

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough

Sunday 8th March to Saturday 14th March 2026

The Gloria through Lent. Week 3: Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

We began pondering The Gloria with a swinging start alongside the Angels aloft the hills of Bethlehem. Then to God's immense character of approachability, surrounded by mystery and awe. Now to proclaiming Jesus. Or should that be The Messiah or Christ? Good question! The one true Son of the living God fills both sets of boots. Human and Divine in the one person. It's this mind blowing truth which makes our faith worth its weight in gold!

Jesus, often refers to himself in the third person as The Son of Man. A title arising from the Old Testament Book of Daniel. It affirms his solidarity with humanity, as one of us. We recall his battles with himself and the evil one in the Judaeen wilderness. Tempted just as much as we are to ignore God's way and 'do it my way'. He will have known joy as his family grew to around ten. And loss too. His father Joseph appears to have died before Jesus ministry began in earnest. He knew the wonder of seeing people healed and probably the frustration that he couldn't do even more. He saw huge crowds hanging on his every word, before many disowned him and hid away while he suffered. Talk about ups n downs. He was as human as you and I.

And yet he was fully God too. Born by a divine intervention in Mary's life. Able to pray with such sincerity and connection that lives were healed and restored. He won the battle to live the way God had intended, from life's first breath to final cry. John in the introduction to his Gospel wrote those famous words: 'In the beginning was the word'. Jesus the Christ being with God from creations beginning.

Only the Son of God could triumph over death and only the Son of Man would do it on our behalf, winning a promise that we will inherit the same victory.

To ponder this week:

- What does Jesus being fully human / fully divine mean for my prayers?
- Is there an example Jesus left, which I need to take more notice of?
- Let's pray daily for Christians caught up in the latest Middle Eastern troubles



Sunday Services



Sunday 8th March 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock – service to be taken by The Reverend Beatrice Brandon

Readings: Romans 5 1-11 and John4 5-42

Sunday 15th March 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion - A service for Mothering Sunday without Communion

****Please note there will not be a service at All Saints Sudborough this week.****

Sunday 22nd March 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick

Sunday 29th March 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock – Palm Sunday service.

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

Collect Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God

whose most dear Son went not up to joy

but first he suffered pain,

and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,

may find none other than the way of life and peace;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand temptations

of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,

the only God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mid-Week Services

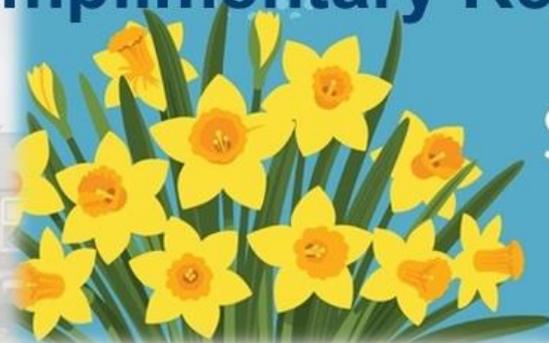
Thursday 12th March 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion

➤ **This week's Mind** – Reg Minton 1999, Molly Short 2022, Ralph Amey 2017, Noel Marks 1988

**St Peters Church Stanion
invites you to our
Celebration Service
for
Mothering Sunday
Sunday March 15th
11.30 am**

**Relaxed and interactive.
Suitable for all, from the
youngest to the eldest.**

Complimentary Refreshments



HELLO
SPRING

Notes

Rector: The Reverend Heather Lowe

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Brigstock – Vacant

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Pastoral Visitors -

Jackie Makepeace

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Carol Short & Julia Quatrine 07894 261164 please be prepared to leave a message

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



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.

Benefice Pastoral Visitors



The four churches in the Harpers Brook Benefice are lucky to have three Pastoral Visitors who are trained laypeople. They are able to visit church members and the wider community, particularly the vulnerable, housebound and bereaved at home, in hospital and care homes. They help to foster relationships with our churches offering a listening ear, companionship, conversation, support and prayer. Their focus will be on listening and care rather than professional advice but they may be able to signpost to other agencies if appropriate. They will always maintain confidentiality, unless there is a risk to the individual or someone else as per the safeguarding protocols.

