



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 21 March 2021: Stranton and Burbank Community Churches

God is at work, even when our church buildings are closed.

You are welcome to attend Stranton Church in person this Sunday
between 9 am and 10 am, for private prayer only

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 videos

WE WILL RE-OPEN OUR CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP FROM SUNDAY 28TH MARCH– SEE BELOW

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Streamed to Facebook...

9.15am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive	St Luke's
10.45am	Mass	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's
11.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle/Mary Tones	Stranton

Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 or Hebrews 5 : 5-10; John 12: 20-33

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

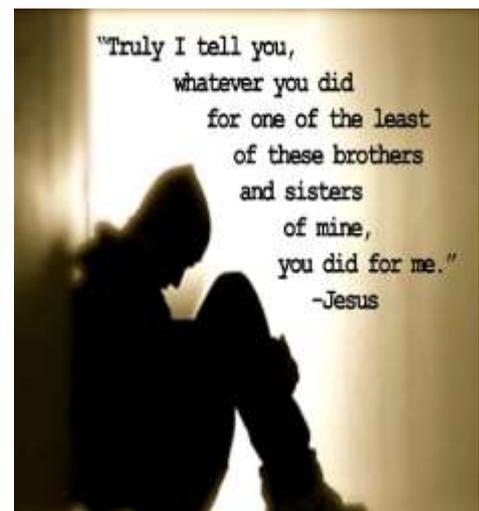
9.15am	<u>Wednesday</u> Communion	Revd Michelle	(St Luke's)
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Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace through the shedding
of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the
least of our brothers and sisters we also do for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the
servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.



Jeremiah 31: 31-34 NIV

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"
declares the LORD.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make
with the people of Israel
after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbour,
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

John 12: 20-33 NIV

Jesus predicts his death

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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Hebrews 5: 5-10 NIV

⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

"You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."

⁶ And he says in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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 safe reopening of services from next Sunday. 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 the members of the Standing Committee meeting tomorrow.

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, all whose jobs in agriculture, food, retail energy and transport involve going out among the public to work, and all who face uncertainty because of unemployment or furlough

We pray for all who are unwell, 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, especially for Gary Jackson and family on the death of his mum; and we remember all those we know who are grieving.

NOTICES:

REOPENING FOR WORSHIP:

We are really pleased to announce that SMDT and PCC have agreed to reopen, for celebration of Holy Communion and Public worship, from Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday) on the same day that St Aidan's and St Luke's Churches will also re-open for public worship.

Stranton Church will be open again on Sundays at 9.00 am and 11.00 am. St Matthews Community Hall will not be opening until mid-April, but you can take part in mid week Holy Communion at St Luke's Church on Wednesdays at 9.30 am (from 31st March). The other group Churches are also planning to reopen on the same day. The safety of everyone remains a priority for all, so Covid Restrictions (as before) on signing in for "Track and Trace", Sanitising, Distancing, Mask wearing, Cleaning and Hygiene will all be in place.

Services through Holy Week ...are shown below: for those who prefer to join us on line we will continue to stream the services marked with a *. Please note that during the pandemic all Covid restrictions remain in place for worship in Church.

Palm Sunday 28 March

9.00am Holy Communion (Stranton)*

11.00am Morning Worship (Stranton)*

9.15am Parish Eucharist (St Luke's)

Wednesday 31st March

9.30am Holy Communion (St Luke's)*

Maundy Thursday 1 April

7.00pm Holy Communion with Hymns (St Luke's)*

Good Friday 2nd April

10.00-12.00 am Family worship experience (St Luke's)

(please book a time slot via St Luke's parish office)

12.00-2.00pm Private Prayer (Stranton)

2.00pm An Hour at the Cross (Stranton)*

Easter Day

9.00am Holy Communion (Stranton)*

11.00am Morning Worship (Stranton)*

9.15am Parish Eucharist (St Luke's)

Other mid-week services will continue to be streamed

EASTER Family Worship Experience

Jess and the Communities of Hope Team are arranging a 'Family Worship Experience for Easter' on Good Friday at St Lukes from 10am-12noon. Family bubbles are invited to move through the Church building in a Covid secure way to reflect on various aspects of the Easter story from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. If you would like to express an interest in helping with this event please contact jess@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk or 07597 308751. Household "Bubbles" will be invited to book on line in 10 minute intervals, book direct on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/experience-easter-with-st-lukes-and-communities-of-hope-hartlepool-tickets-146925444961> - for more information contact Jess@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk

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: Get in quick! If you would like to donate any Easter Eggs we will be at St Matthew's Community Centre, Elwick Road, every Friday 1-2pm, **until 26 March**. Do please contact us if you would struggle to get out.

We managed to get quite a lot of flowers out for Mothering Sunday even though we couldn't email them! Thanks to Ken and Sylvia, and Clive and Angela for arranging.

Opportunities for Lent:

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 session 7 - '**Listening**'. Why not come and try a session – zoom links are available from Norman and Clive, and the previous session videos are available on the Stranton Church website.

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 or on 07597 308751 or Julie 07763 490278

On Wednesday afternoons in Lent, at 3pm (via 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. See also "County Lines", below...

County Lines: *Did you know that "County lines" in the distribution of illegal drugs are a form of modern slavery? Do you know who the victims are, how are they caught up and why they can't escape?*

In last week's Lent course session the shocking truth emerged that County lines are fast becoming one of the most prevalent forms of modern slavery in the UK. It was explained how gangs make huge



profits from exploiting vulnerable children and young people who are targeted, groomed, manipulated and coerced into drug trafficking.

Mother Gemma mentioned a training resource ‘Breaking County Lines’ designed to enable churches and communities to understand and raise awareness of the scale of the problem and spot the signs of its presence. It also looks at ways of building resilience in communities with an emphasis on the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The course is in four online modules including digital stories based on personal experience, group activities, supporting information and biblical reflections.

- Understanding County Lines;
- Detection of County Lines;
- Protecting Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults; and,
- Building Resilience.

A minimum number of participants is needed for this course to run so we are inviting everyone in the Central Hartlepool Group and their wider contacts. The times and dates of the training cannot be arranged just yet... as it will depend on numbers and availability. This course will be delivered online. If you are interested please will you let me know before Palm Sunday. Please pass this on. Thank you.

Blessings, *Patricia Watson* 07708 131 650 patriciawatson2@gmail.com

Live online Services for 22-27 March *facebook addresses are below.*

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 22 Mar	Mother Gemma		Mother Gemma
Tues 23	Mother Gemma	CoH	
Wed 24	Revd Michelle	<i>Prayers on zoom</i>	Lizelke
Thurs 25	Mother Gemma	Christine Amjad-Ali	
Fri 26	-----	Mary Tones	Andrew McAllister
Sat 27	Mother Gemma		Mother Gemma

Facebook Addresses:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsstranton/> (then available at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>)

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

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

Contacts: Church offices (Stranton and St Luke’s not open), please telephone or email.

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009 (Trish) Email: admin@stranton-church.org.uk

For St Luke’s Tel 01429 271194 (Julia home) Email: julia@farmsum.co.uk

Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609 Email: nshave1@btinternet.com

More information can be found on our web sites at:

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

St Luke’s www.stlukeshartlepool.org

Communities of Hope - Emma Cain Mob. 07597 308722 email emma@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk

Stranton Sunday Club

We will be continuing online with the story of Moses this week, finding out what happened when the people of God were not allowed to set out to journey to their promised land.

Join us at: <https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub> at 2pm on Sunday or on the Stranton website

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

Kate

Sunday Club leader

Songs for 9:15am St Luke's Service

(1) There is power in the name of Jesus

We believe in His name
We have called on the name of Jesus
We are saved we are saved
At His name the demons flee
At His name captives are freed
For there is no other name that is higher
Than Jesus

Verse 2

There is power in the name of Jesus
Like a sword in our hands
We declare in the name of Jesus
We shall stand we shall stand
At His name God's enemies
Shall be crushed beneath our feet
For there is no other name that is higher
Than Jesus

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2) O soul are you weary and troubled

No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Saviour
And life more abundant and free

Chorus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Verse 2

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are

Verse 3

His Word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

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Renewed 1950 New Spring

3) Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You
**To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy**

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

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4) He restores my soul

The Lord is my shepherd He restores my soul
He leads me by still waters He restores my soul

Surely Your goodness and mercy
Are chasing after me
All of the days of my life

Chorus

***Even when I'm lost in the deepest valley
I'll fear no evil***

***Even when the silence falls around me
I know You hear me***

***Even when it feels like we're separated
You're holding onto me***

You lift my head You wipe my tears
You restore my soul
You draw me into Your embrace
You restore my soul

(Chorus)

You restore my soul
You restore my soul
You restore my soul
You restore my soul

The Lord is my shepherd He restores my soul
The Lord is my shepherd He restores my soul

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Music Europe

Stranton Church

Family Communion 21st March 11am

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.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come,
Who was, and is, and is to come.

*Lift up His name with the sound of singing,
Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,
For He is worthy to be praised.*

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come,
Who was, and is, and is to come.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him;
Open our ears Lord and help us to listen;
Open our eyes Lord we want to see Jesus!

Confession

Father, forgive us:
Response: **save us and help us.**

Words of forgiveness

Collect

**Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Birthdays and celebrations

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.

Bible reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: John 12:20-33

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

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.

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the servant King,
He calls us now to follow him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

**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 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.**

The Lord's prayer

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

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone....

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

Blessing

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