

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 1st February to Saturday 7th February 2026

Sunday Services



Sunday 1st February 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion- service to be taken by The Reverend Lakshmi Jeffries

Readings: Malachi chapter 3 v 1-5 and Luke chapter 22 v 22.40

3.30 p.m. All Saints Sudborough - Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th February 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock

Sunday 15th February 09.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
St Peters Stanion All Age service to be confirmed.

Sunday 22nd February 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick

For further information and updates please visit our website www.harpersbrookanglicans.org.uk

Collect Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of the darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in the word and eucharist we have proclaimed
the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Mid-Week Services

Thursday 5th February 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion service

➤ **Recently Departed** – Leonard (Len) Hallifax

Many of you will have already heard the very sad news of Len's death on 10th January. Len was born and lived most of his life until retirement in Lowick. He worked on Drayton Estate Farm for almost 50 years and was a strong and loved member of the village community. He was a loyal member of the church congregation and bellringing Tower Captain for many years. A very accomplished ringer, he taught numerous people from the village and wider area to ring in his calm and confident manner and continued to support ringers and ring himself until his final days. Len was an enthusiastic photographer and many of you will also know him from his membership of Corby Photographic Club which met at Stanion. Len will be deeply missed. We send our most sincere condolences to Lesley, Peter, Sophie and Len's wider family and many friends. His funeral will be at St Peter's, Lowick on Friday, 13 February at 12.30pm.

➤ **This week's Mind** – Lucy Hardy 2011, Marjorie Goodson 2004, Gordon Dunkley 2013, Ken Gibbard 2022, Frank Parkinson, 1994, Ian Duffell 2018, Les Reed 2010

Notes

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SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB – 1st Sunday of the Month.

Sunday Lunch group meets monthly for good food and company for folk who would otherwise be eating dinner on their own. If you are interested, please contact Carol on the following number and leave your contact details 07894261164. If a lift is required it may be possible for people from the same locality to liaise with each other.



Little Treasures Baby and Toddler Group meet at Stanion

Village Hall on a Friday in school term time from 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. For Parents and Carers with their children.

Craft, sensory play, toys, jigsaws, drinks and snacks. £3.00 for first child and siblings over 6 months £1.00 each.

Concessions for those on Universal Credit.

Sky Guide for February 2026

Not much going on this month to report but a bright Jupiter and the magnificent Orion constellation are prominent all month.

The Moon and Planets:

The Moon will be Full on the 1st and New on the 17th, do be careful if trying to see the crescent during the day time.

Mercury will be visible from our location low in the south-west in the early evening for only an hour or so before setting from the 13th to the 23rd.

Venus will not be visible from our location all month.

Mars will not be visible from our location all month.

Jupiter will become visible after dusk in the early evening at around 24° in the east. It will rise to around 60° in the south about 22:00 and then set about 05:00 in the north west at the start of the month. By the end of the month it will be visible at around 48° in the south-east and set earlier about 04:00.

Saturn will be visible for most of the month until the 25th. It will become visible after dusk in the south-west at 26° at the start of the month and at 14° by the 24th and will set a couple of hours later.

Uranus will be visible (Binoculars required) after dusk at around 50° in the south and set about 00:00 in the south-west.

Neptune will be visible (Binoculars required) after dusk at around 23° in the south and set about 00:00 in the south-west up to the 6th after which it will not be visible from our location.

Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system and has more mass than all the other planets put together. Its day lasts 10 hours or so and consequently it has the fastest rotation of all the solar system planets. It orbits some 484 million miles from the Sun along with its four major moons of Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto with some 90 odd smaller ones. It also has a faint ring system but nothing so grand as Saturns.

Binoculars will show the four major moons and some evidence of the gaseous surface's colourful cloud bands that circle the planet. It is classified as a Gas Giant, along with Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, and it is still unsure if it has anything like a solid core, which is best described as "fuzzy" by NASA.

So, how large does a planet have to be before it becomes a star?

If a planet grows to something like 13 to under 80 times the mass of Jupiter it is called a Brown Dwarf star. They will have enough gravitation energy to reach a surface temperature ranging from a few thousand to tens of degrees and become faintly visible in infrared light. They will slowly cool over the eons to become a

failed star. This is because they do not have enough energy to start the fusion process, where Hydrogen is turned into Helium. Energy is released by the fusion process because when two atoms of Hydrogen form one atom of Helium a small amount of mass is lost. This loss of mass is turned into energy calculated by the famous equation of $E=MC^2$ where E is Energy, M is Mass and C is the speed of light squared ($C \times C$). Since C is 670,616,629 mph a small amount of mass can produce a lot of energy.

The smallest fusion stars are called Red Dwarfs because we see them as red due to their low surface temperatures, ranging from 1,700–3,200° C, which is significantly lower than the Sun. The internal temperature, however, is in millions of degrees which is required to start and maintain the fusion process. It is estimated that some 70 to 84% of the stars in our galaxy are Red Dwarfs.

More on star classifications next time.

Clear skies

Peter