

# News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

A bit of a lottery?

The word Judas has become a less than complementary term, usually signifying someone who has 'done the dirty' on a friend. This of course refers back to the time when one Judas Iscariot betrayed the trust of his friends. Most particularly his mentor, friend and teacher Jesus of Nazareth.

At this time of the church's year, we move through some of the early passages recorded by Luke in the Book of Acts. Specifically, this week we recall how the eleven disciples sought a replacement for Judas. And how did they go about that? Well actually they drew lots! Probably a longer stick for Joseph and a shorter stick for Matthias. And Matthias was chosen. All sounds very ordinary and hardly holy don't we think? Well actually if we delve further into that story, we discover a fuller picture. Along with many other followers, the eleven had been fasting and praying together. And the two candidates were already strong followers of Jesus.

I love this story as it brings together prayer and everyday action, which is so often how God works in the world. They drew lots but as an old proverb says:

"The lot is cast into the lap, but the decision is the Lord's alone"

(Prov 16:33)

This remains as true now as it was then, and as it will be two thousand years hence. That our actions and our prayers work together. Action without any prayer chooses not to seek the Spirit. Prayer without any action, can undermine the everyday support we all need to give and receive.

May all our doings this week be steeped in our prayers!



## Sunday Services



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 a.m.** St Andrews Brigstock

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 09.30 a.m.** All Saints Sudborough  
**11.30 a.m.** St Peters Stanion All Age Service

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

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 11.00 a.m.** St Peters Stanion

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

## Mid Week Services.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 a.m.** St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion

➤ **This Weeks Mind:** John Wilkinson 2022, Sheila Gaughan 2003, Audrey Corner 2009, Richard Brookes 1995, Barbara Johnson, Jeremy Glass 1988, Heather Bailey 2012, Alice Palmer 2000, Brian Jeffs 2014

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 24<sup>th</sup> all are welcome to attend.

## *Parish Notes*

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2. **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** Meet the Bishop on the Diocesan pilgrimage from 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May two teams will walk the boundaries of the Diocese, starting in Peterborough Deanery Ascension Day and meeting back together in Brackley Deanery on Pentecost. During this time, one team will share their stories of faith, and the other team will focus on helping others to be confident in their witness. Each day of the pilgrimage will see a Thy Kingdom Come Deanery event so that all of the Diocese can join together in prayer and hear stories of faith shared. The team in our Archdeaconry will be led by Charlie Nobbs, Director of Mission, they will be walking from Oakham to Rockingham on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. Bishop Debbie will be attending many of the events, walking some of the routes and sharing her own story of faith during the pilgrimage. She said:

'I am looking forward to visiting all our deaneries, praying with you and hearing your stories as well as sharing my own. Sharing our faith with others is a powerful demonstration of God's work in our lives and being part of the Thy Kingdom Come global movement empowers us to remember that we are all part of God's family together, wherever we are on our journey.

The meeting is at **Rockingham Castle** at **7.30 p.m.**

The gates will be open from **7 p.m.**

Use the main entrance to the castle LE16 8TH off the A6003 road by the lodge cottage. The entrance is on the west side of the road some 50 m before from the roundabout linking the Rockingham Road in Corby with the A6003 to Uppingham and Oakham. It is quite a long drive from the entrance to the actual castle  
Parking: above and below to the twin towers of the castle gatehouse.

Meet for refreshments in Walker House, this is on the right side after going through/ under the arch between the twin towers.

After refreshments people can then go as a group to the Great Hall to Meet the Bishop.

This event is open to everyone in the deanery. Please encourage members of your church to come  
Hopefully the evening will finish at 9 p.m. No sign up required if you are going to Rockingham Castle, just turn up!

(This will be a great opportunity to meet our new Bishop. It would be great to have some of our Benefice present and I will be there! Rev'd Heather)

### **St Andrews Brigstock**

Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> 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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**'Heads up' for growers, jam & pickle makers and crafters. Do keep in mind that there will be another 'Horticultural and Produce Fair' at St Peters Stanion in September (see Stanion fund raising dates for your diary)**



## **Fund Raising**

### **All Saints Sudborough**

**Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> 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**



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**\*\*\*We would be grateful to receive donations of cakes for the cake stall.\*\*\***

At St Andrews Spring Fair on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, in addition to the usual stalls there will be a decorative plate and vintage stall. If you have any items that you no longer want or need, please pass to Ros Wooster. We are also trying to think of some new stalls! If you have any ideas, please tell Ros Wooster or Jean Casswell

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.** – Christmas Fair 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in church

### **St Peters Stanion:**

#### **Dates for your diaries 2024**

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





# Readings and Prayers **Sunday after Ascension Day** May 12th 2024

## New Testament Reading: Acts 1. 15-17, 21—end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

### Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## Gospel Reading: John 17. 6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world; just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.