

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 14th June to Saturday 20th June 2026

A laugh a minute?

Heather has been pleased to hear me laughing aloud this week, something I have not been doing so much recently. Excellent, that I can still physically manage it, which is good with my condition. What makes you laugh aloud? A family member with a quick wit? A friends telling of something they saw recently? A good joke or a particular programme on the telly? Whatever.

An Old Testament sequence begins as one of the options in the C of E reading plan for this week. It begins with a promise. The one the Good Lord made to a certain Abraham, which Sarah 'overheard' as she was 'passing by'. Even though she was trying to listen quietly she couldn't help but laugh. Herself and Abraham were to have a son, despite them being quite elderly, so no wonder. The problem was, the promise would take a year or two to come to fruition. During that time Sarah and Abraham just couldn't trust the promise and wandered from God's plan for them. Fortunately for them God's faithfulness was not affected and they received their promise with a son named Isaac. His name literally means to laugh!

According to numerous health organisations laughter benefits your body, mind, and social connections by reducing stress, boosting immunity, easing pain, and strengthening relationships. Wow! If only that could be bottled and taken three times a day. It would not only lower the pressures on the NHS, but would help just about everyone you know.

That's a dream of course, albeit a fine one and life isn't always a dream. It does show us though, that we are improved when we allow ourselves to laugh, even in the midst of struggles. And we can know that God has a sense of humour with us. After all he named one of his founding fathers 'he laughs', after his mum split her sides at God's outrageous promise!



Go well.

Sunday and Easter Services



Sunday 14th June 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock – Readings Genesis 18 V 1-15 and Matthew 9:35 – 10 V 8

Sunday 21st June 9.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion All Age service

Sunday 28th June 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick

Sunday 5th July 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion

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

Join us at St Peters Church Stanion
for our All Age Service
Sunday 21st June 11.30am
We are enjoying a
'Bring & Share Picnic

Indoors if wet of course!
If you would like— Bring a picnic
rug and some food to share.



Any Questions ring Heather:07548 892020

Collect Prayer for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mid-Week Services

Thursday 18th June 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion

- **Recently Departed** – Sue Prior, our thoughts are with Sue's family and friends at this sad time.
- **This week's Mind:** Tristan Beaumont 2021, Sylvia Jean Wills 2019,
Barbara Marjoribanks-Egerton, Peter Hart 1988, Clarence Sherratt 1999, John Nichols 1983

Notes

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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.



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 over 6 months £1.00 each.

Concessions for those on Universal Credit.



We are pleased to be able to welcome The Revd's Michael and Alison Rogers, who are both retired clergy, as they move into our benefice in Little Stanion. If you would like to send a welcome card or pop in some flowers from your garden or a jar of homemade marmalade or anything else, please speak to Revd Heather to get their address. Thank you

Church News and Dates for Your Diaries

St Peters Lowick

Excitement is building in anticipation of the first **Great St Peter's Bug Hunt** will take place on Sunday 14th June. From 2-4 p.m. intrepid explorers are invited to search the churchyard for creatures large and small, wiggly and fluttery! Sturdy footwear and suitable clothing for tickly grass and the occasional stinging nettle is recommended. There will be a range of activities for budding Sir David Attenboroughs and snacks to keep them going. Participation is FREE. Please join us!

The quesadilla stand is under development in preparation for serving delicious snacks and raising money for the church at the Lowick Village '**Party in the Park**' on Saturday 20th June. Head down to the Pocket Park on Drayton Road where for a £5 entry ticket you can enjoy an afternoon of musical entertainment. The church tower will also be open, courtesy of the Bellringers. For a small fee they, will be on hand to share their ringing skills and tell all about the bells and the art of ringing. Please contact www.lowickvillagehall.com for tickets and further details.

Afternoon tea and cake will return as one of our main fund-raising activities of the year during July. Each Sunday afternoon in the month from 2 - 4 p.m. a range of drinks and homemade treats will be available in the Village Hall on Drayton Room. We are hoping that the events will prove as popular as last year when many friends and past residents of the village joined us to enjoy the historic surroundings and reminisce about days gone by. We are also planning to open the church for visitors. Please come along to support us and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with delicious refreshments.

And lastly a reminder that, fingers crossed, the next Tuesday **Coffee Morning** will take place on 23rd June from 10 a.m. - midday in the Village Hall. As usual £2 per person will secure as much coffee or tea as you can drink along with snacks and the all important raffle ticket. All welcome.

St Andrews Brigstock



Garden Party
~ Saturday 13th June ~
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Hosted by Penelope Escombe at Whitehall House Brigstock
in support of the Church Building Project

- ☼ 'Picnic Food', Drinks and Cake
- ☼ Garden Games
- ☼ Summer-Themed Raffle
- ☼ Victoria Sandwich Cake Competition (for adults)
- ☼ Decorated Cupcake Competition (for children)

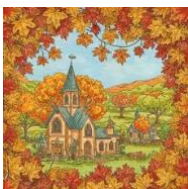
Adults £7
Children 5-16 years £5
(under 5's go free)

Contact Julia 07531 538757,
Allison 07933 804432
or
Penelope 07947 024652
to reserve your place or for
more information

Spaces still available



Friday 2nd October in church guitar and ukelele recital by Paul Mansell. Further details to follow.



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 Stanion

WHAT'S ON



4th July – Stanion School, Church and Community Centre Fete. 1.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
at Stanion Village | Hall



12th September 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. St Peters Church
Produce and Crafts Show with Cream Teas.



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