

News Letter

**Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 13th September to Saturday 19th September 2026**

The gift that benefits the giver!

Well actually most gifts can benefit the giver. It is joy to see someone smile when they receive your offering. It can be a pleasant experience to shop for your loved ones, anticipating what they might want.

However, the gift I want to focus on is that of forgiveness. In a famous parable someone's servant is forgiven a huge debt, but then refuses to do the same for someone indebted to him. Jesus is undoubtedly illustrating that God's forgiveness should not be taken for granted; but appreciated and shared with others. God's desire is that we ought to forgive one another. Jesus speaking to his friends and disciples once said:

Freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10.8)

Psychologists and social scientists frequently acknowledge the power of forgiveness. Only when abuse is present should it be withheld. Because it is one of those things which when offered can benefit the giver in many ways. The letting go of a resentment; the ending of a tortuous wait for the offender to get their just dues; and the fresh start with a chance to move on. Indeed, according to the world renowned Mayo Clinic, forgiveness promotes healthier relationships; improved mental health; Less anxiety, stress, and hostility; it lowers blood pressure, improving heart health. Wow! It seems the NHS would do well to advise our GP's to prescribe forgiveness on a nationwide basis!



None of this should come as a surprise to Christians worldwide. The Gospel is built on the foundation of the one who cried 'Father forgive them' even during his darkest hour.

Is there someone we could forgive? Might it make us feel better to get it done? Perhaps worth a ponder this week?

Go well.

Sunday Services



Sunday 13th September 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock

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

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

Sunday 4th October 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion

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

Collect Prayer for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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

Keep, O Lord, thy Church,
with thy perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mid-Week Services

Thursday 17th September 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion service

- **This week's Mind:** Joe Kunc 1993, Betty Částka 1998, Edith Hector 1994, Jeanne Low 2015, Ronald Loxston, Priest 1977, Claire Fordá, Wynne Minton 2015, Roy Lund 2011, Helen Penfold 2003

Notes

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



Ride and Stride Saturday 12th September.

You can Ride or Stride but this year Ride can include your car!

A fun day out while making money for St Andrews and Historic Churches Trust

Further details and sponsor forms from Steph Beckett
sbeckett13@yahoo.co.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.

Church News and Dates for Your Diaries

St Peters Stanion

Stanion and Little Stanion Flower and Produce Show 2026

Coming soon

12th September 10am — 3 pm

Categories will include vegetables,
flowers, crafts and produce.



Entry Sheets highlighting the various categories
available from August 8th

Collect your Entry Sheets from:

The Rectory 14, Willow Lane Stanion

36, High Street Stanion

or download from:

www.harpersbrookanglicans.org.uk

St Peters Church Stanion and Little Stanion

WANTED - bottles for a bottle tombola.

Please drop off at Kate's, 36 High Street, Stanion or The Rectory. Bottles may contain anything. They do not have to contain wine or alcohol. They may contain shower gel or shampoo or be an empty drinks bottle! So long as it's a bottle you are only limited by your imagination!!!

Also - donations of items for a
Autumn/Harvest Hamper.



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



AN EVENING OF LIVE CLASSICAL, JAZZ & FLAMENCO

**WITH UKULELE VIRTUOSO
PAUL MANSELL**

PLUS VERY SPECIAL GUEST ANNE CLARK

**FRIDAY 2ND OCT 2026 7 - 9PM
BRIGSTOCK CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON**

**TICKETS £15 EACH - (INCLUDING WINE & TAPAS)
CALL ALLISON 07933 804432
EMAIL BENEFICEOFFICE5@BTINTERNET.COM
OR VISIT PAULMANSELL.CO.UK/SHOP**

*SPECIAL GUEST ANNE CLARK IS A POET, SPOKEN WORD ARTIST, SINGER &
SONGWRITER WHO REGULARLY PERFORMS TO SELL OUT VENUES ACROSS
EUROPE*

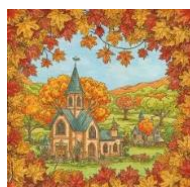


****Due to problems with the 'Events' bank account, we have had to rename the account to make it easier for those who want to purchase tickets. Apologies to those who have tried and encountered problems, new details below****

Please note Allison is the point of contact for information about the evening but tickets are available directly by bank transfer to –

P J Escombe, sort code 30-65-38, Account 41995060.

When booking by this method please use your name as the reference. Alternatively, they can be purchased from the artists website paulmansell.co.uk/shop



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.

St Peters Lowick

With batteries recharged after a hectic run up to high summer we are busy preparing the new seasons' delights.

Coffee mornings will return, starting on 22 September. As before, £2 per person for a drink, refreshments, a raffle ticket and unlimited chatter. All welcome to join our growing band of supporters and share tales including (but not confined to) those of sweltering heat, holidays and rainfall patterns!

Forthcoming dates are 27 October and 24 November, but I will remind you nearer the time.

Louise and her merry team of fruit pickers have started the process of creating a new vintage of Lowick Fruit Juice. Many thanks to Lesley, Pam and Andrew for hosting the gathering event and to all of those who took part. Please look out for more details in the following weeks.

Finally, for now, tickets are already proving very popular for the Christmas Concert on 18 December.

Numbers will be limited so to avoid disappointment don't delay in purchasing yours. If you prefer not to use the QR code on the poster, please contact me (Jo Boyers) and I will be able to help.



CHRISTMAS
in
Lowick

Featuring
The Tenor Joshua Daniel
and other guests

Friday 18th December
at
St Peters Church, Lowick.

Doors Open at 6pm | Concert Starts at 6.30pm

Tickets
Adult – £10 | Child – £5

Refreshments Included | Raffle on the night

♥ Raising Money for
St Peters Church, Lowick.
*A night of Christmas splendour with Carols
and your favourite Christmas songs.
Come for a night to remember.*

**BOX OFFICE
NOW OPEN!**
Scan the QR Code to book
your tickets quickly and securely.

Bring your family and friends and celebrate
the joy of Christmas with us!