

# News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

## Easter and Sunday Services



**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 p.m.** St Andrews Brigstock – quiet reflective service

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 p.m.** All Saints Sudborough – Easter Eve Service

**Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 9.15 a.m.** St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion service by Extension

**10.30 a.m.** St Peters Stanion Benefice Easter Day celebration service suitable for all.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m.** St Peters Lowick

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 a.m.** St Peters Stanion

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 a.m.** St Andrews Brigstock

For further information and updates please visit our website [www.harperbrookanglicans.org.uk](http://www.harperbrookanglicans.org.uk)



**\*\*\*For our lovely flower arrangers please note that church flowers may be done any time after the Good Friday service or on the Saturday\*\*\***

## **Mid-Week Services**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m.** Holy Communion service St Andrews Brigstock

- **Recently Departed** - Our Organist Jean Wignell's husband Cliff recently passed away. Do please pray for Jean. Cliffs funeral will be at Kettering Crematorium on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 a.m.
  
- **This week's Mind** - LLija Vukorrat 1996, Eileen Millar 1998, Caroline Curtis 1980, Frances Short 1986, Madge Pullen 2000, John Stanley Clarke 2024, Gladys Clow 1992, Myrtle Brown 2013, Joan Gray 2018

## *Parish Notes*

**Rector:** The Reverend Heather Lowe

**Associate Minister (Church Army):** Captain Alan Lowe,

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### Churchwarden Contact telephone numbers:

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**Sudborough** – Jeremy Crouch 07790 651116

(Also Lay Worship Leader for the Benefice)

**Brigstock** – Carl Hector 01536 373410

**Stanion** – David Lafferty 01536 200175

**Benefice Administrator** – Allison Porter email: [beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com](mailto:beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com) or telephone 01536 373509 or 07933 804432

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

**Please note** that Rev'd Heather will be taking 3 months compassionate leave from May 26<sup>th</sup> - August 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 in order to spend some quality time with Alan.

Enquiries will be directed to either Allison, Jackie or the Church Wardens.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Electoral Roll**



Belong



Participate



Contribute

**Electoral Roll forms need to be returned to Electoral Roll Officers asap - Stanion - Sue Jamieson or Rev'd Heather, Brigstock - Liz Cobley, All Saints - Prue Vaughn and Lowick - Jo Boyers.**

### **PEW BIBLES**

St Andrew's, Brigstock and St Peter's, Stanion have agreed to purchase NRSV pew Bibles. These will replace the weekly Bible readings issued with the News Letter. It will give preachers more flexibility in which Lectionary Bible passages they preach on and will mean that Alan will not have to keep producing the weekly sheets, whilst ensuring that congregation members who like to follow the readings may still do so. Each Bible will cost £15.00 and we would like to purchase 20 for each of the two churches in the first instance.

If you would like to purchase a Bible in memory of someone, please write your name and the name of the person it is in memory of on the list in the church in which you would like the Bible to be placed.

If you would like to purchase a Bible without putting who it is in memory of this would also be welcome.

We would like to purchase these Bibles in the week following Easter. **So please could you fill in the list by Easter Day - 20th April 2025.**

We will buy Bibles which are all the same edition so that there is only one page number to be given out for the readings.

### How to pay –

**For St Andrews Brigstock** - please put your payment in an envelope with your name on it and if applicable the name(s) of the one(s) to be remembered then put it through Allison's letter box at 5, Stable Hill Brigstock NN14 3HN

**For St Peters Stanion** - please put your payment in an envelope with your name on it and if applicable the name(s) of the one(s) to be remembered then put it through Rev'd Heathers letter box at The Rectory, 14, Willow Lane Stanion NN14 1DT

### SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Dates for your Diaries

**St Peters Lowick -**



The next monthly Coffee morning offering refreshment and a chance to catch up with friends is happening on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, also at the Village Hall (Germain Rooms), from 10 a.m. to midday. £2 per person, children and dogs free! All welcome. Dates of future monthly 'mornings' are 27<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> June. Come along and join in!

**All Saints Sudborough** - On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May All Saints Sudborough is pleased to welcome the Oundle School Jazz Orchestra who will be performing an eclectic mix of jazz for us on a Spring evening in the run up to our VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Concert starts at 7:30pm Tickets are £15 for adults and £10 for children and are available from the TicketSource website (see link below) or by contacting the Churchwarden, Jeremy Crouch (details above).



<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/northamptonshire/all-saints-church-sudborough/osjo-sudborough-2025/2025-05-02/19:30/t-xmkykoy>



**Bell ringing for 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day** – On the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day (Thurs 8th May) there will be bellringing nationwide. Our benefice team of ringers will attempt to ring at all four churches between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the evening so listen out.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May we are inviting all locals (from 1 to over 100 years of age) to pop in to either Brigstock or Stanion churches, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to mark this important anniversary by tolling a bell. Everyone will receive a certificate and we will collate all names to display at the back of the church. If they wish, people can also have their name published in the weekly Ringing World newspaper, and purchase a copy - Proceeds to go to each church.



**St Peters Stanion** - There will be a Stanion Garage Sale on 10<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you don't live in Stanion but would like to sell items please speak to Kate (07753565080 [kate.redding@sky.com](mailto:kate.redding@sky.com)) and we'll try and arrange some drive space or part of the church for you to use.

**St Andrews Brigstock** -The Spring Fair will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> May in church between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. There will be stalls selling home-made crafts, plants, cakes and refreshments along with a tombola and raffle. Watch this space for further information



**\*\*\*We are collecting items for the Tombola They can be left in church or given to Steph Beckett\*\*\***  
**Thank you**



**Stanion** Village Fete (Church, School and Village Hall) will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> July, more information to follow. For further information please contact [kate.redding@sky.com](mailto:kate.redding@sky.com)

**St Peters Stanion** - Horticultural Show on Saturday 13th September



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

# Readings and Prayers

## EASTER DAY 2025

### Acts 10.34-43 Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### Gospel Passage: Luke 24. 1-12 The Resurrection of Jesus

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of  
his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

With three services  
across our Churches  
on Easter weekend the  
readings on these  
sheets are the main  
ones.  
There may well  
be others!

### Collect

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen