

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough

Sunday 5th October to Saturday 11th October 2025.

Whisper it but God is moving!

After years of Church attendance dropping it has turned a corner. Or to use a different metaphor the tide has turned. Church attendance has risen between 2018 and 2024 by a not insignificant amount. Young people are in the majority of those seeking after something that transcends the bleak outlook of our 24 hour news channels. More broadly sales of Bibles have almost doubled in that time during a period where general book sales dropped. Those who follow the statistics and trends of these things are calling it The Quiet Revival. It's impact varies of course from place to place. We have seen a couple of signs of this in our own Benefice. It's taken a while but people are done with Atheism!

What are we supposed to do about it? That is the question that comes to my mind. I am working this through and will continue to do so, sharing any thoughts I have. I am reminded of something Jesus said about seeing what his Father was already doing and joining in with it! (Johns Gospel 5. 9-10). That is a good place to begin for all of us who are more seasoned believers. If God is already doing something. Which is almost certainly the case, we should stand ready to support it.



When people ask us questions of faith are we ready to respond? No need to be an expert just answer to the best of our knowledge. Are we willing to be slightly more overt and wear our faith on our sleeves? No need to wave banners but be proud of whom we belong to. When some of our families and friends' spirits start awakening will we notice and pray for them? Being aware is the main thing. Just as our eyesight is corrected by spectacles so our awareness of all things spiritual is corrected by prayer. Just knowing what is stirring in our land, and seeking God's wisdom, will ensure we are ready to help the good Lord when we are called upon.

Do pray that the spiritual tide will continue to turn. Remember that as the tide comes in it lifts up all boats not just the fancy ones.

Sunday Services



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

Sunday 12th October 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock

Sunday 19th October 09.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough

11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion Harvest Festival Service

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

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



This year's Harvest Service will be at St Peters Stanion however the flower arrangers for St Andrews Brigstock are welcome to decorate the church with harvest in mind for the weekend of 11/12 October.

Mid-Week Services

Thursday 9th October 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion

Collect for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord
whose glory is around and within us;
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **This week's Mind** – Albert Wright 1974, Thomas Isaac Richardson 1984, Beatrice Gray 1991, Annie Louise Allen 1990, Jennifer Kiddle 2015, Derek Hodson 2023

Parish 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.



Stanion Church is cleaned once a month before the Church service. This includes hoovering/ dusting and/or cleaning Church brasses. Any Volunteer offers of help to do any of these tasks would be greatly appreciated. To find out more please contact Rev'd Heather, Jenny Glen for info about brasses

07746 918172) or Sue Jamieson for info about Church cleaning (07949 859993). If a few people are interested a rota might be drawn up. Thank you in anticipation.



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

Many thanks to all who supported the Produce Sale last Sunday by buying, donating or making and once again visitors were welcomed to the tower by the enthusiastic ringers. The total sum raised over September is still to be finalised but we know to will make a significant contribution to our repair and running costs so again thank you to all involved.

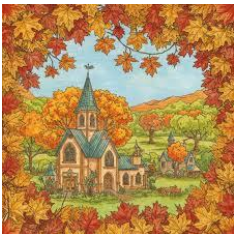
The community Coffee Morning will return to Lowick Village Hall on Tuesday 28 October at 10am.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a chat, refreshments and a raffle, all for £2 each. It's been a busy few months - we have lots to catch up on!

All Saints Sudborough News

We have now had nearly a year of services on the first Sunday in the month at 3:30pm. Thanks to all who have attended. Unfortunately, due to other commitments there will be no service on the first Sunday in October but the series will resume on Sunday 2 November with a service for the Patronal Festival of All Saints. Then on Sunday 7 December there will be a service of reflection for Advent and on Sunday 4 January Evening Prayer.

St Andrews Brigstock



Autumn Fair Saturday 15th November 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. There will be crafts, Tombola, raffle and much more including delicious refreshments. Do come along and join us.



There will be a meeting in St Andrews church on the 7th October at 10.30 a.m. to organise the Autumn Fai. Please come and join us, helpers and ideas for the event are always appreciated.



Yes, it is that time again!! St Andrews Fair in November! Tombola items needed, in particular Christmassy items!!

Please leave in church or give to Cynthia or Steph.

You did an amazing job finding things for Beer Festival box stall so have another little search. Many thanks.

St Peter's, Stanion –

Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 29th November 10.00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

