

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 15th December to Saturday 21st December 2024.

Sunday & Christmas Day Services



Sunday 15th December 9.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
(Third Sunday of Advent) 11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion Christmas Story Service

Sunday 22nd December - No morning service at St Peters Lowick
(Fourth Sunday of Advent) 3.30 p.m. St Peters Lowick Christingle

Christmas Day Service 9.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough

Sunday 29th December 10.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion – Quiet spoken benefice service

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

**Please see the timetable at the end of the News Letter for all Christmas services. **

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

Mid-Week Services.

Tuesday 17th December 7.00 p.m. St Peters Stanion Blue Christmas

Thursday 19th December 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. All Saints Sudborough Carol Service

- **Recently Departed:** Sally Villiers
- **This Weeks Mind:** Harry White 1989, Jeremy Hall 2012, Thomas (Tom) Nall 2016, Cyril Easthaugh, Bishop 1988, Joseph Clipsom 1986, Ivy McCaughe 1998, Reginald Buckerfield 1999, Harry Parry 2016

Parish Notes

Rector: The Reverend Heather Lowe

Associate Minister (Church Army): Captain Alan Lowe,

Telephone: 01536 263550

Address: 14 Willow Lane, Stanion, Northamptonshire, NN14 1DT

From the end of December Rev'd Heather and Captain Alan will no longer have a landline telephone number.

Their new phone number will be 07548 892020

Reader & Safeguarding Officer – Jackie Makepeace

Telephone: 01832 358978

Churchwarden Contact telephone numbers:

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Jo.boyers@btinternet.com or

lowickchurchwarden@gmail.com

Sudborough – Jeremy Crouch 07790 651116

Brigstock – Carl Hector 01536 373410

Stanion – David Lafferty 01536 200175

Benefice Administrator– Allison Porter email: beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com or telephone 01536 373509 or 07933 804432

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

Blue Christmas

There will be a Blue Christmas service at St Peters church Stanion on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 p.m. This is a quiet service without all of the razzamatazz.



All Saints Sudborough



All are very welcome from any part of the benefice and beyond to join us for our Carol Service at 6 p.m. on Thursday 19th December. Take an hour or so out of your busy preparations for Christmas to hear again the story told in readings and carols, some sung by our choir and many for everyone to join in. The church will be decorated for Christmas and refreshments will be served afterwards giving you a chance to admire the work of our talented flower arrangers.

Christingle Service

There will be a Christingle service at three of our churches this Christmas so if you can't attend one at your home church, please feel free to attend any of the others you will be made most welcome.



St Peters Lowick Sunday 22nd December at 2.30 p.m.

St Peters Stanion Christmas Eve at 3.30 p.m.

St Andrews Brigstock Christmas Eve at 5.30 p.m.

(For Health & Safety reasons admission to Brigstock's service will be **strictly** by ticket, free of charge.)

Tickets are available from:

*Carl Hector 16 Sandlands Avenue 01536 373410
07486 697690*

Allison Porter 5 Stable Hill 07933 804432

Jean Caswell 10 Woodlands Close 01536 373517

The unveiling of the Living Advent Window will take place at 6.45 p.m. after the Christingle Service.



We are looking to prepare the Christingles for St Andrews Brigstock on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December at 10.30 a.m. in church. If you are able to help, please let Allison Porter know or just turn up, many hands will make light work.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

The Sunday lunch Club will be taking a break in January but will restart again in February so watch this space in the New Year for further details.

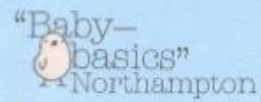
Baby Basics

We thought at Christmas it would be a nice idea and appropriate for the Benefice to support the Charity in Northampton called Baby Basics. It would be lovely if in the weeks leading up to Christmas, we collected in each of the church's donations for this charity. Please leave any donations at the back of Brigstock or Sudborough churches which are open in the day, clearly marked as being for Baby Basics.

Alternatively, you may bring donations to any of our services or to The Rectory, 14 Willow Lane, Stanion, NN14 1DT. (See poster below.)

Huge thanks.

Providing Essential Baby Care, When It's Needed The Most!



Baby Basics Northampton supports new families in vulnerable circumstances with essential items for themselves, and for their newborn baby up to 3 months in age. Working with local midwives, health visitors and other professionals, our starter packs provide a safe place for baby to sleep, as well as being packed with baby clothing, blankets, and toiletries for both baby and mum.

