



Central Hartlepool Group

One Family, Three Parishes,
Growing the Kingdom.

Notices and Readings 16 May 2021: St Luke's and Stranton Churches

God's Blessing as we gather in Church and online

Some services will continue to be streamed LIVE on St Luke's or Stranton Facebook, or Stranton web pages at the times shown below, and afterwards as online web page videos (NB Services can be seen afterwards on St Luke's web site under 'Coronavirus' tab).

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)

Streamed to Facebook...

9.00am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>
9.15am	Holy Communion, St Luke's	Mother Gemma	
	Reader	Margaret Drady	
	Intercessions	Andrew McAllister	
	Songs – My Jesus My Saviour, Give thanks, Praise to the Lord the Almighty, He is exalted/King of kings Majesty, Crown him with many crowns		
10.45am	Mass, St Aidan's	Mother Gemma	<i>St Aidan's</i>
11.00am	Holy Communion, Stranton	Revd Michelle/Revd Norman	<i>Stranton</i>

Readings: - Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; John 17: 6-19

9.30am	<u>Wednesday</u> Holy Communion BCP	Revd Michelle	<i>St Luke's</i>
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Collect for 7th Sunday of Easter:

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Post Communion:

Eternal God, give of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 NRSVA

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through

David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17: 6-19 NRSVA

⁶'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.



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 all affected by the pandemic and for the decision makers implementing the roadmap to ease the lockdown; we pray particularly for health and care workers,
- 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.
- We pray for all who are unwell, for those awaiting medical treatment, are in hospital or are recovering at home. We pray for those in isolation. We pray for those in care homes.
- We pray for all those who are mourning,; and we remember the family and friends of Heather Osborne on the tenth anniversary of her death and all those we know who are grieving.

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CHURCH IS OPEN FOR WORSHIP.

The vaccine is safe, please have your vaccination when you are invited to. You still need to follow the rules after you've had the COVID-19 vaccination.

- Everyone is required to maintain the 1+ metre social distancing regime as well as sanitising their hands on entry and exit. A register of attendees will be kept for three weeks.
- The Sunday service will be displayed on the screens. There will be no singing. If you want your own hard copy of the service please let Julia know.
- Holy Communion is offered in one kind (breads).
- At the Eucharist to reduce movement the priest will come to the congregation with communion.

At our services of Holy Communion, we hope that you will feel able to let us know your thoughts and wishes so that we are able to move ahead as the whole people of God and in His service.

The following arrangements are in place...

- The use of face masks is **mandatory** during worship. If you are partaking in the Communion, bread only, you will need to use hand sanitiser **after each time you touch your mask**. If not taking Communion, please hold your hands down and you will receive a blessing.
- 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
- Follow the floor markings to take you around the one way system
- Maintain 2 metre distancing one person to a pew – families/bubbles may sit together
- Although songs/hymns will be sung and played there will be no congregational singing.
- Your seat will remain unused for 72 hours or be sanitised if another service is expected within that time frame.
- Access to the Parish Centre for the toilets is available if absolutely necessary. Please see the person on duty.
- Exit church via the north door.

Everyone in a group must check in: when a group enters a venue, every individual must check in either by scanning the official NHS QR code poster with the NHS COVID-19 app, or by providing their contact details.

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 made. If you feel you can make a donation and have on-line banking, our account details are: St Luke's PCC, NatWest Bank Sort Code 55 81 04, Account Number 05609518.

NOTICES

ANNUAL MEETINGS: The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect Churchwardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the Pentecost service on Sunday 23 May 2021. Nomination Forms for Electoral Roll, Churchwarden and PCC are available at the back of church. Please sign up TODAY.

The Annual Report is available on the website; and hard copies in church. *Julia*

BAPTISM HELPERS: We are still in need of a team of people to help cover at each baptism, generally they are only once a month but we have four in August. Please would you consider being a part of this ministry?

VERGERS AT FUNERALS: our team of two needs to be added to. Please consider if you could be available during weekdays to assist at funerals.

CHURCH FLOWERS: a new rota has been placed in the baptistery for those of you who would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one. Our flower arrangers will then place a special arrangement near the Memorial Book. Please see Pam Harding.

PLANT SALE: Date: **NEXT SATURDAY 22 MAY, 10.00-11.30**. We are installing a one-way system around the church car park for this event. Payment can be made at the end table in cash or contactless. Please see Pauline if you can help out at the sale. Please tell all your friends and neighbours about the sale. If you want to bring plants please bring them to the back door of the Parish Centre on Friday between 9.00 and 10.30.

PLANT TRIMMINGS: The trimmings cut from the boundary wall at the east end of the church are still piled at the end of the garden adjacent to Hart Lane though most of it has now gone; **thank you** to those who have helped so far. Please would you help us remove the rest by booking a slot at the tip and bagging/binning up what you can?

MAGAZINE: our list of subscribers has reduced lately and now is the chance for you to request a hard copy to be delivered to you or a family member. Please let Julia know – the cost for the remaining issues this year is £4.80.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 10-16 May 2021

The climate emergency crisis is one of the greatest injustices we face. Together we stop this climate crisis.

A special e-envelope has been created for you to make your donation. Please visit

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/stlukehartlepool> and also share the page amongst your friends. Red envelopes are available in church.

Live online Services for w/c 10 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.
- Communities of Hope will continue to stream an afternoon reflection at 3.00pm on Tuesdays.
- afternoon reflection on Thursdays at 3.00pm
- 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 Addresses:

<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)

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More information can be found on our web sites (see facebook above.)

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