

# News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## GOD'S LOVE AND HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR! So goes an old saying often used. It is important to realise that the phrase is not a rally cry, but rather a description of what is, and what happens.

Regarding war and nations, we see on our screens daily that when a nation cannot get their 'own way' they just resort to whatever means are available. Or when the details of an agreement made no longer suit, they tear up the paper it's written on. And so on, and so on!

Regarding 'love' or more specifically sex on the individual level it is very simple. So many partners separate because they have irreconcilable differences it seems. And yet so often it soon emerges that there is a third- party lurking somewhere. All's fair in love and war, but usually only for one side!

Over the centuries one of the most controversial discussions had among Christians concerns how important, or not, the law is. The law in question is that of ticking boxes towards a place in Heaven. Obey the Ten Commandments, from which much of our own national laws emerged, and that's a good box ticked. Attend church regularly and give generously to those in need and another couple of boxes are ticked. We are well on the way to Heaven at this stage. And yet we all know, that even with sincere effort, that we will fall short at some point. This is where the Gospel comes into its own.

When we declare that Christ has defeated 'sin' we mean that whenever we fall short, we can: 🎵pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down, and start all over again 🎵. The law still abides in its principles of achieving the common good, (although, three-thousand year old details in the Old Testament may not). However, it is our connection to Christ, helped along by the Holy Spirit being with us each day, that really matters long term. And paradoxically knowing the great love of God can only encourage us to seek the common good and be what used to be called, decent law-abiding people.

Perhaps the old saying should really be – ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND LAW!



## Sunday Services



**19<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 a.m.** All Saints Sudborough  
11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion All Age Service

**26<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 a.m.** St Peters Lowick (time change due to Lowick Fete on same day)  
Also online service

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 11.00 a.m.** St Peters Stanion

**10<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 a.m.** St Andrews Brigstock  
Also online service

## Mid Week Services.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10.00 a.m. St Andrew's Brigstock Holy Communion

## Please Pray for:

- **This Weeks Mind:** Peter Hart 1988, Clarence Sherratt 1999, John Nichols 1983, Brian Alan Tarrant 2020, Robert Kirkpatrick, Priest 1994, Peter Freema

There will be a Thanksgiving Memorial Service followed by burial of ashes in the church yard for Tony Frayne on September 28th at 2.30pm. at St Andrew's Church, Brigstock.  
Friends most welcome.

Please continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine and for all those who have been displaced. Thank God for all those who have helped or are helping the Ukrainian Refugees, for all the people in neighbouring countries who have been so willing to provide a safe haven, transport and necessary supplies.

**This prayer written by our Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell may help you.**

God of peace and justice,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace,  
and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort draws near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,  
at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
the prince of peace. Amen.



The Disasters Emergency Committee have people from well-known charities on the ground and are collecting money to aid the people of Ukraine. The Government are willing to match fund what is given by individuals. Please consider donating to them if you are able to do so.

1) Link to DEC Appeal: [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee \(dec.org.uk\)](https://www.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal)

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The National Church of England has provided;