Preloved

Items you can donate, preloved but good condition:

- ✔ Moses Baskets and Moses Basket Sheets
- ✔ Blankets and Towels
- ✔ Baby Bath
- ✔ Baby Clothing (Tiny baby, newborn and 0-3 months)
- ✔ Coats, Snowsuits and Jumpers (Up to 6 months of age)
- ✔ Hats, Mitts, Socks, Shoes, Bibs and Muslins
- ✔ Soft Toys suitable from birth (No batteries)
- ✔ Microwave or Cold Water Sterilisers (No electrical items)



Baby Basics Northampton could not send out the starter packs without the support of YOU. If you would like to help Baby Basics Northampton, we can accept the following:

Brand New

Toiletries For Baby

- ✔ Baby Shampoo
- ✔ Baby Bubble Bath
- ✔ Baby Lotion
- ✔ Baby Wash + Soap
- ✔ Baby Toothbrush + Baby Toothpaste (Suitable for a newborn)
- ✔ Cotton Wool Balls
- ✔ Nappies (Size 0, 1, 2)
- ✔ Baby Wipes
- ✔ BRAND NEW Baby Bottles, Bottle Brushes and Sterilising Tablets (Unopened and in date)



Toiletries For Mum

- ✔ Shampoo + Conditioner (Suitable for all hair types)
- ✔ Shower Gel + Bubble bath
- ✔ Toothbrush + Toothpaste
- ✔ Tissues
- ✔ Breast Pads
- ✔ Maternity + Sanitary Towels
- ✔ Hand Wash, Gel + Soap
- ✔ Toiletry Gift Sets
- ✔ Boxes of Chocolates (Unopened and in date)



Angels!

Wouldn't it be lovely to see an angel this Christmas? The Parish of Stanion and Little Stanion have decided to knit, crochet, sew, make from wood or buy small angels approx. 3 inches high. We will be placing these around the Parish for people to find before Christmas and to hang on their trees or in their houses as a reminder of the Christmas Story and as a little encouragement. If you could make any angels for us, we would love to receive them.

Please bring to any of the church services by Thursday 19th December or give to Rev'd Heather or leave at the back of Sudborough or Brigstock Churches or leave at the Rectory, 14 Willow Lane, Stanion, NN14 1DT.

If you would like a very simple knitting pattern please speak to Jackie Makepeace.





Little Treasures Baby and Toddler Group has returned after the Summer holidays to meet at Stanion Village Hall on a Friday in school term time from 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Craft, sensory play, toys, jigsaws, drinks and snacks. £2.50 for first child and siblings £1.00 each. For Parents and Carers with their children. Concessions for those on Universal Credit.

Brigstock Warm Space -

****Will resume again on the 9th January 2025.****



Save your heating and come along to the June Small room Mill Lane every Thursday from 11.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Anyone is welcome and there is no need to book. There will be refreshments, a soup and a roll lunch or bring your own packed lunch. Bring a book a newspaper, puzzle, knitting etc. or just enjoy the company and a chat. If you are interested and need more information, please contact Sheila on 373225 or Judith on 373367.



News From St Peters Lowick

A festive date for your diary - Sunday 15 December 11 – 2 p.m. Father Christmas is coming to Lowick. Say hi to the BIG guy and shop for festive treats at the Christmas Market in the Germain Rooms. A craft stall and tombola in aid of St Peter's Church along with jams and pickles, cakes and bakes, chocolate treats and beautiful baubles plus art and crafts. All made with love in Lowick. See you there 🧑‍🎄🎁🎄

Preparations continue to gather pace for the Christmas Market at the Village Hall on Sunday 15th December. We have heard from Father

Christmas that it is firmly on his itinerary so please bring along your young ones for a chat. A festive selection of food and crafts will be on sale along with Christmassy treats and a tombola raising money for St Peter's, so please join us.

Our special Christingle service on Sunday 22nd December promises to get us all well and truly in a festive mood. On Saturday 21st, we aim to have a tidy up, before decorating the windows etc. Please contact Jo Boyers if you would like to help out in some way.

	Brigstock	Stanion	Lowick	Sudborough
Sunday 8 th December	11.00 a.m. 2 nd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion			
Sunday 15 th December		11.30 a.m. Christmas Story service		9.30 a.m. 3 rd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion
Tuesday 17 th December		2.00 p.m. Stanion School Key Stage 1 Nativity in school 7.00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service – a quiet Christmas service		
Wednesday 18 th December		6.00 p.m. Stanion School Key stage 2 Carol Service in church		
Thursday 19 th December	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion service			6.00 p.m. Carol Service
Sunday 22 nd December			No morning service 3.30 p.m. Christingle	
Tuesday 24 th December	5.30 p.m. Christingle - strictly ticketed event f 9.00 p.m. First Holy Communion of Christmas	3.30 p.m. Christingle		
Wednesday 25 th December				09.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday 26 th December	<u>No</u> Holy Communion service			
Sunday 29 th December		10.00 a.m. Benefice quiet, spoken service		

Readings and Prayers Third in Advent December 15th 2024

New Testament Reading: **Philippians 4. 4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way
of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen

Gospel Passage: **Luke 3. 1-6**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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