



The Parishes of Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield

Stokesley Deanery: Archdeaconry of Cleveland: Diocese of York

**St Peter and St Paul's
Parish Church of
Stainton in Cleveland**



**St Peter's
Parish Church of
Hilton**

**St Margaret of
Scotland
Parish Church of
Brookfield**



Welcome to the parishes of Stainton with Hilton and Brookfield

We are part of the Diocese of York, led by the Archbishop, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu. The Diocese is the Church of England from the Humber to the Tees and from the general area of the AI and East Coast main railway line to the North Sea. In the Diocese there are about 450 parishes and 600 church buildings. Our diocesan vision is to be **Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples** and we are committed to this and to our local mission which is to see **Growth in Christlikeness, commitment, partnership, influence and numbers**. You can read more about it at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk — click the tab marked *Generous Churches*.

The three parishes have been used to working together for a substantial length of time, and that relationship has now been marked by the formation of a Plurality. The area covered by the parishes is interesting and varied. Ancient settlements set in farmland are set alongside established suburban housing and sites for new building.

Our hope is that, under God, we shall be able to welcome a new priest to the parishes, to build on the best of the past and to lead us into the next phase of our life and mission. We are ready to work hard and to embrace new initiatives.

Applications should be sent to:

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Please use the form that can be found by putting 'Church of England common application form' into a search engine.

The closing date for applications is xxxxxxxxxxxx and the preliminary interviews will take place on xxxxxxxxxxxx.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the parishes or appointment informally, please contact the Archdeacon of Cleveland, the Venerable Paul Ferguson on 01642 706095 / 07770 592746, or the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon John Ford on 01642 964664.

The Archbishop is patron of the plurality and will make the final decision on the appointment. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS Disclosure.

Further information about St Peter and Paul, Stainton and St Peter Hilton can be found on our website at:

<http://www.staintonwithhilton.org.uk/>

and about St Margaret, Brookfield at: <http://www.stmargaretsbrookfield.org.uk/>

Growth in Christlikeness, commitment, partnership, influence and numbers

'to Know God, to Show God and to Share God'

Our three parishes have a history of working together and now feel the time is right to work even more closely. Stainton and Hilton are ancient parishes. Hilton church has been described as 'a 12th Century little gem'. The first known Vicar of Stainton was installed in 1247. Originally, St Margaret's Brookfield was a 'daughter' Church of Stainton until it became a parish in 1988. Stainton and Hilton parishes have been in a joint benefice since 1997. The three parishes are now held in plurality and the appointee will be incumbent.

Each parish has its own distinct identity which we wish to retain, always respecting one another's individuality while working together. We are looking for a spiritual leader who can work with us to enable us to best share our strengths both within our Church families and in serving our local communities. We will try, in this brief document, to set out a summary of who we are and where we are and our collective hopes and aspirations and to encourage you to want to find out more about each of us.



STAINTON

*Memorial Hall →
← Family Service
in Church*



*BROOKFIELD
Shops →
← Burns Night
Supper in Church
Hall*



HILTON

*Main Road →
← Village Fete*





South from Brookfield/ Stainton/ Hilton -
Roseberry Topping



North - River Tees
Transporter Bridge - Middlesbrough

The parishes of Stainton, Hilton and Brookfield are situated on the southern outskirts of Middlesbrough. Historically we were all part of the North Riding of Yorkshire and we remain within the ceremonial county of North Yorkshire. For more about our surroundings see page 8.

Our hope is....

That we can find a priest who will work in partnership with us to encourage the talents and strengths of others, who will support our PCCs and Church Officers, who will work together with us:

- to encourage the worship of Almighty God
- to preach and teach the good news
- to help us to move forward into new growth as individual congregations and together
- to minister to and be involved in our local communities, rural and suburban

He /she will have an open and friendly personality, a people person, who is a good communicator and able to lead a variety of forms of worship including Common Worship, BCP and Messy Church.

All three parishes in the plurality are in favour of the Ordination of Women.

We have a positive welcoming attitude towards couples who come asking to be married and to families who come for baptism. We welcome applications from divorced people to be married in church, subject to the House of Bishops guidelines. Many who come have little or no experience of church but have a need, which they sometimes find difficult to express, to mark the important times in their lives in a special way. So we try to meet them where they are with encouragement and without barriers.



St Margaret, Brookfield



St Peter, Hilton



St Peter & St Paul, Stainton

Our Churches

Each parish has its own PCC and two Churchwardens. We share two Readers, and one SSM Curate. All are dedicated and active in the life of our churches and parishes.

St Margaret's, Brookfield has an electoral roll of 108; St Peter and St Paul's, Stainton 53 and St Peter's, Hilton 29.

Our three church buildings are well kept and in good repair. Stainton church is Grade II* listed and Hilton church is Grade I.

At present we all are financially sound and have always paid our Parish Shares and often more than asked.

