



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 25 April 2021: Stranton and Burbank Community Churches

Welcome and God's Blessing as we gather in Church and online

Church services have now resumed, and you are welcome to attend subject to following all COVID-safe guidelines. If you are self isolating or cannot attend you are welcome to follow the Services streaming LIVE on Facebook or Stranton web pages at the times shown, or afterwards as online videos.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)

Streamed to Facebook...

9.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
9.15am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive	
10.45am	Mass	Mother Gemma	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00am	Morning Worship	Mary Tones/Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
2.00 pm	Stranton Sunday Club (online only)	Kate	<i>Stranton Sunday Club</i>

Readings: - Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18

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

9.30am	<u>Wednesday</u> Communion	Revd Michelle	<i>St Luke's</i>
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Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people
may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Post Communion:

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Online Sunday Club

Remember to join us at 2pm on Facebook or the church website for the next video. We will be looking at the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho. Our fun activities will include making a musical instrument and building our own strong walls. These sessions will be presented every week until the end of August and you can catch up or re-watch any of our previous ones online

Kate Stranton Sunday Club Leader <https://www.facebook.com/strantonsundayclub>

Acts 4: 5 – 12 NIV

⁵The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is, "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

John 10: 11-18 NIV

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

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 the take-up of the vaccine and on-going safeguarding measures defeats the virus and it becomes safe for us all to resume our normal activities.
 - 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 Olwyn Wood, and Pauline Suggett.
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ATTENDING CHURCH FOR WORSHIP.

The COVID vaccines are safe, do please have your vaccination when you are invited. Despite generally improving public health, because there is still quite a high risk of transmission of infection 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 a few minutes early to help avoid congestion and delays at the entrance as the service starts.
- Everyone is required to maintain the 2 metre social distancing regime as well as sanitising their hands on entry and exit. 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
- Please sanitise hands again and follow directions to receive Holy Communion, or a blessing.
- After the service, please meet outside, continuing to maintain distance and allowing other people to leave

The following arrangements are in place...

- The use of face masks is **mandatory** during worship.
- Entry into church will be by the south door (usual entrance).
- Hand sanitiser must be used at the entrance
- Please give your name so it can be entered onto the register
- Maintain two metre distancing one person to a pew – families may sit together
- Seating is sanitised between services.
- Access to toilets is available if absolutely necessary, but please follow the guidance provided on cleaning
- All individuals attending must check in, not just a named lead
- Please (if you are able to do so) scan the official NHS QR code poster using the NHS COVID-19 app. 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

Live online weekday Services *facebook addresses are below.*

- Mother Gemma will stream Mass at 9.15am from St Aidan's each morning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- We hope shortly Revd Michelle will be able to lead a weekly afternoon reflection on Thursdays at 3.00pm via Facebook

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 have also introduced an audio version of Morning Prayer.

- Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30am Monday to Friday. Contact Revd Norman for details.
- Zoom open prayer 3pm on Wednesdays, contact Mother Gemma for details

The Way of Love Pilgrimage – May 7-8th Hartlepool to Durham

This journey will be undertaken in just two days, taking place on May 7th and 8th. To comply with restrictions, Bishop Paul and his wife will be camping in St Mary Magdalene Church in Trimdon. This will be the first case of pilgrims camping overnight in churches on The Northern Saints Trails and a number of other churches will be offering this special service to pilgrims.

PCC meets on Tuesday this week (27 April) on zoom. Please pray for the meeting as we consider proposals to service and refurbish the Bells and also the proposal for a new visual projection system in Church. We will also be discussing our Church finances prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Church Annual Meeting (APCM)

The Church Annual Meetings will take place on Sunday 16th May following the 11am service. Just like last year it will be possible to attend both on line (by zoom) or in person. In preparation for the Annual Meeting the electoral needs to be updated. If anyone would like to join the electoral role please fill in a form obtained at the back of the Church. This process needs to be completed by Sunday 2nd May.

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*

Facebook Addresses:

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

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

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

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

Contacts: (Church office not yet open), please telephone or email.

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009 (Trish)

Norman or Julie Shave: Tel 01429 233609

More information can be found on our web site at:

Email: admin@stranton-church-org.uk

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

Communities of Hope - Emma Cain Mob. 07597 308722

Email emma@hartlepoolcoh.co.uk

Stranton Church Morning worship
25th April 11am

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am.....

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you,
I want to see you. (repeat)

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.

Confession

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

The Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Birthdays and celebrations

Wonderful Lord, wonderful God,
you are my shield, my protector.
I can lie down, go off to sleep,
knowing you're watching over me.
Wonderful Lord, wonderful God,
help me to trust you forever.
I need not fear, 'cause you are near,
I can lie down and sleep in peace.

Bible readings: Act 4: 5-12
John 10: 11-18

At the end of the reading:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

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**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*Men: And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

*Ladies: I will trust, I will trust in you,
I will trust, I will trust in you,
Endless mercy follows me,
Goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

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.**

Notices

This is my desire to honour you,
Lord, with all my heart I worship you.
All I have within me I give you praise,
All that I adore is in you.

Lord I give you my heart,
I give you my soul,
I live for you alone.
Every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord have your way in me.

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour; the hope of nations.

*Saviour, he can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me,
All my fears and failures, fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in,
now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

We say together

**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.**

Blessing

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