Our Pastoral Visitors have completed up to date safeguarding training and DBS checks. If you or you know someone who would like a pastoral visit please contact: Jackie Makepeace, Julia Quatrine or Carol Short, contact details can be found above. Julia and Carol are available on a rota basis so share a mobile phone, please be prepared to leave a message and a return call will be made as soon as possible.

Bell Ringing News

On the 12th March 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. there will be an attempt of a quarter peel at St Peters church Stanion This is a continuous performance of church bell ringing that lasts approximately 45 to 50 minutes. The ringers must play without any breaks, hesitations, or repetitions of the same sequence; a single mistake can result in the performance being classed as a "fail".

Also

there is a requirement for learner ringers for Stanion, if you are interested, please contact the Tower Captain Tom Birkett Trb1961@googlemail.com or phone number 07866 331692



Church News and Dates for Your Diaries

St Peters Lowick

The 2025 batch of Lowick Apple and Pear juice has proven to be a big hit! All bottles have now been sold with a tidy sum being raised for church funds. Many thanks to all who purchased some (and came back for more) and thanks too to Louise, Jill and those who donated fruit who made this exciting new venture possible. We hope that this year's crop is equally bountiful and we can produce an even finer vintage in 2026!

A reminder that the next coffee morning will take place on 24 March in the Village Hall at 10am. All welcome.

St Andrews Brigstock



Fundraising meeting

There will be a fundraising meeting in church on Tuesday 10th March at 10.00 a.m. Please do come along if you have any ideas for fundraising events or if you are able to offer your help at any future events. You do not need to be a church attendee, everyone welcome.



The Spring Fair will be on the 16th May in church between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. There will be stalls selling home-made crafts, plants, cakes and refreshments along with a tombola and raffle. Watch this space for further information



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

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

9th May – Stanion Community Garage Sale

4th July – Stanion School, Church and Community Centre Fete.

28th November – St Peters Christmas Tree Festival.

Sky Guide for March 2026

There is not much to report this month apart from the return of Venus for an hour or so in the evenings from the 12th.

Moon and Planets:

The Moon will be Full on the 3rd and New on the 19th.

Mercury will not be visible from our location all month.

Venus will be very low in the west at dusk from the 12th and set about an hour later.

Mars will not be visible from our location all month.

Jupiter will appear in the south-east at around 50° at dusk, rise to about 60° a few hours later in the south before setting in the north-west about 03:00.

Saturn will not be visible from our location all month.

Uranus will appear at dusk in the southwest at around 50° at the start of the month and gradually get lower to 26° as the month progresses. It will then set just after midnight.

Neptune will not be visible from our location all month.

The Spring Equinox will be on the 20th at 14.48 GMT where day and night will be of equal length.

The time of the Equinox occurs later by 5 hours and 48 minutes every year. To correct this we add an extra day as the 29th of February, the next Leap Year will be in 2028.

The Moon will be close to the Pleiades star cluster (M45) on the 23rd, always worth a look especially with binoculars.

Star classifications for Astronomy are based on their spectral characteristics, where light is split into the colours of the rainbow. The letters O,B,A,F,G,K and M are used where O is the hottest and M the coolest. This is followed by a number from zero to nine from hot to cool and a Roman Numeral from zero to VII for Luminosity. This gives our Sun a classification of G2V as a Yellow Dwarf. Stars radiate in all colours to varying degrees so human eyes see the Sun as white.

The characteristics of stars change over time in a predictable way and this is shown in a Hertzsprung-Russel diagram of luminosity versus colour (Y and X axes). The bulk of stars lie in a band from upper left to lower right which is known as the Main Sequence where core hydrogen burning is prominent.

Some stars shine for a long time, Red Dwarfs, and some for a comparatively short time, Blue giants. More on this next time.

Clear Skies

Peter