We support a variety of charitable giving: Middlesbrough Food Bank, Salvation Army Appeals, Christian Aid, US (formerly USPG), The Children's Society, emergency appeals, and others.

The monthly Church Magazine produced by St Margaret's Brookfield is now shared and available in all three parishes.

St Margaret's Brookfield has good links with Acklam Whin School. Clergy have always been welcome there and the school joins the church for Christingle every year. Neither Stainton nor Hilton has a school in the parish, but there are some links with the schools in other parishes which children from Stainton and Hilton attend.

The Diocese of York is linked with the Cape Town group of dioceses. Stainton and Hilton are particularly linked with St Andrew's Strand and St Mary's Lwandle in the Diocese of False Bay, South Africa. Our previous Vicar and our Curate have visited False Bay and on their return shared their experiences and photographs with us. We have also enjoyed meeting and talking with clergy from False Bay on their visits to York Diocese. We exchange news by sending and receiving church magazines and through our appointed parish contact person.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The current pattern of Sunday Services is listed below

We appreciate that some consolidation and/or changes to Service times may be necessary.

Brookfield	Stainton	Hilton
8am Holy Communion Order 2 alternate Sundays with Stainton.	8am Holy Communion Order 2 alternate Sundays with Brookfield.	
10am Holy Communion Order 1 with Sermon and Hymns.	1st Sunday in the month: 10am Family Eucharist, with short address and hymns. Children's activity in Church room.	All except 1st Sunday: 9.15am Holy Communion Order 1 with Sermon and Hymns.
	All other Sundays 11am Holy Communion Order 1 with Sermon and Hymns.	
		1st Sunday: 6pm Evensong with Sermon and Hymns.



REGULAR EXTRAS — OPEN TO ALL

We have a wide variety of regular events between us:

At Stainton A monthly Holy Communion with Parish Lunch is mostly used by elderly folk who enjoy a cooked meal and a chat. Children's worship and workshops mark church festivals and seasons and because we have noticed some young parents pushing prams we are hoping to reinstate the 'pop-in for coffee' which lapsed when our last batch of infants started Nursery School.

At Hilton A fortnightly ecumenical Study Group meets in members' homes. A well attended monthly Village Lunch in Hilton Village Hall which was instigated 20 years ago is still going strong. It is open to all village folk.

At Brookfield A Midweek Eucharist each Wednesday morning at 9.30am is followed by coffee, and on the first Saturday morning of the month at 8am there is a Men's Breakfast and Prayers in the Church Hall Kitchen. Messy Church is held at Brookfield on one Wednesday each month (except August) providing interesting artistic and craft activities, different worship ideas, and a light meal.

Mother's Union Groups meet monthly at both Brookfield and Stainton.

OUR COMMUNITIES and CHURCH OUTREACH



Methodist Churches



Stainton

Maltby

Brookfield Parish has a current population of around 7000, shortly to be increased when 325 new houses are occupied next year. It is a suburban area of private housing on the southern boundary of Middlesbrough. The age range is comprehensive from new-borns to centenarians. Parishioners are employed across the full spectrum of locally-available jobs. The younger children mostly go to school in the parish. There are three small local parades of shops, a Petrol Station / Tesco Direct and a Hotel / restaurant.

St Margaret's Hall (integral with the church building) is in regular demand for secular and church activities, which link the church with the community. It has always been used as a mission tool for attracting people into the worshipping family of the church. One of our challenges will be to reach out to the new comers.

We have regular links with the Salvation Army Corps and with St Clare's Roman Catholic Church. Three times a year we hold joint services with them, rotating the venue.

The PCC last year agreed a new Parish Plan which it keeps under review and completed a TRIO campaign towards the end of 2012 with a positive outcome.

Stainton Parish includes the villages of Stainton, Thornton and Maltby. Our combined population is 1,650. The villages were until recently rural but are increasingly being changed by house building. Building development at Stainton will shortly add 106 new houses with more to follow. In recent years the majority of the population was retired with a lesser number of working families, and a decreasing number employed in agriculture. This is reflected in our church congregation. Housing was mostly bungalows or village cottages, but the new builds are large family houses, so we anticipate that this will bring changes.

The children go to various schools outside the parish which makes it difficult to provide activities for them in the villages because their out of school activities also tend to happen elsewhere.

Both Maltby and Stainton have small Methodist chapels. Relationships are friendly and on occasions Stainton Methodists use the church when a larger space is needed e.g. for funerals, but we have no regular joint activities with either chapel at present.

Stainton MU send out anniversary cards to all children baptised in Stainton Church and they are invited to join us at the Family Service. Unfortunately, we feel the effect of sport and other activities crowding into Sunday mornings.

Stainton Church has been re-ordered to allow its use for concerts, celebration lunches/ teas, Café Church and fund raising events and these have been very successful. Most of Stainton/Thornton social activity is centred in the village hall (the Memorial Hall). The Church has a representative on the Memorial Hall committee and on the Community Council. Stainton/Thornton has a Gala each July and the church is involved in this and we have a stall. A quarterly Village News letter delivered to every house includes news from church and chapel.

