

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 11th October to Saturday 17th October 2026

This Sunday will be the last service for The Reverend Heather and Captain Alan Lowe as they retire and move to pastures new. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both a very happy retirement and giving heartfelt thanks for their unwavering service to our Benefice.

Heather and Alan have been with us since 2017 and during their nine years have embraced us, laughed with us, cried with us and personally faced many testing times, not least Alans awful accident and subsequent Motor Neurons diagnosis. Covid then presented its own issues with the closure of all churches yet we were still provided with weekly worship and prayers on line. More recently Heather had to contend with a broken leg. It is with no surprise, but great sadness that they made the decision to re-evaluate their lives and to make the very hard decision to leave us and make time for themselves. Only God knows what the future holds for us all but the decisions we make can create happy memories and quality times and I have no doubt in my mind that this is the right decision for Heather and Alan.

It seems fitting that this Sunday our service will be a celebration of Harvest, an annual service of worship where we give thanks to God for providing food, the bounty of the earth, and the success of the agricultural year. Heather and Alan have been instrumental in growing our church community in a time where congregations nationally are decreasing. They have nurtured us, tended to us and cultivated us and can leave knowing that they we are in good shape and can thrive in God's garden. We will continue to carry on their work and give thanks in advance to the clergy who will be supporting us during the interregnum along with the PCC's and friends of our four churches.

Heather and Alan, we wish you a fond farewell and much happiness in this next chapter of your lives.



(During the interregnum enquiries can be directed to the Churchwardens, Jackie Makepeace or the Benefice Administrator, contact details can be found below.)

Sunday Services



Sunday 11th October 11.00 a.m. (Please note later start time) St Andrews Brigstock
Benefice Harvest Festival service followed by a 'Bring and Share' faith lunch. This will be
Heather and Alans last service with us.

**Gifts of non-perishable foods and/or toiletries would be gratefully received at the Harvest Service and
will be donated to local food banks.**

Sunday 18th October 9.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion All Age Service

Sunday 25th October 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick

Sunday 1st November 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion
3.30 p.m. All Saints Sudborough Evening Prayer

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

Collect Prayer for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through 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

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mid-Week Services

Thursday 15th October 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion service

- **This week's Mind:** Derek Hodson 2023, Jennifer Kiddle 2015, Cheslyn Jones, Priest 1987, Alice Johnson 1984, Molly Warren 1988, Cecil Jones 1994, Rosina Headland, Newman Spencer, Frank Dovey 1993, Trellevyn Harvey Smith 2000

Parish Notes

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Jackie Makepeace

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Carol Short & Julia Quatrone 07894 261164 please be prepared to leave a message

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

All Souls Service at St Andrews Brigstock on Monday 2nd November at 6.30 p.m.
When we remember those we love and see no longer.



Our All Souls Service is for anyone who would like to attend to remember the loved ones they have lost no matter how recent or how long ago.

If you would like us to light a candle and offer your loved ones up in prayer, please add their names to the lists that can be found in any of our four churches from next week.,

Alternatively, if you are unable to get to church to add names to the lists, please email beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com or telephone Allison the Benefice Administrator (contact details above) by Friday 30th October at the latest.

Little Treasures Toddler Group Needs You!

The Little Treasures toddler group has been running in Stanion village hall for more than three years now.

Attendance varies but it is a friendly group and valued by the attendees. As well as people from Stanion we have regulars from Little Stanion Brigstock, Lowick, Corby Kettering and surrounding areas.

Due to one of our main leaders moving on we are looking for someone with the time to volunteer to join our leadership.

The group currently runs on Friday mornings in term time it is open from 10:00 AM to 11:30. Leaders are there from 9:00 am to set up and typically until 12 to clear away

We are looking for someone who can make a regular commitment, although not necessarily every week. If you think this might be you, please contact Heather or Jackie for an informal discussion and an application form.

Church of England safeguarding training and enhanced DBS check will be required but access to these will be provided free of charge.

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SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB – 1st Sunday of the Month.

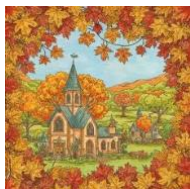
Sunday Lunch group meets monthly for good food and company for folk who would otherwise be eating dinner on their own. If you are interested, please contact Carol on the following number and leave your contact details 07894261164. If a lift is required it may be possible for people from the same locality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



Church News and Dates for Your Diaries

St Andrews Brigstock

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the guitar and ukulele recital last Friday. It was a tremendous success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. We hope to welcome Paul Mansell back in the future. The event raised in excess of £1300 towards the church building project.



St Andrews Autumn Fair Saturday 28th November 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. There will be crafts, Tombola, raffle and much more including delicious refreshments.

At the church fair on November 28th there will be the usual Tombola.

We will also be having a Christmas item lucky gift bag stall. Bags will be £1 or £2 and contain a Christmas themed gift. If you can contribute to either stall please contact Steph Beckett
Thank you

St Peters Stanion



28th November – St Peters Christmas Tree Festival at St Peters church Stanion from 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

St Peters Lowick



Our sales department is pretty busy at the moment!

Tickets for the Christmas Concert on December 18th are selling well. If you are hoping to join us for what promises to be a very special evening, don't delay, get your ticket as soon as you can. Details are on the

poster, or if you prefer can be purchased from Jo.

In addition, we have also received very positive reviews of this year's St Peter's Apple and Pear Juice from our customers. They confirm that it really is a delicious treat and ideal for a locally produced gift!

It costs £6 per bottle or £30 for a case of 6.

Louise will be holding a special sale in the church porch on Sunday, 18th October from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. where juice will feature. We can also deliver within the Benefice, contact Jo to place your order (details above).

