



# Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

## Notices 22 November 2020: Stranton and St Lukes Churches

Under the current lockdown we can only open Church for private prayer or streaming services.

### **Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King**

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#### Private Prayer:

St Luke's 9.30am-10.30am  
Stranton 9.00am-10.30am  
St Aidan's 10.00am-11.00am

#### Services broadcast on facebook pages

9.15am Mass (from home) Rev Gemma Sampson  
11.00am Holy Communion (from St Lukes) Rev Norman & Michelle

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-end; Matthew 25: 31-end

### **Collect for the Sunday next before Advent**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen

### **Post Communion**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Month of Prayer

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York alongside our diocesan Bishops have called for a Month of Prayer focussing on our nation. Various leaflets are available to help us to pray at this time.

We are encouraged to pray at 6.00pm each day (or another suitable time for you)

On Thursdays we are encouraged to consider fasting in some way

**Additionally if you would like to gather for prayer on line Rev Norman will be hosting an on line zoom Prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. For a link contact Norman, Trish or Julia.**

**From 7pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November we will be organising 24 hours of prayer.**

**(more details below, link also on Website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> )**

## 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 as the work begins to take shape.

We pray for all effected by the pandemic and the implications of the second lockdown, praying particularly for health and care workers and all key workers.

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, we remember the family and friends of Edward Bunting, Lorraine Richardson, Richard Wilson and Freda Hodgson and we pray for all the families who are grieving at the present time.

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## The Return of Virtual Sunday Club!

Due to Sunday Club currently being unable to meet in Church I am bringing back the Virtual Sunday Club from the first lockdown. Back in March I began sending Sunday Club emails to a variety of families that included a bible reading/story, some suggested activities/things to think about and an adult assisted activity. Many children enjoyed the activities and learning more about God. **These emails are suitable for 5-11 year olds.**

These emails will be sent out every Sunday starting from the 15<sup>th</sup> November until Christmas. If you would like to be added to the email list or have any questions about this, please let me know. My email address is [kate.lawson4@outlook.com](mailto:kate.lawson4@outlook.com).

Kate Lawson, Stranton Sunday Club Leader

**24 hour prayer day** starting at 19.00 hrs Tuesday 24th November and finishing on Wednesday 25th November at 19.00hrs. Please consider putting your name down for a half hour to an hour slot.

You can do this by going to this web link to book your own slot:

- <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/40cf9d>
- the Stranton Church Home Page <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>
- (or you can contact Angela Hall who will fill it in for you, her number is 07806 520650).

Specifically we would love you to pray for the church community in these uncertain times to pray for God to lead and guide and inspire and give us creative ways to spread his love. Please also be praying for the future of Burbank Community church and for Clive and myself and the boys as to where God is leading us next.

At 19.00hrs on Wednesday 25th November you are also invited to join in (via "Zoom") Norman and Julie's online prayer meeting so we can share what God has been saying to us as a church in the previous 24 hours. Ask Norman or

Trish at the church Office ([admin@stranton-church.org.uk](mailto:admin@stranton-church.org.uk)) to send a link to join this online, or details of how to join by phone. Thanks, Angela Hall

### Advent Photo Challenge!

During the time of advent your challenge is to take a photo a day to help you to pause and reflect through the season of Advent. Each day will have a different word to help to inspire your daily photo. Anyone can take part in this challenge and you may want to share your pictures with each other or create a collage of photos at the end of Advent. Don't worry about whether you are using a camera or your phone, just make sure that you are having fun and thinking about the things that we are celebrating at this time of year. If you would like to receive the daily word to inspire your photo as well as a picture for inspiration (taken by yours truly 😊), please let me know. If you would prefer to do this independently here are the daily words to inspire you:

1 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Light	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Patience	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Good News	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Gentleness
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Inspire	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Preparation	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Love	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Trust
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Joy	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Hope	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Promise	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Waiting
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Peace	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Family	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Grace	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Kindness
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Prayer	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec – New Life	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Faith	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Rest
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Wonder	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Blessed	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Holy	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas

You may just want to enjoy taking pictures however if you want you can enter the Stranton Advent Photo Competition which is open to all ages. To enter all you need to do is to send a collage of your pictures to me and then they will be judged. Some of these pictures will be shared in the Signpost magazine (with your permission) and the winner will be announced in the notice sheet and the Signpost magazine.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is [kate.lawson4@outlook.com](mailto:kate.lawson4@outlook.com).

Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader

### Praying for St Aidan's kitchen

There is a new whatsapp group with specific prayer requests from St Aidan's kitchen. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Jo Leslie on 07597308748

### Live on line Services for 16 - 21 November- facebook addresses are below

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Mon 16	---		Rev Norman
Tues 17	---	Jess (Family)	
Wed 18	Revd Norman		Linda
Thurs 19	Rev Andrew	Rev Michelle	
Fri 20	-----	Christine	Adrew Mc
Sat 21	Mother Gemma		

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

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

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

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

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

BEING IN CHURCH... **Please read, things may have changed...**

- Under the new lock down rules we can only gather for private prayer or to lead/help stream a service with no congregation.
- You should NOT come to Church if you are in quarantine, or are self isolating because you have Covid-19 symptoms or have been a direct contact of someone who has recently tested positive.
- **We ask for your co-operation in keeping yourself and others as safe as possible and ask everyone coming in to Church to wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser coming in and going out. Please do not come if you are unwell or have recently been in contact with someone who has developed COVID -19.**
- **Let a member of the Team, Churchwarden or the parish office know if you develop COVID-19 symptoms in the week following your attendance at church**
- Entry into church is via the south door (usual entrance). The North Aisle is reserved for those who wish to take particular care in distancing, entry by West door.
- Hand sanitiser is available on entry and exit and must be used when you come in.
- Your name and contact number will be entered onto the register of attendance. The register of attendees will be kept for three weeks, for track and trace purposes only.
- If you have the Government's mobile Tracing "App" on your smartphone, we have a "QR code" on display that you can scan as you come into church. It is not an alternative to signing in, as many people still do not have the App, but it is one of the ways we can help to keep one another safe.
- The use of face masks is mandatory while in the building.
- Follow the floor markings to take you around the one way system.
- **Maintain 2 metre distancing** one person to a marked pew – families/household “bubbles” of **no more than 6** may sit together – please **do not** sit in a pew marked as not available for use .
- Your seat will have been sanitised before you come and will be cleaned again after use.
- Access to the Toilets is available if necessary, but you are asked to follow the directions for flushing and wiping down

A collection will not be taken up but you may leave your offering e.g. loyalty envelopes in the basket at the back of church if you come for private prayer. Please Visit the parish website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk> for details of how to support the work and mission of the Church financially, or ask the Treasurer David Craig [craigdanew@gmail.com](mailto:craigdanew@gmail.com) / 07960 829102 for details of online giving and gift aid schemes.

## Christmas appeals

### Appeal 1 TOYS

**Stranton together with other Churches in town has been involved in meeting need in previous years through Toy Services and similar initiatives, with toys being donated to Womens Refuge, Asylum seeker families, and other people with children in housing and financial difficulty**

**Fr Graham arranges toy collections for those in need across the deanery: we are proposing to come under the same banner with Stranton looking specifically to collect and distribute toys to asylum seekers, the women's refuge and possibly at a local school (depending on response), and to pass any excess on to Fr Graham. TOYS TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE VICARAGE 34a Westbourne Rd.**

**Toys need to be new and Graham's closing date is the first week of December. Age range he has is under 18, and noted on the wrapping (e.g. boy or girl or either, age range ... to ....)**

## **Appeal 2 HAMPERS (with Communities of Hope team)**

**“As we look towards Christmas this year we are hoping to reach our most vulnerable families with a package of Christmas treats that reflects the hospitality and generosity that we at Communities of Hope, think everyone should be able to experience along with the Good News of Jesus’ birth.**

**To that end we are asking for donations of specific items to put these “hampers of hope” together for some of the most needy residents in our parish.**

**If you wish to support this outreach, donations “in Kind” or by financial donation (So that everyone receives the same) please can we ask for:**

- **Tubs of sweets (celebrations/heroes etc)**
- **Boxes of biscuits**
- **Mince pies/Christmas pudding**
- **Cake (Christmas or otherwise, needs to have an appropriate shelf life)**
- **Boxes of chocolates – chocolate coins**
- **Crackers (the kind that go bang with jokes in!)**
- **Christmas napkins**
- **Party poppers**
- **Tesco vouchers (£10- or monetary donation towards them)**

**We will be at St. Matthew’s Hall to receive donations:**

- **1-2pm Friday 27th Nov**
- **1-2pm Friday 4th Dec**
- **1-2pm Friday 11th Dec**

**To make a monetary donation, please make a bank transfer to:**

**‘Stranton Parochial Church Council’**

**Account number: 10146501**

**Sort code: 20-82-18**

**Reference: HAMPERS**

**Or you can post or drop off a cheque payable to ‘Stranton Parochial Church Council’ to  
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**St Matthews Community Centre**

**Arncliffe Gardens**

**Hartlepool**

**TS26 9JF”**

## **Contacts:**

**Church offices, please telephone or email:**

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

**Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609**

**Email: [nshave1@btinternet.com](mailto:nshave1@btinternet.com)**

**Holy Communion Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 11 am**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Welcome*

**At the name of Jesus** every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious, when from death he  
passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures to the gentle height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
Crown him as your Captain in temptations hour,  
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.

Brothers this Lord Jesus, shall return again,  
With his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and  
the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Confession*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*Words of forgiveness*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Collect*

**God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. Amen**

*Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**He is exalted** the King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted, forever exalted  
And I will praise His name.

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted the King is exalted on high.

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46*

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

*At the end*

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

*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*

*At the end:*

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

*Sermon*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

**In the darkness we were waiting**

Without hope without light  
Till from heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil 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

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till 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

**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.**

.....for ever praising you and *saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Lord's prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come; thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and 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,  
grant us peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**King of kings, majesty,**  
God of Heaven living in me,  
gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
strong deliverer, beginning and end,  
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow.  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and Heaven worship you,  
love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good  
works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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.**

**And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love Divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me..

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness Divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*The Blessing*

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