The local shops at Stainton and Maltby and the Post Office at Stainton closed recently. We still have a pub/ restaurant in Stainton and two in Maltby. We also have a hairdresser and a new beauty salon in Stainton.

Hilton Parish The village has 180 dwellings with a population of approximately 400, mostly professional or retired. It is in a rural setting with a Village Hall (recently modernised), a pub/restaurant and two playing fields, one of which is situated between the Church and the Hall. The children go to schools outside the parish. The village shop/ Post Office closed some time ago. Church Services and news are publicised in a monthly village magazine 'Roundabout Hilton'. The Village Hall Committee holds social events in the village throughout the year and regularly invites the Church to share in the organisation and proceeds from these events. The main fund raising event is the jointly organised Annual Fete held at the beginning of July. Church members are also involved in a Good Neighbour Scheme whereby villagers who require assistance with doctor's and hospital appointments, or with other needs, can get in touch with a volunteer. We keep a watchful eye on happenings in the village and send out sympathy, get well and celebratory cards as appropriate.

The people living in Hilton support the Church (alas not many as worshippers at regular services). Whenever we arrange Gift Days we are amazed at the support we receive from people we do not normally see. At present there is very little involvement of children and young people and this is something we would like to change. A few years ago we did introduce a monthly Family Service at 4pm that initially was very well attended with up to 20 children. Enthusiasm waned but we feel there is still potential to revisit this. In addition, we would like to explore using the Church for social events such as concerts and recitals; when we held these in the past they were well supported and enjoyed.

OUR SURROUNDINGS

Our countryside is superb. The parishes are only a 20 minute drive away from the quiet sandy beaches of the North-East coast. There are quaint fishing villages to visit and 'Heartbeat country' around Whitby. Or travel south for 20 minutes to the North York Moors National Park with wonderful views of hills and moors, a steam railway, market towns and villages.

The River Tees forms the northern boundary of this region and of the Diocese of York as it winds its way from the Pennine Hills to the North-East coast and the North Sea, passing through small towns and villages until it reaches the larger towns of Stockton and Middlesbrough. There is industry here at the river's lower reaches, with far less pollution than in the last century, and Teesport is now one of the largest commercial ports in Britain. There are also open spaces, public parks, hills, lanes, woodland and a choice of local Nature Reserves including a recently-opened RSPB centre at Saltholme. Signs of an improved environment include the colony of breeding seals and a great variety of birds now found in the Tees Estuary. An estimated 7000 salmon and 13000 sea trout annually migrate upstream.

Middlesbrough and Stockton provide a wide range of facilities

Local facilities include shops, retail and leisure parks, restaurants, bars, cinemas, galleries including MIMA, museums and sporting clubs, international water sports at Tees Barrage and Middlesbrough Football Club.

There are three small shopping areas in Brookfield, one close to the church which has a Post Office within a Co-op shop and a pharmacy. In addition there is a Tesco extra outlet at the filling station at the eastern end of Low Lane and a large Tesco supermarket about a 10 minute drive away. Most of the national superstores are represented within 15 minutes' drive. Middlesbrough town centre has a good range of shops.

There is a nearby Municipal Leisure centre with swimming pool, badminton, squash, 5-a-side football and gym; several private 'fitness centres', golf, tennis, football and rugby clubs. We have several parks with play areas, museums, Middlesbrough Theatre, choral societies and choirs, water sports at the Tees Barrage, surfing at Saltburn. Locally we have walking groups such as Stainton Strollers, and bridge, wine making, keep fit, carpet bowls, art groups and so on.

There are good local bus services; rail links to all major centres; and Durham Tees Valley Airport is an easy 8 miles away. Road access is excellent north and south via the adjacent A19 or east-west via the A66.

There is plenty of choice of local educational establishments including community and independent schools and academies. Acklam Whin primary school is in Brookfield parish and has a close association with Brookfield Church. There are other primaries nearby, and several secondary schools are within easy reach.

The area has colleges including a College of Art. Teesside University is based in Middlesbrough and both Teesside and Durham Universities have additional campuses in the Stockton / Thornaby area.

Hunt Cliff - Saltburn



Thornton Road looking towards Stainton



What can we offer you?

Our friendship, loyalty and support

A pleasant and interesting place to live and minister

A vicarage on Low Lane, Brookfield which is conveniently placed for all three parishes



The vicarage is a modern four-bedroom detached family house with garage, and a large enclosed rear garden.

There is a family bathroom, downstairs toilet, a large kitchen leading to a dining room, a spacious lounge and a large study.

The house has recently been extensively renovated by the Diocesan property team.

Thank you for taking the time to read this profile. If you would like more information about our three parishes please follow the contact details set out at the beginning.

We hope that you might be inspired to find out more, and perhaps feel that God is calling you to work with us as we continue to witness in our communities.

