



## Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,  
Growing the Kingdom.

### Notices and Readings 30 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.

#### **TRINITY SUNDAY (White)**

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

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

**Readings:** - Isaiah 6: 1-8, Romans: 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17

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

Words and Songs for 11am Morning Worship below

#### **Collect for Trinity :**

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

#### **Post Communion :**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## **Romans 8: 12-17** UKNIV

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

## **John 3: 1-17** UKNIV

**3** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup>“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You<sup>[c]</sup> must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup>“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## **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>

**Helping in Church Services:** We are hoping to reintroduce a rota for reading, interceding and welcoming at the 11am service soon. If you are interested in helping out please chat with Maureen or contact her using the church office telephone or email below.

**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.

#### **Stranton Sunday Club in Church on 6 June! and Online Sunday Club**

Our first Sunday Club session in Church will be on Sunday 6th June at 11am and will continue on a fortnightly basis. If you have any questions about the return of Sunday Club, please let me know.

Our Online Sunday Club videos will continue to be available online every Sunday at 2pm. This week we will be looking at the story of Israel's First King. Our fun activities will include making a crown and baking chocolate chip cookies. Enjoy, 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/strantonsundayclub/>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshartlepool> [www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus](http://www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus)

### **Parish Contacts: Church office please telephone or email.**

For Stranton Church Tel 07305 550009

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)

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



**Our Father everlasting**, the all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour.

*I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in one.  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high.

I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
*(repeat)*

I believe in life eternal,  
I believe in the virgin birth.  
I believe in the saints' communion,  
And in Your holy Church.  
I believe in the resurrection,  
When Jesus comes again,  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus.

*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*

**Praise, my soul**, the King of Heaven;  
to His feet thy tribute bring!  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour,  
to our fathers in distress!  
Praise Him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless!  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him;  
ye behold Him face to face:  
sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

*Blessing*

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