

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough
Sunday 17th October to Saturday 23rd October

MYSTERY

Such is my interest in the latest scientific findings that I often find myself reading or listening to books, which blow my mind. It is comforting to learn that in the science of Quantum Physics (that's looking at bits even smaller than atoms) the greatest of scientists don't really understand what their findings mean. They can theorise on the evidence, check out those ideas in experiments, prove that something is likely the case; and yet be honest enough to say they don't fully understand it. The celebrated scientist Richard Feynman famously said:

"I think I can safely say that nobody understands quantum mechanics."

Bringing this down to earth, for the likes of you and me, he followed this by saying that his own job was 'to simply describe how nature works', inviting people to "relax and enjoy it." Those participating in Holy Communion this weekend will hear a prayer, which is prayed after sharing the bread together. Part of that prayer (which we call the Post Communion Prayer) reads thus:

'Let these Holy Mysteries open the eyes of our understanding'

In faith terms we use the word mysteries in the same way as many scientists do. We see the evidence of our own eyes the learning of history, (particularly the Resurrection of Jesus). Add to this the ponderings of thoughtful people and the yearnings of our own souls, and we can know the truth of a living, loving God. And yet there remains the mystery, which is as it should be. We are given the privilege of searching to understand the creation we live in, but we can never 'pin down' fully the truth of our creator God.

God has, and will, reveal what we need to understand and encourages us to seek more and more. Yet, whenever we feel that we have fully understood the ways and means of the divine creator, we have finally 'lost the plot', as the non-scientific among us might say!



Sunday Services

17th October 09.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion All Age Service

24th October 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick
Also on line service

31st October 11.00 a.m. Benefice Service St Peters Stanion

7th November 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion



Mid Week Services.

Thursday 21st October 2021 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion St Andrews Brigstock

Please Pray for:

- **This Weeks Mind:** Trellevyn Harvey Smith 2000, Betty Kunc 2002, Edmund Brudenell 2014,
- Glenys Ashby 2010, Alec Swingler 1986, Ted Handley, Alexander McCallum 2003

Parish Notes

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

The National Church of England has provided;

Daily Hope - a free phone number (0800 804 8044) offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

We hope you enjoy it and find it helpful.



**All Souls Service at St Andrews Brigstock on Wednesday 3rd November at 6.30 p.m.
When we remember those we love and see no longer.**



We are pleased to say that our All Souls Service this year will be open to anyone who would like to attend. We will be lighting candles inside the church and, weather permitting, outside on the path and by the entrance to the church for those who have departed,

If you would like the names of your departed loved ones to be offered up in prayers you can write them on any of the lists that will be available in our churches or email their names and your details to beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com or telephone Allison (contact details above) by Sunday 31st October at the latest. **Please indicate whether you will be attending the service.** If you don't want to attend the service or provide names we would be very happy for you to wander up the path to view the candles and remember those you have lost.



We will require a supply of suitable jam jars or similar, if you can help please leave them at the back of St Andrews church. Unfortunately we will not be able to return them but they will be recycled.

Heather Lowe is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Heather Lowe's Prayer Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 21, 2021 01:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87453644630?pwd=cHNWRzA5eThVLzdpM0VJWWVaQk9wQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 5364 4630

Passcode: 958195

Dates for your diaries

St Andrews Fund Raising



There will be a Car Boot Sale in the Meadow on **Saturday 16th October**. There will be a stall for the Church, if anyone has anything to donate. If you are able to help at this event please contact Janet Sharp Tele. 373285 or email janetsharp1@hotmail.co.uk Any donations for the Church Stall may be left outside Sue Philips house, 9, Bridge Street or Ros Wooster's house, Blandford House7, Lyveden Road the week before the sale or brought to the Meadow on the morning at 8 a.m.

October 17th 2021 – Twentieth Sunday of Trinity



Gospel Reading: Mark 10. 35-45

The Request of James and John

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

COLLECT PRAYER
 God, our light and our salvation:
 illuminate our lives,
 that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
 and looking on your beauty
 may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our



POST COMMUNION PRAYER
 God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing,
 has come from heaven to deliver the world
 from the darkness of ignorance:
 let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
 that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.