



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 30 August 2020: Stranton St Luke's & Burbank Community Churches

Services are taking place in church and on facebook (please see details below)

Services Sunday 30 August: THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am	Eucharist	Revd Clive	St Luke's Church
10.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Michelle	Stranton Church
10.45am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's Church <i>and facebook</i>
11.00am	Worship & Songs of Praise on-line	Andy and Lucy	St Luke's <i>facebook live</i>

Readings for today: **Romans 12: 9-21 and Matthew 16: 21-28** (Full text below)

Church services will be displayed on the screens.

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen



Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Romans 12: 9-21 NIV

Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 16: 21-28 NIV

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

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

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 Emma, Jess and Jo, our Communities of Hope team members, as they prepare to take up posts in our Group of Parishes later in September; for Mother Gemma and Revd Norman for their leadership of the project, for Mike preparing for his role in the diocesan team, and for Rachel our Ordinand training placement as she and her husband settle in to Hartlepool.

We pray for our PCC members and Shared Ministry Development Team members for wisdom in decision making for developing church and online services.

We pray for all students, teachers and staff preparing to return to schools this week.

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, and those who care for them

We pray for all those who mourn, bring them comfort by your holy spirit in their distress.

NOTICES

Please read carefully if you are coming into Church for Sunday worship: online “streaming” services are also continuing so we do not want people to feel under any pressure to come, especially those who may be most at risk. If you are a recent COVID-19 contact or in isolation for health reasons you should not to come to Church.

Enter Church by the south door (usual entrance) but the West (Choir vestry) door will also be open and the pews on the north side are recommended for those who wish to take particular care in distancing.

- Everyone is required to maintain social distancing as well as sanitising their hands on entry and exit. A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks (for tracing purposes only). Please give your name so it can be entered onto the register.
- Please follow the directions of sidespeople and the “one way” arrows
- Maintain 2 metre distancing – families may sit together
- The use of face masks inside the building is now mandatory during attendance for services of worship.
- The words for Sunday service will be displayed on the screens.
- Although songs/hymns will be played there will be no congregational singing.
- Sunday club is not yet operating so Children will need to stay with parents: activity packs will be available – please take all materials home afterwards
- at the end of the Service please meet outside and/or socially distanced to meet and talk, please do not obstruct the way for others to leave safely.
- Your seat will be sanitised after use
- Access to the toilet is available if necessary Please try to avoid using, and sanitise all surfaces touched after use in accordance with the instructions on display.

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.

MUSIC: We hope to have some live music in church soon, but only small groups of musicians will be permitted so for now the congregation will continue to ‘sing in their hearts rather than with their mouths’.

Weekly Offertory - online or direct payment option: There will not be a plate collection in church until a safe method of cash handling and regular banking has been approved: If you are anxious about a backlog of Loyalty Scheme envelopes please contact the Treasurer, details below. You can, if you wish, make online offertory in support of the mission and work of the Church, directly via your web browser if you have one:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/471d3a8c-3abe-4b11-8cb4-ef7bfa074df4>

- or indirectly via the church website: <http://stranton-church.org.uk>

- also on our dedicated page on the Church of England “A Church Near You” website:

or - if you do not have a web connection and/or wish to set up a Parish Giving Scheme regular monthly payment please contact craigdanew@gmail.com (07960 829102) - David Craig, Hon. PCC Treasurer, who can provide this information. You can also set up a direct payment by standing order or online payment from your own bank to: Stranton PCC, sort code 20 82 18 Account 10146501.

Live on line Services for 31 August – 5 September facebook addresses are below

Day	9.15am Mass/Communion	3pm Reflection/Prayer in the afternoon	8pm Night Prayer
Monday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Rev Gemma	Jess	---
Wednesday	Rev Norman	---	Emma
Thursday	Rev Gemma	Rev Michelle	---
Friday	-----	Rev Clive	Julia
Saturday	Rev Gemma	-----	---

Services Sunday 6 September

9.15am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Luke's Church
10.00am	Morning Worship	Revd Norman	Stranton Church
10.45am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's Church
11.00am	Holy Communion on-line	Revd Clive	Stranton <i>facebook live</i>

Services Sunday 13 September

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10.00am	Holy Communion	Revd Clive	Stranton Church
10.45am	Eucharist	Mother Gemma	St Aidan's Church

<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> (then available at www.stlukeshartlepool.org/coronavirus)

NB ALL group parishes streamed services are archived and available at <http://stranton-church.org.uk/videos.html>

Contacts:

Church offices (Stranton not open), please telephone or email

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For St Luke's Church Office Tel 01429 281122 (Julia) Email: julia@stlukeschurch.plus.com

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

Morning Worship online – Sunday 30th August

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

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Song

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

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and
said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in
the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song

Brother, let me be your servant
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
we are brothers on the road,
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 21-28

Reflection

Song

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

The Collect

The Lord's Prayer

Song

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here,
come bow before him now in reverence and fear,
in Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground,
be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around,
He burns with holy fire, in splendour he is crowned,
how awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light,
be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace,
no work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him,
be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place.

Closing Prayer

Eternal God,
our beginning and our end,
accompany us in this day's journey.

Dawn on our darkness,
open our eyes to praise you for your creation
and to see the work you set before us today.
Take us and use us
to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual
blessing.**

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ,
that we might be holy and blameless before him.

Let us praise God for the glory of his grace,
for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.

To Father, Son and Holy Spirit
**give praise and dominion, honour and might,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Song

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm
foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be
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The Lord God almighty is our Father:
he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:
he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:
he will lead us in God's holy way.

**To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be praise and glory today and for ever.**

Amen.

The Grace