross.  
A crown of thorns you wore for us,  
And crowned us with eternal life: you chose the cross.  
And though your soul was overwhelmed with pain,  
Obedient to death, you overcame.

*I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love,*  
*I'm lost in praise for evermore.*  
*Because of Jesus' unfailing love*  
*I am forgiven, I am restored.*

You loosed the chords of sinfulness  
And broke the chains of my disgrace:  
you chose the cross.  
Up from the grave victorious,  
You rose again so glorious: you chose the cross.  
The sorrow that surrounded you was mine,  
"Yet not my will but yours be done" you cried.

*I'm lost in wonder...*

*Because of Jesus, because of Jesus,*  
*Because of Jesus, I am restored.*

*Birthdays and celebrations*

*Bible reading:* Genesis 9:8-17

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel reading:* Mark 1: 9-15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*And at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*Prayers*

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.**

**Before the throne of God above,**

I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on His hands,  
My name is hidden in His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
no power can force me to depart,  
no power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,  
my perfect, sinless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is safe with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

**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 is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
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.**

**Jesus Christ has died.  
Jesus Christ has died.  
Jesus Christ is risen.  
Jesus Christ is risen.  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
Jesus 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.**

*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*

**Blessed be your name** in the land that is plentiful  
where your streams of abundance flow  
blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place  
though I walk through the wilderness  
blessed be your name.  
Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise  
when the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say:

*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
blessed be your name.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me  
when the world's all as it should be blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering  
though there's pain in the offering blessed be your name.

Every blessing...

*Blessed be the name....*

You give and take away, you give and take away,  
my heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be your name.

*Blessed be the name....*

*Blessing*

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