



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 23 May 2021: Stranton and Burbank Community Churches

God's Blessing as we gather in Church and online

Rooted in God's love, Growing together with Jesus, Branching out in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Some services will continue to be streamed LIVE on Facebook pages, or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (Red)

Streamed to Facebook...

9.00am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
9.15am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Revd Norman	
10.45am	Mass, St Aidan's	Mother Gemma	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship, Stranton	Revd Clive	<i>Stranton</i>
2.00pm	Sunday Club (online only) with Kate (https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub/)		

Readings: - Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27, ch16: 4b-15

9.30am Wednesday Holy Communion BCP Revd Clive *St Luke's*

Words and Songs for 11am Morning Worship below

Collect for Pentecost :

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion :

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promise of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to
every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Acts 2:1-21 NIV

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and

Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15 NIV

²⁶ ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² ‘I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.’

Intercessions

- We pray for your peace, justice and reconciliation where there is conflict and division among the nations, praying for the situation in Israel and Palestine.
- 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 care of all affected by the pandemic, for wisdom for the decision makers concerning the roadmap to ease the lockdown; we pray particularly for health and care workers, the police and community wardens, small businesses and local employers, and all who are seeking work.
- 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, and that we may find ways in which to become involved.
- We pray peace and healing for all who are unwell in body mind or spirit, for those awaiting medical treatment, or are in hospital or recovering at home. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.
- We pray for all those who mourn, especially for the family and friends of Tommy Richardson.

ATTENDING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP.

Despite generally improving public health, there is still a quite high risk of transmission of infection and new variants: we still need to follow the guidance to care for each other even after COVID-19 vaccination, including (if required to quarantine or showing symptoms) self isolating and not attending church.

- If you are attending a church service do please try to come early to avoid congestion and delays at the entrance as the service starts. Please (if you can) scan the NHS QR code poster using the NHS COVID-19 app.
- Please sanitise hands on entry and exit, and as you are directed for receiving Communion
- We ask you to register as you come in for “tracing”. A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks.
- Holy Communion is offered by intinction (wafer dipped in wine).
- The Sunday service will be displayed on the screens.
- There will be no congregational singing, but a small worship group will sing for us
- After the service, please meet outside, continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave
- The use of face masks is **mandatory** during worship.
- Maintain two metre distancing – families/“bubbles” may sit together
- Seating is sanitised between services. Access to toilets is available if absolutely necessary, but please follow the guidance provided on cleaning
- 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.
- There will not be a collection taken but you may leave an offertory in the basket as you come in.

NOTICES:

Christian Aid Week 10 - 16 May 2021

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christian Aid Appeal this year. You can still make a donation by envelope – or see the payment link on the website <http://www.stranton-church.org.uk>

News from the APCM Congratulations to Rohan Wanduragala who joins Peter Anderson as Church Warden. Our thanks go to Angela Craig who steps down from this role and all those who have served on PCC in the last year.

Online Sunday Club The online Sunday Club videos will continue to be available on a weekly basis until the end of August. This week we will be looking at the story of Ruth and Naomi. Ruth was very loyal and faithful. The fun activities will include a fun craft using dried pasta and designing a shoe print. **Kate**

Exciting News – Sunday Club is back!

I am very excited to let you know that Sunday Club will be returning on the 6th June! We will be running sessions on a fortnightly basis. Please see when our sessions will run in June/July:

- 6th June
- 20th June
- 4th July
- 18th July

If you have any questions, please let us know. **Kate** Stranton Sunday Club Leader

'Communities of Hope: Volunteering Opportunities

Please find below and on the next page a list of activities which we'd love to invite you to volunteer to help with!

Jess: 07597308751

Jo: 07597308748

Homeless Outreach (around the town centre) Fridays 2.30 – 4pm. This person must have an evangelistic heart as we pray with everyone we meet, and this ministry is very much about sharing the hope of Christ with people. Contact Jo.

'Communities of Hope: Volunteering Opportunities continued

Pop-up café (outside St. Matthew's Community Centre) Fridays 10-12pm. We need volunteers who are happy to engage with the Burn Valley community, people who like to have a chat, especially about Jesus!! We'd also appreciate any offers of baking (cakes/brownies/cookies etc.) Contact Jo.

Prayer spaces in schools (differing primary schools in the parishes) Usually Wednesday afternoons/Monday mornings. This is creative prayer with 5-11 year olds, both indoors and out, it's super fun and rewarding. Volunteers would need to consent to a DBS check taking place. Contact Jess.

Emotional Literacy sessions in schools (differing primary schools in the parishes) Days/times during which we go into school will vary depending on their availability. We use a secular emotional literacy programme but deliver this alongside the introduction of prayer as a coping mechanism and to help build resilience. Volunteers in this setting would need to be confident in a classroom environment and consent to a DBS check taking place. Contact Jess.

Hope café, breakfast club (The Blacksmiths Arms, Stranton) Wednesdays 9-10.30am. This is a post-school run free breakfast club for parents/carers/individuals. We'd like volunteers who can help on a practical level, serving food/drinks, but also in a relational sense, building relationships with those who attend. Contact Jess.

Open Skies Forest Church (St. Aidan's Primary School nature garden) Last Sunday of every month, 3pm. We would like volunteers to help with welcoming, leading/reading, manning prayer stations, general helping with setting up tidying away. Our first Forest Church session will be on 30th May and monthly thereafter. Contact Jess.

Equally, we'd love to see you just turn up and say hi/eat yummy food at either the Pop-up café or Breakfast Club or join us in worship at Open Skies Forest church. As always, our strength and success in any of these activities comes only from God, so can we could ask for your continued prayers in all of this.' ***Have a great week everyone, Jess***

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: **email - treasurer@stranton-church.org.uk**

Live online Services for w/c 23 May facebook addresses are below.

- Mother Gemma will stream Mass at 9.15am from St Aidan's each morning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The 9.30 communion will also be streamed from St Luke's.
- If you would like to access a night prayer **Lectio 365 have introduced a daily night prayer** accessible by downloading the app. The Church of England has also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.
- Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.

Facebook and Web Addresses:

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus)

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

Parish Contacts: Church office please telephone or email.

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009

Email: admin@stranton-church.org.uk

Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609

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More information on our web site <http://www.stranton-chrch.org.uk> and facebook page)

Stranton Church Morning worship
Pentecost Sunday 23rd May 11am

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

Living and loving God
fill our hearts with your joy.
Help us to sing in worship, pray in faith,
and hear your word today;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father
for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

The Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays, celebrations and notices

Prayer for Mahnaz

There's nothing worth more
that would ever come close,
Nothing can compare, you're our living Hope,
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
When my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit you are welcome here,
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory God is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of your presence.
Let us experience the glory of your goodness. (x3)
Now!

Bible readings: Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26,27 & 16:4b-15

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Prayers ending with 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.

Ministry time

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar:
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar...(twice)

Oh, what a Saviour! Isn't He wonderful?
Sing Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Bow down before Him,
For He is Lord of all.
Sing Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*O come to the altar:
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ. (repeat)*

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.
Tell the world of the treasure you found.

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.

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 on to me.

You lift my head, you wipe my tears.
You restore my soul.
You draw me into Your embrace. You restore my soul.
Surely Your goodness and mercy are chasing after me
All of the days of my life.

Even when I'm lost in the deepest valley,
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You're holding on to me.
Even when it feels like we're separated,
You're holding on to me.

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.

Share a word or a picture

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless, stand before the throne.

The grace

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all ever more. Amen**