

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough

Sunday 23rd June to Saturday 29th June 2024.

The voice of calm

'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life!'

Words spoken by the Apostle Peter when his 'galler' gave him the option of stepping back from God's calling on his life.

If one watches the mainstream news channels, at the moment, depression could easily set in. As Jesus predicted 'there will always be wars and rumours of wars. Add to this the numerous others types of conflict and division as well as the problems in our own land and.. ...?'

However, an incident on a lake stands for all time as an illustration of the attitude God wants for his people. On the sea of Galilee, about the size of Loch Ness the weather can change in an instant. On such a large body of water the effects are as dangerous as being at sea. It was on one such stormy night that Jesus managed to somehow get a much

needed nap. He eventually forced himself awake to still the racing heartbeats of his closest friends, whose faith had temporarily deserted them. Only the one true Son of God could order the wind and the waves to take a break and settle down! In the years that



followed how often those fellow mariners must have re-lived that moment. Especially when they faced opposition to the Gospel message they proclaimed.

In a world ever full of division and conflict, only the calm-ness of faith in Christ is truly unshakeable. No scientific or medical breakthroughs, welcome as they are, will bring ever-present calm to our inner selves. As Peter rightly declared, there really is nowhere or no-one else to go to, for that peace which calms and passes all understanding!

Go well.

Sunday Services



Sunday 23rd June 10.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick

Sunday 30th June 10.00 a.m. All Saints Sudborough Benefice
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Sunday 7th July 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion

Sunday 14th July 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock

Sunday 21st July 09.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion All Age Service



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

Mid Week Services.

Thursday 27th June 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock Holy Communion

- **This Weeks Mind:** Robert Kirkpatrick, Priest 1994, Peter Freema, Victor (Vic) Bright 2007, Geoffrey Leather 2015

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St Andrews Brigstock

Saturday September 14th 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. sbeckett13@yahoo.co.uk

Fund Raising

St Andrews Brigstock

- ❖ **Saturday 30th November.** – Christmas Fair 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in church

St Peters Stanion:

- ❖ **7th September** '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
- ❖ **23rd November** Christmas Tree Festival, St Peter's Church



Readings and Prayers Sunday June 23rd 2024

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 6. 1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and yet we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4. 35-end

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

