

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough

Sunday 26th July to Saturday 1st August 2026

What gets in the way?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? One of the most famous of scriptural questions. What answer would you give?

Anything at all might well be the culprit, tasked with dividing us from the love of God, be that deliberate or otherwise. In our times it might well be the cynicism that believes nothing can improve life other than our own attainment of what we want. It could be the twenty first century expectation to have everything now, or as quickly as possible. It might be our own doubts that our prayers are being heard. That's despite research suggesting that those who pray regularly have a better well-being. To return to the Apostle Paul, whose writing I began with, he goes further suggesting that anything at all can hinder our walk with God. Anything mortal or spiritual is capable of hindering the love of God from being experienced.

When I felt God drawing me to himself some thirty years ago it was practicalities which hindered me. Playing for a football team every Sunday morning was the hindrance. Only when circumstance prevented me from playing regularly did I experience the worship and teaching, which amongst other things, led me forward. Oh and I did manage to keep playing, for a while, at other times. God is good.

Anything at all, might be the thing that prevents us from facing regularly towards God this week. It all comes down to priorities. Making time to pray and doing it often is the key to receiving the Holy Spirit. It is not that God comes and goes but that we sometimes do. And the truth is that we don't do it in our own strength, it's a two way relationship. As we sometimes here in our worship; 'Come close to God and he will come close to you'. Jesus has set the ultimate example to follow and Paul encourages us in this with his concluding words in the passage referred to (Romans 8. 31 – end).

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Sunday Services



Sunday 26th July 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick

Sunday 2nd August 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion

Sunday 9th August 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock

Sunday 16th August 9.30 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



On Sunday 30th August we are having a Songs of Praise in the Education Shelter at Fermyn Woods Country Park. If you intend to be present and would like to choose a Hymn/Song please let Alan Know. Sharing a few words on why you have chosen that particular hymn/song, would be well received too.

Collect Prayer for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies in the
ways of your laws and the works of your
commandments; that through your most
mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Mid-Week Services

Thursday 30th July 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion

- **This week's Mind:** Francis Palmer 2004, Edwyn Frandsen 2010, Alex Brimfield 1991, Jean Dovey 2000, Lancelot Fleming, Bishop 1990, Laurence Brown 1973, Alex Robertson 1998, Canon Leonard Viner 2019

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.

Church News and Dates for Your Diaries

St Peters Lowick

I was delighted to be inducted as the Lowick Churchwarden for the next year at a joyful service at St Peter's Oundle this week. It's really interesting to share stories and tips with other Churchwardens in the area and always good to catch up with friends. If you have any enquiries about services in the Benefice, visiting St Peter's or would like to get involved in looking after our amazing building please contact me on lowickchurchwarden@gmail.com. Jo

The last of this year's Summer Sundays Afternoon Teas takes place this Sunday, 26/7 from 2-4 in Lowick Village Hall on Drayton Road. The Church will be open as will the Tower this week, courtesy of the Bellringers. Come and find out about the bells and the art of ringing them whilst enjoying the stunning views across the village. We have really enjoyed meeting so many people already this month, so please come along, you are assured of a warm welcome - and CAKE!

It may be the hottest, driest summer ever but we are already making plans for Christmas! We are very excited to announce that St Peter's will be hosting a fabulous musical Christmas event featuring local Tenor Joshua Daniels. It promises to be a very special evening so don't delay in securing your tickets. Details on the poster.

St Peters Lowick



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!

St Andrews Brigstock



AN EVENING OF LIVE CLASSICAL, JAZZ & FLAMENCO

**WITH UKULELE VIRTUOSO
PAUL MANSELL**

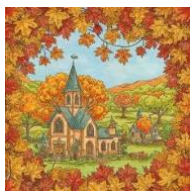
PLUS VERY SPECIAL GUEST ANNE CLARK

**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*





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



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



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