

Forgive: Enter God's World



We are all familiar with the saying: "To err is human, to forgive is divine." Perhaps we forget the second part too easily: by forgiving one another, we do what God does all the time for us. If we cannot forgive we have not learned to love deeply and we are still far from the Gospel. We begin the Holy Communion Service by asking pardon from the Lord.

A New Lease on Life

Most of us have experienced how difficult it is to forgive. In Old English it means "give to the uttermost," "extremely," "as far as you can go." Isn't that what it really is, going all the way? Who can forget the hurt? Yet we should. Who doesn't see and feel the scars and keep the memories? And yet we shouldn't. Think of God: when he forgives, the evil belongs to the past. It is gone. God keeps no accounts. He wants us to think only of the future. Jesus did not condemn but gave new chances. Let us ask God to give us the grace to be people of forgiveness.

Prayer: Lord, you are full of loving kindness towards us, help us, too, to forgive one another from the heart,

Lord, you are so good that all our evil becomes like nothing. Let us, little and frail people, speak to one another your words and deeds of forgiving love, on account of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Alan and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Induction and Licensing Service such a special event. We know that a huge amount of time and energy went into the preparations and it certainly paid off. The Church looked wonderful and the arrangements were perfectly orchestrated. The choir sang magnificently and the refreshments afterwards were delicious. We also really enjoyed the bell ringing, never having been in a Church with "working" bells before. So whether you were playing the organ, setting up buildings and rooms, providing drinks, washing up, ensured the children had things to keep them occupied, were busy working behind the scenes or if you were just there to be part of our special day – a huge thank you.

We are enjoying starting to get to know some of you. Please do remember if you were unable to come to our open house on Friday, there are two more on Tuesday 19th between 3.30pm and 7.30pm and Saturday 23rd between 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

With every blessing,

Heather and Alan.

Rector and Associate Minister of Brigstock with Stanion and Lowick and Sudborough.

News Letter

Brigstock, Lowick, Stanion and Sudborough
Sunday 17th September 2017 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

	Holy Communion	All Age Worship
9.30 a.m.	All Saints Sudborough	
11.00 a.m.	St Peters Stanion	St Peters Lowick also Harvest Festival

Services on Sunday 24th September 2017.

	Holy Communion	All Age Worship
09.30 a.m.	St Andrews Brigstock	
11.00 a.m.	St Peters Lowick	St Peters Stanion

Services on Sunday 1st October 2017.

	Holy Communion
9.30 a.m.	All Saints Sudborough
11.00 a.m.	St Peters Stanion

Services on Sunday 8th October 2017

	Holy Communion	All Age Worship	Evening Prayer
09.30 a.m.	St Andrews Brigstock – Harvest Festival		
11.00 a.m.	St Peters Lowick	St Andrews Brigstock	
5.00 p.m.			St Peters Stanion

Weekday Services Monday 18th September to Saturday 23rd September 2017

Tuesday 19th September 09.15 a.m. Holy Communion All Saints Sudborough
Thursday 21st September 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion St Andrews Brigstock

If you normally take Holy Communion in your own church you are welcome to receive Communion in any of the churches in the Benefice. If you would prefer a blessing please bring this sheet with you as you kneel at the altar rail.

Please Pray for:

- Xavier Hewlett who is to be baptised on Sunday 17th September at 2.30 pm at All Saints Sudborough.
- **The Sick:** Jenna May, Colin Bright, Joan Gray, Stan Druce, Ginny Jehu, Susan Carsberg, Rhiannon Seaton, Wendy Adderley, Jayne Pearson, Mick Ball.
- **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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### **Coffee morning in aid of the Children's society:**

All are welcome to a coffee morning on Monday 25th September 10am - 12 noon, at Plum Tree Cottage, Park Walk to raise money for the Children's society and to enable those who have a children's society collection box to have the money emptied and counted. Do please come along and enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake.

If you have a Children's society collection box but are unable to make the coffee morning please can you give the box to either Lesley Blakely or Linda Ellison so that the money can be counted.

*If you would like to ask for prayers, add to the weekly notices or to have this sheet emailed to you contact your churchwardens or Allison Porter on 01536 373509, [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*