

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 31ST March to Saturday 6TH April 2024.



**Don't forget to put your clocks forward this weekend!
British Summer Time starts at 1.00 a.m. on Sunday morning.**

For Easter: Three Minute Theologies – Resurrection

During Holy Week, we remember Jesus last days among us, and look forward to celebrating that: 'The Lord is Risen'. What we refer to as The Resurrection.

Resurrection is not the same as resuscitation. Jesus resuscitated a number of people who had ceased to breathe, as did some of his closest disciples later. The raising of Lazarus being the most dramatic, him having been deceased for four days or more. Indeed, in our own day resuscitation has become a skilled part of medicine, albeit one which needs carrying out very quickly. Resurrection is more fundamental, nothing less than a complete overhaul. In Jesus' day the Pharisees were among those who believed in the concept of Resurrection, whilst other groups did not. Resurrection the reuniting of a human's spirit with a new physical body. What sort of 'body' this was going to be, was open for debate, being too far beyond our human understanding. It was within this understanding that Jesus affirmed how the resurrection would begin with God's own Messiah. The rest of humanity would follow, in God's good time. The Prophet Isaiahs vision of a new heaven and earth, as well as that of the other prophets, and Jesus himself, point towards the Resurrection happening at the end of time. That day when God will fully renew the face of both Heaven and Earth.



So, what will this Resurrection body be like? According to the Apostle Paul it will be a spiritual body. An imperishable body, no longer subject to ageing and decay. Jesus own resurrection provides us with more valuable clues. He was different and it took some time for others time to know it was him. Yet once people got beyond their amazement they recognised him as the Jesus they knew. His new life was a continuation, a new chapter within the same story. We can know this because he still carried the scars of his suffering, although they were now healed.

A renewed body, free from decay but uniquely us. Able to renew relationships with loved ones, free from any of the pain and tears which are part of the current creation. Now that is something to really

hope for. And for a loving all-knowing God, this poses no difficulty. Our creator, who knows each of our unique DNA codes, will

tweak them as necessary. For us, and the ones we miss, this is indeed good news. The very foundation of Christian hope! HAPPY EASTER 2024

Sunday/Easter Services



Good Friday 29th March 2.00 p.m. St Peters Stanion - A quiet reflective service

Saturday 30th March 6.30 p.m. All Saints Sudborough - Easter Eve service

Easter Sunday 31st March 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock - Benefice Easter Service

Sunday 7th April 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion - Holy Communion service

Sunday 14th April 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock – Holy Communion service

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

Mid Week Services.

Thursday 4th April There will not be a Holy Communion Service at St Andrews Brigstock this week

➤ **Recently Departed:** Nigel Askew

➤ **This Weeks Mind:** David Bailey 2000, Eddie Franks 2009, Shirley Laundry 2018, Oliver Tiney 1989, James Brown, Priest 2010

It has been advertised in the newspapers that there will be a Thanksgiving Service for David Laing CBE, DL, CSTJ, at All Saints Northampton at 1.30 p.m. on Monday June 24th all are welcome to attend.

Parish Notes

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

****Please note Reverend Heather Lowe will be not be at her desk from Monday 1st April until Tuesday 9th April.****



St Andrews Brigstock

Saturday September 14th is the date for Ride and Stride this year. This is a sponsored event. Half the donations go to Northamptonshire Historic Churches and the other half to St Andrews.

When they give out grant's priority is given to churches who gave participated in the event

You don't need to Ride a bike! You can walk or even go round in your car.

Please contact Steph.

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Fund Raising

All Saints Sudborough

Saturday the 8th June at 6.30 p.m. in church Fiori Musicali – One of the UK's principal providers of classical and early music concerts outside of London. Both choir and orchestra perform in various formats to suit the many fine and historic venues in the heart of England. To purchase tickets, use the link below.

<http://ticketsource.co.uk/fiori>

St Andrews Brigstock



Rutland Big Band - A return visit by request on Monday April 8th in Brigstock Village Hall. The 80th anniversary concert celebrating the music of Glen Miller and his orchestra. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets £15 (including bar) from Tony 07591156171 or Barbara 373240



Saturday 18th May - Spring Fair 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Further details will follow but please contact Ros Wooster if you can help with a stall.

There will be the usual array of stalls including plants. We also need Tombola items, please leave any suitable items in the box at the back of the church.

St Peters Stanion:

Dates for your diaries 2024

- ❖ **11th May** Stanion Garage Sale. For further details contact Kate Redding 07753 565080
- ❖ **8th June** Combined Summer Fete with Stanion Village Hall, Stanion Primary School and St Peter's Church at Stanion Village Hall.
- ❖ **7th September** Horticultural and Produce Fair, St Peter's Church
- ❖ **23rd November** Christmas Tree Festival, St Peter's Church



Sky Guide for April 2024

This month there is only one planet to see from our location and that too will be gone by month's end. The Moon will be New on the 8th and Full on the 24th. It should be visible as a waxing crescent on the 10th from 06:42 to 22:52 from our location. Do take care if trying to view it during daylight using any optical aids.

Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are not visible from our location all month.

Jupiter will be visible after dusk at around 25° and set before midnight in the West at the start of the month and gradually appear lower and set earlier as the month progresses. After about the 24th it will not be visible.

There will be a total solar eclipse on the 8th across the USA, there will be nothing to see in the UK.

On the 11th the Crescent Moon will be close to the Pleiades (M45) in the West from dusk to midnight. The Pleiades, or the Seven Sisters as it is commonly called, is an Open Star Cluster situated some 444 light years away and is one of the nearest open clusters to Earth. The easily visible seven main stars are middle aged hot blue ones which formed around 100 million years ago. The cluster is expected to survive for another 250 million years or so before being dispersed by gravitational interactions with its galactic neighbours.



In this image, taken from the Stellarium astronomy computer programme, the "mistyness" is thought to be due to the cluster passing through a dust cloud and not left over from its formation. Clear skies.

Peter

Readings and Prayers

Easter Day 2024

March 31st

Easter New Testament Reading: Acts 10. 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes

Easter Gospel Reading: John 20. 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that

had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 'They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 'When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned, and the way to life stands open,
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**