

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 13th July to Saturday 19th July 2025.

Theres always further one can go!

I once had a little booklet published by Grove Books (1998). It was some reflections and learning from working with Faith and Light Communities in Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire. These were Christian communities for people with learning disabilities and their friends and carers. This weeks Gospel focussing on the Good Samaritan reminded me of those days. I well remember us all bandaging one another's imagined wounds. There were all sorts of variations on how to bandage heads, arms, legs and chests! It was a really beautiful acting out of the care the Samaritan man had shown, and the care we were showing each other.

The parable continues to be one of the most well known of Jesus' stories. The need to show love and care to those who are struggling is still, self-evidently, a very good thing. And yet this lovely parable also had a very hard edge to it. Those listening to Jesus hated those Samaritans from 'up North'. The inhabitants of Judea in the south could simply not tolerate them, and the feeling was mutual. Feelings of animosity between peoples of the Middle East is certainly not a new development.

The parables are timeless, as is the way with moral stories. Jesus method of teaching was to encourage people to reach beyond themselves. In this case, yes it is good to offer support to one another. Yes it is good to offer support to those in need. And yes at times, as in the case of the Samaritan, it is even better to lay aside ones prejudices. And to offer a helping hand to someone we would not normally have the chance to pass the time of day with. That is the way Jesus lived his life, and so the story teller certainly practised what he preached. Who knows, the time may come when we need to emulate him!



Meanwhile have a good week and go well!

Sunday Services



Sunday 13th July 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock – The Reverend Helen Bent.
Readings are Colossians. 1-14 and Luke 10 25 - 37

Sunday 20th July 9.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion All Age Service

Sunday 27th July 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick

Sunday 3rd August 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion

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

Mid-Week Services

Thursday 17th July 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion – The Rev'd Newton
Gatambia Kibitingi

Please note that during Rev'd Heathers absence cover has been arranged for the Thursday morning Holy Communion services however some weeks the service may be on alternative days and may not start until 11.00 a.m. To help you plan ahead details are given below. These dates and time may be subject to change so please keep an eye on your News Letter.

Thursday 24th July 10.00 a.m.

Friday 1st August 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 7th August 11.00 a.m.

Thursday 14th August 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 21st August 10.00 a.m.

Friday 29th August 10.00 a.m.

- **This week's Mind** – Phillip Marks 1976, Walter Wills 2001, George Buckley 1989, Anne Martin 1997, Frederick Cooper, Francis Hardwick 2003, Joan Gibbard 2009, John Wrangham Hardy 1993, Daphne Bell 2003

Parish Notes

Rector: The Reverend Heather Lowe

Associate Minister (Church Army): Captain Alan Lowe,

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Benefice website: <https://www.harpersbrookanglicans.org.uk>

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 £1.00 each (the increase is due to an increase in the village Hall rental cost). Concessions for those on Universal Credit.

The last Little Treasures this term will be this Friday 11th July. Our new term will start on Friday 5th September.

Dates for your Diaries and Church News

ST PETER'S CHURCH NEWS - SUMMER 2025

Summer Sundays Tea and Cake events at the Germain Rooms during July and August. On **Sundays 20th and 27th of July and 3rd and 10th of August**, tea, cake and scones will be available in abundance from 2 - 4 pm to raise funds for St Peter's. We hope that this will be a relaxing and delicious way to pass a sunny afternoon whilst supporting a very good cause, so please come along and spread the word to friends and family, we will be delighted to see them.

So, as you can see, we have been working hard behind the scenes and continue to do so to raise enough money to 'keep the doors open' to all who wish to visit our precious church whether for praise, quiet reflection or to admire its unique features. More is planned, including fabulous **Produce Sales in September**. We would like to thank all who continue to support these efforts in a variety of ways. If you would like more information on any of the events above or feel you would like to lend support in anyway, please contact me, details below, I would love to hear from you.

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St Andrews Brigstock - St Andrews Brigstock are holding a pick a box stall at Brigstock Beer Festival. Could you help with the following:

1. Provide Tombola type prizes.
- 2 Provide boxes. (Preferably ones that won't need covering like gift boxes)
(Give to Steph Beckett or leave in church)
3. Fill a box yourself.

These will sell for £1 so don't be extravagant with what you put inside.

Thank you



St Peter's, Stanion - Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 29th
November 10.00 a.m. – 3 p.m.