

# News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April h to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

## We shall overcome!

I was not brought up attending Church being nearer thirty before that became a regular habit. However even as a child I knew that Jesus had 'died for us all' and that this was something to do with sin. The culture I was brought up in was still basically Christian. Things have of course changed somewhat. There are numerous reasons for this. One of which is peoples objections to a perceived emphasis on sin! And in some ways this is a fair point. Parts of God's Church had highlighted this over and above the love and mercy of our creator. Have we gone too far the other way in an attempt to be relevant? I really hope not, but don't feel confident that I know the answer. Justice and mercy are always a difficult balance to maintain let alone put into words.

And yet deep inside The New Testament lie the very relevant thoughts of one who walked alongside Jesus. Who later bore the shame of abandoning that friend through fear. And yet, having been a Resurrection eye witness, pulled out all the stops to let others hear the Good News. I am talking of course of Peter, previously called Simon. The sometimes wobbly 'rock' on which Jesus would build His Church. The words he wrote were simple and deeply profound:

When they hurled their insults at him (*Jesus*), he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2 v 23-24, (on this week's readings list))



The one who had resisted sin managed to maintain that stance even when treated unfairly and tortured to an early death. Wow! That is victory indeed. A public, cosmic even, achievement. He chose and God accepted him as representative of us all. In a world where sin is increasing exponentially around the globe; a world that feels insecure as if built on sand; one where unpredictability has become commonplace; we need salvation.

Smile! We have a saviour, who lives, and is with us in the Holy Spirit. Take heart.

Go well!

## Sunday and Easter Services



**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m.** St Peters Lowick

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 11.00 a.m.** St Peters Stanion

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 a.m.** St Andrews Brigstock

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 09.30 a.m.** All Saints Sudborough  
**11.30 a.m.** St Peters Stanion All Age Service

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

### **Collect Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again,  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Mid-Week Services

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m.** St Andrews Brigstock - Holy Communion

➤ **This week's Mind** – Vera Jarvis 1998, Niven McMaster 2015, John Jaffrey 2011

## Notes

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



### **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 over 6 months £1.00 each.

Concessions for those on Universal Credit.

## Church News and Dates for Your Diaries

### St Peters Lowick

The next Coffee Morning is coming up on 28<sup>th</sup> April – 10 a.m. - noon, in the Village Hall. All welcome.

### St Andrews Brigstock

St Andrews Brigstock with St Peters Stanion Annual Parochial Church Council meeting will be held at St Peters church Stanion on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00p.m. The meeting is open to all parishioners, those on the churches electoral roles will have the opportunity to vote for the appointment of church officers for example Churchwardens.

**St Andrews Church**  
**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**

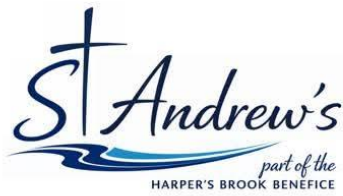
Join us to explore the oldest building in the village that is still in use.

- Have you ever wondered when the round tower was built?
- Why there is a fireplace in the church?
- What was the room above the porch used for?

There are so many puzzles to answer.

If you are interested in joining a project to research what life may have been like for the early inhabitants of Brigstock, do come along and join us, everyone is welcome.

Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be available.



## HISTORY EXPERIENCE

*Come in to discover...*

Our **CHURCH**  
Our **VILLAGE**  
Our **HERITAGE**  
Our **LORD**



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## Spring Fayre



*St Andrews Church*

*Brigstock*

*Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>*

**10 until 1**

*Plants, Crafts,  
Refreshments, Tombola,  
Raffle, and more!*



*Do join us!*

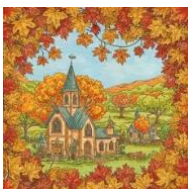


## GARDEN PARTY

**'Great news'** – a new date has been fixed for this exciting event. Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come along and join in a tug of war, cake competition and much more. Further details to follow.



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



**Autumn Fair Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

Make a note of these event dates in your diary. There is sure to be lots of fun to be had at them all!



**9<sup>th</sup> May** – Stanion Community Garage Sale 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. If you would like to take part, please contact Kate Redding 07753 565080. If you don't have a garage and would like to sell items, please speak to Kate



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



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



**28<sup>th</sup> November** – St Peters Christmas Tree Festival at St Peters church Stanion from 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.