

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 12th July 2020 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

One day last week the commentary to my bible study began with a quote from John F Kennedy from a speech in 1960 as he accepted the Democratic Party nomination for the Presidency of the United States. "We stand today on the edge of a new frontier.... but the New Frontier of which I speak is not a set of promises-- it is a set of challenges. It sums up not what I intend to offer the American people, but what I intend to ask of them."



Life is a set of challenges and at the moment they seem to be coming thick and fast! It seems no sooner do we come to terms with one, another pops up. Perhaps we should try not to see them as preventing us from getting on with life, they are life!

We are on the edge of yet another new frontier. Not, you understand, THE new normal but rather another staging post along the way. There have been many different experiences of lockdown so it would be unreasonable to

expect that coming out of it will be the same for everyone. I should have attended a governor meeting this week, it was to be socially distanced and outside if possible but on the day of the meeting I decided I couldn't do it! For 14 weeks we have seen hardly anyone, no one indoors, and we have been almost nowhere. We haven't shopped, except online, or done any of the things we usually do. A new sort of routine has been established; there are aspects of it I like. I am not ready to leap back into society even though I have missed seeing people.

If I consider the rest of the governing body their lockdown experience will have been different. Some are teachers, the schools have remained open for some children so regular contact with the children of those who are most exposed to the virus has been necessary. Not all children are in school, those who aren't, along with their parents, have been supported remotely by the teachers - a challenge indeed!

Some are parents, struggling to home school, perhaps working from home, perhaps worrying about the lack of work, and keeping a family fed and healthy through shortages and boredom.

The rules about what we should and should not do change regularly, it can be very confusing.

As society ventures out and we begin to consider how best to open our churches safely we must accept that everything will be different. However there is one constant, God.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Even though we have been unable to meet in person we are still followers of Christ and the rules for that have not changed; Love God, Love your neighbour as yourself, simple and easy to understand.

Matt 22 ³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."^[c] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."^[d] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

Best Wishes Jackie Makepeace

Please Pray for:

- **Sick:** Jim Clarke
- **Recently departed:** Brian Tarrant, father of Paul Tarrant and Helen Nichol, granddad to Fergus and Jake died 21st June 2020.
- **This Weeks Mind:** Timothy (Tim) Rathbone, Phillip Marks 1976, Walter Wills 2001, George Buckley 1989, Anne Martin 1997, Frederick Cooper, Francis Hardwick 2003, Joan Gibbard 2009



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There will not be an online service on Sunday 12th July as Alan and I will be on leave until Tuesday 14th July. On 15th to 17th inclusive I will be on a national vision and strategy conference on zoom. If you need me for any emergencies over any of this period please contact your churchwarden, Jackie or Allison. - Heather

Volunteer Readers Required



If you would like to do an online Sunday service reading, I can send it to you. You will have to be able to record it and send it back to myself or Alan by email or mobile. Just let me know.

(heatherlowe020@btinternet.com or 01536 263550)

It's great to have as many different folk as possible doing the readings and people of all ages.

Many thanks Heather

Financial Gifts for the Church

I know that a lot of folk who normally give on the plate in church or in the envelope scheme have been unable to do so (or you may like to make a one off donation). I am pleased to tell you that if you do so Money for St Andrew's Church, Brigstock, can now be delivered (or ask some one else to deliver) to Mike Simpson or make cheques payable to St Andrews PCC, Brigstock. Please put all donations in a marked envelope. There is also a Just giving page on the benefice website (www.harpersbrookanglicans.org.uk), on

St Andrew's Church, welcome page

For St Peter's Church, Stanion Rob Singlehurst is now also able to accept cheques for the church (but not cash). Please make cheques payable to St Peter's Church, Stanion PCC. Again there is a Just giving page on the benefice website (www.harpersbrookanglicans.org.uk), St Peter's Church welcome page.

Thank you.

News Update:

The videos we have put together in recent weeks are available to back view on YouTube. We realise that some of us have found them difficult to access at times and so if you go to the link below and click **SUBSCRIBE**, you can view them and others to come at your leisure.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSF7745DRm8eiwpdh0TDEAQ?view_as=subscriber

Also on the website you will find that Alan has put up some very useful material to help us make the most of reading our Bibles. It's called "Bringing the Good Book to life". It includes a Bible passage. I cannot recommend it enough. There will be new material each week on a Thursday. You can obviously do it in your own time and it is easy to access.

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## Update on Opening Our Churches



We want to let know that the Ministry Team and PCC's are working hard to put procedures in place to be able to open our church doors again. There are a number of restrictions that must be adhered to for the safety of all but we are hoping to have our first service at St Peter's Lowick on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 a.m. Numbers will be limited as there needs to be a two meter distance between each person, front, back, sides and diagonally (unless attendees are from a multiple household.) Further details will follow in next week's News Letter once PCC's have looked at the viability of holding Sunday services and/or private prayer sessions and risk assessments have been produced for all four

churches. Online Sunday services will continue until such time as we are able to get back to normal (what ever normal will be!). Please bear with us; we hope to be able to answer all of your questions in the next edition.

## News Letter

It has been fun doing the News Letter over recent weeks and especially receiving and including all of the contributions from readers. However the format we have used during lock-down will come to an end with the 26<sup>th</sup> July edition. We will revert to the shorter, more usual format for the first Sunday in August



## Answer to last week's Sudoku

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| 9 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| 3 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

## Have a go at this Sudoku – Answers next week.

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| 9 |   |   |   | 8 |   | 3 |   |   |
|   |   |   | 2 | 5 |   | 7 |   |   |
|   | 2 |   | 3 |   |   |   |   | 4 |
|   | 9 | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 7 | 3 |   | 5 | 6 |   |
| 7 |   | 5 |   | 6 |   | 4 |   |   |
|   |   | 7 | 8 |   | 3 | 9 |   |   |
|   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 3 |
| 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |

The classic **Sudoku** game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares. The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

*Please send your snippets, recipes, craft ideas or anything else that might be of interest to our readers.*

*If you would like to add to the weekly notices or to have this sheet emailed to you can contact Allison Porter 07933 804432, [beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com](mailto:beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com). Entries need to be with Allison by Thursday evening to ensure they will be included in the next News Letter. Written consent is required if you want any personal details to be included.*

## Answers to Just for Fun 15, TV News Readers.

1. Penny Smith 2. Dermot Murnaghan 3. Michael Buerk 4. Natasha Kaplinski 5. Huw Edwards

6. Trevor McDonald 7. Richard Whitmore 8. Fiona Bruce 9. Angela Rippon 10. Moira Stuart  
11. Alastair Burnett 12. Kenneth Kendall 13. Robert Dougal 14. Jan Leeming

**Just for Fun 16 – Politicians**