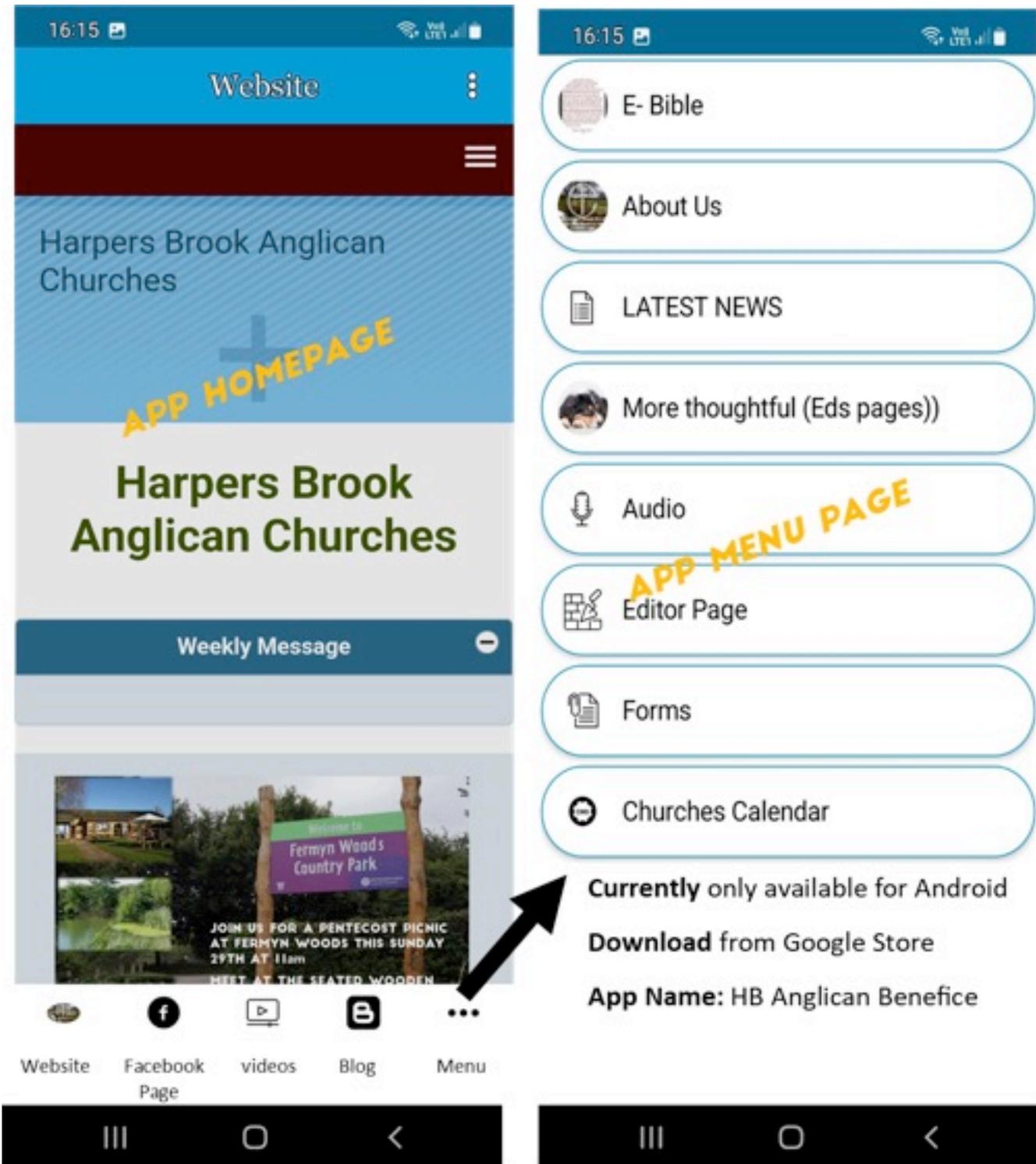
**Daily Hope - a free phone number (0800 804 8044) offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services** from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

We hope you enjoy it and find it helpful.



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## Vacancy for Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Voluntary Post



We are looking for a Benefice Safeguarding Officer for the churches of St Peter Lowick, All Saints Sudborough, St Andrew Brigstock and St Peter Stanion. Whilst we would prefer to have someone with links to any one or all of our four churches this is not compulsory. You will be expected to promote the development of and the implementation of safeguarding knowledge, policy and practice within the benefice as well as provide timely and effective advice and support in respect of concerns arising about the protection of adults, young people and children at risk. Training and a comprehensive handover will be available from the current Safeguarding Officer along with an enhanced DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service). This is an unpaid voluntary post but expenses will be reimbursed. If you think that you would be suitable and have an interest in the role please request a Role Description by emailing [beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com](mailto:beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com) or contact the current Safeguarding Officer Allison Porter (contact details above).

Heather Lowe is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Prayer meeting.

Topic: Heather Lowe's Zoom Meeting

Time: **Jun 23, 2022 01:00 PM London**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89872555679?pwd=SnMvL2s3ZmhyRTF0cHNrTOZkVDVqUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 7255 5679

Passcode: 940305

## Events

### Lowick:



[www.lowickvillagefete.co.uk](http://www.lowickvillagefete.co.uk)

After a few years pause, the Lowick Village Fête is back! Join us Sunday 26th June for an afternoon of fun, proceeds raised going towards important village projects including the roof repair and upkeep of St. Peter's Church. As part of the Fête activities, there will be an Art Exhibition of local talent hosted in the church after our monthly Lowick service. We'd love for you to stick around and spend the day with us.

## **Little Stanion:**

Every **Tuesday from 10.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m.** there will be **'Tea and Coffee Pot Stop'** at the **Welcome Centre, Roman Road, Little Stanion.**

"Meet up with old friends and make new friends", Complimentary tea and coffee.

Hot buttered toast and jam (2 slices) 50p,

Toasted teacakes 50p, Cakes 50p

Could you bring someone with you who perhaps doesn't find it easy to get out alone or would enjoy some company?

Our aim is to get to know those on Little Stanion better and create a place for friendship and conversation as well as being a listening ear when required.

We would love those in Stanion to come and enjoy the space and a cuppa as well or even volunteer to help. Perhaps you might even be tempted to a little treat!

Our aim is to put a rota together so that no one has to be available every Tuesday! Please let Rev'd Heather or Jackie Makepeace know if you could help. Many thanks.

## Readings and Prayers for Sunday 19th June 2022 (First after Trinity)

### Old Testament — Isaiah chapter 65 verses 6-9

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains

and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, 'Do not destroy it,

for there is a blessing in it',

so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.



**WEEKLY COLLECT**  
God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.  
**AMEN**

### New Testament — Galatians chapter 3. 23—29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**