

News Letter

Brigstock with Stanion, Lowick and Sudborough

Sunday 31st July to Saturday 6th August 2022

TEMPTING PROVIDENCE?

The idea of tempting providence is no doubt largely superstition. To speak something aloud, rather than keeping silent, is unlikely to affect the outcome of anything.

However, the saying may have its roots in the words of Jesus himself. Whilst debating with the 'devil' in the wilderness he is recorded as chastising his tormentor with the famous words:

It is written you shall not put the Lord your God to the test!

Tempting providence may well have an element of trying to twist Gods arm as it were. What God has decided, is already settled. Yes, there are many things worth praying about, and God wants us to keep at it, but some things are already decided. As we regularly pray 'Thy will be done!'

I often have sympathy for the Lord when it comes to listening to our prayers regarding the weather. For every person praying for glorious sunshine someone else may be desperate for the rains to come. This has of course been only too obvious this summer. I want the rains to soak my veggies growing in the garden, and yet I also want the dry weather and sunshine on Sunday, as we take our worship outdoors. Being a fifth Sunday in the month we are doing something different. Our Songs of Praise will be happening in Little Stanion, the only one of our five villages not to have its own church building.

Do join us, in this Benefice Service, and show our Christian solidarity and witness with all who live in Little Stanion. I hope it is not tempting providence by saying that whatever the weather, God will always be with us, whenever we meet to honour his name.

To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3.20-21)

ST PETERS CHURCH STANION INVITES YOU TO A

Summer

Songs of Praise

Sunday July 31st 11.30 am

On The Meadow Little Stanion

Refreshments afterwards in the
Welcome Centre
(also available in case of rain)

Sunday Services



7th August 11.00 a.m. St Peters Stanion

14th August 10.00 a.m. St Andrews Brigstock
Also online service

21st August 9.30 a.m. All Saints Sudborough
11.30 a.m. St Peters Stanion All Age Service

28th August 11.00 a.m. St Peters Lowick
Also online service

Mid Week Services.

Thursday 4th August 10.00 a.m. St Andrew's Brigstock Holy Communion

Please Pray for:

- **This Weeks Mind:** Laurence Brown 1973, Alex Robertson 1998, Canon Leonard Viner 2019, Beatrix (Bee) Stopford Sackville 1990, J.C. Smith 1990, Guy Marshall 2001, Kathleen Dyer 2001, David Cork 2015, Nicholas Latham 1620, Florence Tansley 1988, Henry Ernest (Ernie) McCaughie 1995

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)

There will be **no zoom prayer meetings during August** but please keep praying wherever you find yourself this August, for our Benefice, the church, the world and ourselves.

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.



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 or contact the current Safeguarding Officer Allison Porter (contact details above).

Sky Guide for August 2022

The Moon will be at First Quarter on the 5th, Full on the 12th, Last Quarter on the 19th and New on the 27th. This month's full moon will be low down giving the optical illusion of it being significantly larger than normal.

The Planets:

Mercury is a daytime object this month so is not visible.

Venus will be low down, around 10° above the horizon, so could be visible in the early Eastern mornings and will fade as the sun rises.

Mars is rising higher into the sky as the month progresses from 35 to 55° by the month's end. It will be visible in the South-east from around midnight onwards.

Jupiter will be visible in the South from late evening in the early part of the month and will rise to around 38°. As the month progresses the rise time will get later and later and it will become an early morning object.

Saturn will rise in the South to about 22° degrees in the early mornings and fade as the sun rises. As the month progresses it will rise earlier each night to around midnight at the end. On the 14th it will be at Opposition where the Sun, Earth and Saturn will all be inline.

The Persieides Meteor shower will peak around the 13th. The Radiant is in the East with the morning being the best time for viewing. Short trailed ones will be frequent close to the Radiant and longer trailed ones, less frequently, further away.

The Pleiades star cluster (M45) will be visible in the East to South-east sky rising to 39° at the start and ending at 59° by the end of the month. The common name for the Pleiades is the Seven Sisters, due to its 7 main visible stars. Well worth a look especially if you have binoculars.

In summer we get 3 bright stars almost directly overhead: Vega in Lyra, Deneb in Cygnus and Altair in Aquila, which form the Summer Triangle. Looking to the north both Deneb and Vega are about level and Altair is to the south by just over the distance between them. There is no particular significance in this asterism but it was much mentioned by the late Sir Patrick Moore. The distances to these stars are: Altair 16 light years, Vega 25 light years and Deneb 2,616 light years. This means Deneb is large and one of the most luminous stars in our Milky Way galaxy, which is always a treat through binoculars.

Clear skies
Peter