

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 8th September to Saturday 14th September 2024.

The quality of mercy

The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath' – William Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) – A worldwide Christian prayer (in Greek)

Oh, how the world still needs an injection of mercy! To offer peace, reconciliation or forgiveness. Even when one has the upper hand, or the ability to exact revenge or harm. It is the very heart of the Gospel and something we should be confident to declare. When some decry the faith it's usually because they know little of the mercy of God, which is the context for everything else. It's the beginning, the middle and the end of God's purposes, for the Earth and everything in it.

James the brother of Jesus knew this only too well. James who during his brother's earthly life was not a believer. James who, later having seen the light, became the first leader of the fledgling church in Jerusalem. James who pulls no punches in a letter he wrote, preserved in the New Testament of our Bibles. James who was probably executed for no more than what he believed. This week we visit a passage from the aforementioned letter, in which he challenges believers to practice what his brother taught. And note the summary of this part of his writing ... mercy triumphs over judgement! Why?



Because the mercy of God knows no end!

Sunday Services



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

Sunday 15th September 09.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion All Age Service

Sunday 22nd September 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick Benefice Harvest Service

Sunday 29th September – To be confirmed

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

Mid Week Services.

Thursday 12th September 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion

- **Recently Departed:** Annie Huntingdon, our prayers and thoughts are with Annie's family and friends at this sad time.
- **This Weeks Mind:** HRH Queen Elizabeth II 2022, Myra Gray 1987, Alec Brown 1996, Grace Smith 1987, Marjorie Marks 1992, Jack Chudley 1992, Thomas Swingler 1995, Wallis Loades 2007, Joe Kunc 1993, Betty Částka 1998

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There will be a **BENEFICE HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE** on September 22nd September at Lowick Church.

Donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries will be gratefully received. They will be passed on to the Foodbank for Thrapston and surrounding villages, based at Thrapston Baptist Church. Thrapston Foodbank supports local families and offers emergency and regular care/food packages as well as support and advice.

Items needed for donation:

UHT milk cartons, sugar, tea, coffee, tinned soups, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, instant mash, tinned meats and fish, dried pasta and rice, cook in sauce jars, pot noodles and cup a soups, jams and marmalades, meat spreads, cereal, tinned fruit and puddings, tinned or packet custards, evaporated milk, biscuits and snacks, baby products, laundry products, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, toilet roll

All donations are gratefully received.!

Items may be left at Lowick Church during The Scarecrow Festival on Saturday 21st September 11am - 3.00pm or on Sunday morning 22nd September.

NEW - SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

It is proposed to form a local luncheon club for the Benefice. The club would meet once per month, on the first Sunday of the month. The venue would be a local hostelry. Names with a deposit would need to be submitted beforehand so that a table could be booked. The idea is to create a friendly, supportive group for those who live alone and would value some company over the Sunday lunchtime period. The first get together is planned for Sunday, 6th October at 1 p.m. 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.

St Andrews Brigstock

Saturday September 14th is the date for Ride and Stride this year. This is a sponsored event. Half the donations go to Northamptonshire Historic Churches and the other half to St Andrews.

When they give out grant's priority is given to churches who gave participated in the event
You don't need to Ride a bike! You can walk or even go round in your car.

Please contact Steph. sbeckett13@yahoo.co.uk

Fund Raising

St Peters Lowick

Ride and Stride, Saturday 14th September - the church will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (and possibly from 1-4). We look forward to welcoming lots of visitors, please call in and see us!

The Scarecrow Festival takes place on 21st and 22nd September throughout the village. Maps cost £5. The Church will be open with craft stalls and refreshments will be found in the Germain Rooms. On the Sunday there will be a Harvest Service at 10.00 a.m. in church. Please come to the service, support this fun event and enjoy a stroll around this beautiful village.

For all Lowick events which benefit St Peter's Church, the Germain Rooms (Village Hall) and Pocket Park, please check out www.lowickvillagehall.com.

St Andrews Brigstock

- ❖ **Saturday 30th November.** – Christmas Fair 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in church

St Peters Stanion:

- ❖ **7th September** 'Heads up' for growers, jam & pickle makers and crafters. Do keep in mind that there will be another 'Horticultural and Produce Fair' at St Peters Stanion
- ❖ **23rd November** Christmas Tree Festival, St Peter's Church



**Community
Produce and Flower
Show**

**St Peters Church Stanion
Saturday September 7th**

Your fruit and veg Your baking and preserves
Your flowers arts and crafts
Special childrens and young peoples sections

Serving lovely cream teas during viewing 12-4 pm

More details and/or Entry Forms from the Church
Entrance, the Notice Board in the Village Hall, 36, High
Street and outside The Rectory 14 Willow Lane
or visit www.harpersbrookanglicans.org.uk

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Readings and Prayers Sunday September 8th 2024

Gospel Passage: James 2. 1-13

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Stand here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but falls in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement!

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Gospel Passage: Mark 7. 24-end

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'



The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity