



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

OCTOBER 2018

THE MESSENGER



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WHEN THINGS GO WRONG



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Wednesdays at Brookfield

10.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Coffee Morning

Stainton – 15th

11.30am Holy Communion

CHURCH OFFICE

Office closed until further notice!

HALL BOOKINGS

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(as we have no Administrator in
place yet)**

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Dear friends

To all my friends

All three churches have just celebrated their Harvest Festivals using liturgy especially chosen by the Archbishop to remind us that those who are thankful are also generous. Generosity comes in many forms; we can be generous with our money – giving to the church and people in need. We can be generous with our possessions – offering hospitality at home, giving lifts in our cars and generally sharing what we have. And we can be generous with our time.

When we serve God we often think of ourselves as volunteers but that is not how God sees us. He sees us as disciples and all disciples of Jesus are called to serve God's Kingdom in some way.

I know that many of you do serve him in various capacities, not just in church but in your local communities.

I wonder – have you ever thought of that service as being your ministry? Your service is valuable to God not just because the task needs doing but also because he has chosen you specially to do it.

Our ministry is not an obligation but a privilege.

A well-known American pastor was once asked by a colleague if he felt guilty asking people who are already busy to minister. He replied, “ You and I get to invite these people to be used by God in ways that they never imagined.” We have the opportunity to empower them to develop gifts that they didn't know they had. We can cheer them on as they courageously assume new levels of Kingdom responsibility that filled their hearts to overflowing. And we get to see the look on their faces when they realise God has used them to touch another human being. No I never really feel guilty inviting people to become volunteers in our church. Never.

When we are generous to God with our money, our possessions and our time we discover that God gives us much more than we could ever give him. I pray that you all discover that for yourselves

Vivienne

A Big Thank You

I had a telephone call today from a lady called Norma Green and she kindly invited me to visit her house to discuss our book exchange.



As a result of my visit a lot of books have been donated by Norma for the book exchange at St Margaret's of Brookfield church hall on Thursdays.

These are now available to everyone and will keep our avid readers more than happy.

Many thanks Janet Granville

What have I learned (part 2 of 3)

LAST month I introduced the research that I did during my study leave and promised that this month I would explain what I discovered about the role of a vicar with responsibility for more than one church.

All vicars have the responsibility to be prayerful – not just to nurture their own relationship with God but to intercede on behalf of others and to listen for God’s guidance in their ministry. They have to be theologians (that is to keep learning more about their faith and studying the bible) so that their preaching and teaching is relevant for today. Thirdly they have to be present in the parishes – out and about so that they get to know the parishioners as well as the church members.

The time spent on prayer and study will be the same irrespective of how many churches a vicar might take care of. However, the time a vicar can be present in a parish is the same whether there are one or more parishes which means that his or her availability will be reduced in accordance with the number of parishes involved.

However, vicars are not just called “to be”; they are also called “to do”. This is where the difference in the roles become more noticeable. The traditional picture of the vicar as someone who leads worship, preaches and offers pastoral care through visiting the flock and the people in his or her parish simply is not possible when the time has to be shared around more than one church.

There have been studies into what this means for the churches involved and the general consensus is that vicars with multi-parish responsibilities have to be overseers rather than “hands-on doers”. Their oversight covers three areas:

- Pastoral care- ensuring that the flock is taken care of both practically and spiritually.
- Teaching – helping people to grow in their faith by ensuring that teaching and preaching is given for all stages during the Christian journey.
- Leadership – managing the day to day business of the church, nurturing the identity of the churches concerned and facilitating plans for the future.

This does not mean that the vicar will not lead worship, preach or offer pastoral care through visiting the flock but it does mean that he or she will need to do so as part of a team.

The more churches that are in the group the more distant the vicar will become from the “hands on” ministry that takes place. If there are not sufficient licensed or ordained colleagues to do that ministry the responsibility for doing it will fall to people within the congregations.

This is not a disaster because God always intended that the ministry of the church would be undertaken by the whole fellowship, not just the vicar. Indeed, research has shown that it is churches with “all-member” ministry that are growing.

At the time of writing we have plans to discuss what this might mean for the churches of Brookfield and Stainton with Hilton at a “Working Together” session for all church members followed by a plurality PCC meeting for members of all three PCCs. I will be reporting on those discussions next month.

Services

7th October to 25th November inclusive

Date	Brookfield 9.15am unless otherwise stated	Stainton 10.45am unless otherwise stated	Hilton Timings vary
7 th October Trinity 19 James 5:13-end Mark 9:38-end	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Evensong 6pm VH
14 th October Trinity 20 Psalm 90 Mark 10:17-31	Holy Communion VH	Songs of praise VH	Holy Communion 8am VH
21 st October Trinity 21 Isiah 53:4-end Mark 10:35-45	Communion for all ages VH	Holy Communion VH	Moring Praise 9.30am Noel Harker
28 th October Bible Sunday 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 John 5:36b to end	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion with Baptism Rob Desics	Holy Communion 8am VH
4 th November All Saints Day Isaiah 25:6-9 John 11:32-44	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Evensong 6pm VH
11 th November Remembrance Sunday Jonah 3:1-5; 10 Mark 1:14-20	Remembrance Day Holy Communion VH 9.15am	Community Remembrance Day Service 10.45am	Remembrance Day service (at memorial) 2pm
18 th November St Margaret of Scotland 2 John 4-9 Matthew 6:1-18	Patronal Service of Holy Communion (time to be agreed)	No service	No service
25 th November Christ the King Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion Rob Desics	Holy Communion 8am VH

Wednesdays at Brookfield Holy Communion at 10.00am starting from 3rd October.
(use the readings for the previous Sunday)

Baptisms booked:

Brookfield: 7 October and 28th November

Stainton: 28 October (during morning service); there may be another booking in November.

Stand up for Jesus

OVER half of all Christians now live in the third world often in antichristian environments. More Chinese take part in Sunday worship than the entirety of all Western Europeans. Lebanon is 40% Christian; Sudan 5%; Egypt about 10%.

In the UK the number of people pledging allegiance to the Church of England has halved in the last 15 years researchers have revealed. Fewer than one in seven now say that they belong to the C of E after its following dropped from 31% to 14% between 2002 and 2017.

Attendance has slipped by 16% since the current Archbishop of Canterbury took up his post in 2013.

The British social attitudes survey said that the loss of support has been worst among young people with only one in 50 in the 18 to 24 age group identifying with the C of E.

There are a lot of outside pressures on these young people who often feel that they worship at their own risk, Family members mock their beliefs, university professors belittle their convictions, classmates snigger at their choices, colleagues pressure them to compromise their integrity. St Paul wrote "Stand up for Jesus." From his prison cell he wrote "I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body whether by life or by death." For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

David Gatenby

Hello everybody, below is a brief account of the St. Peter & St Paul's Stainton PCC September PCC meeting.

September is a busy month for the PCC, after the holidays there is a lot to catch up with. The main points discussed were the Lady Chapel roof repairs, which, hopefully, will be completed before the winter sets in, now that we have spoken to the roofing contractors.

We now have a quote for the repointing of the West and North walls of the Nave, in accordance with the architect's recommendations in last year's quinquennial report, the cost will be in excess of £27,000.

Our Freewill offering to the Diocese was discussed and an increase agreed for 2019. Remembrance Sunday was discussed, and it was agreed that it would be a community Remembrance Service, it is hoped to decorate the church with poppies of various sorts including the Knitted variety and paper ones from Coffee & Kids.

If anyone would like to be involved in a SOCIAL / FUN / FUND RAISING group, please chat to the churchwardens or any member of the PCC.

Vernon Clare – Churchwarden St Peter & St Paul's Stainton

What's on ...

October dates for your diary

Also – always check the weekly pewsheet

Weekly Events in our Group of Churches

Bible Fellowship Groups

Mondays at 1.30pm Brookfield lounge
Wednesdays at 2pm Stainton Church Room

Coffee and Kids Pop-In

Wednesdays 10am Stainton Church Room

Everyone Welcome Drop-ins

Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Stainton Church Room
Thursdays 2pm-4pm Brookfield Church Hall
Wednesdays 10am (term-time) Hilton Church Wardens Hour

CHRISTIANS IN HILTON

Christians in Hilton meet fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am.
Please contact Sally (01642 590385) or Kath (01642 597909) for more information.

THE 'COFFEE AND KIDS' POP-IN

The Coffee and Kids parent/carer and toddler group on Wednesdays at Stainton is great fun! We are open 10.00am to 12 noon each Wednesday.

We have between 10-14 under-3's coming along to the Stainton Parish Room each week, supervised by a parent or a grandparent.

The children have a great time playing together and at the end of the session they sing their favourite action songs. Sometimes they do some activities.

If anyone wants to find out more about Coffee and Kids then please do get in touch with the Leaders: Judith and Vernon Clare; Bob Ardley and Joan Mason.

Coffee and Kids

We all need a tree!

A friend of mine once hired a plumber to help him restore an old farmhouse, he had just finished a rough first day on the job when a flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill packed in and his ancient pick-up refused to start.



While my friend drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited my friend in to meet his family. As they walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterwards he walked my friend to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

'Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children.. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again.' 'Funny thing is,' he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.'

We start back on Wednesday 5th of September – next bulletin is November.

David Gatenby

When things go wrong

Without **STRUGGLE**,
a butterfly could not
grow strong enough...

to take flight.



ONE day a small opening appeared on a cocoon, a man sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little opening then it seemed to stop making any progress.

It appeared as if it had got as far as it could and it could go no further, so the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a

pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily but it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened, In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of it's life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand, was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the opening, were God's way of forcing the fluid from the body of the butterfly into it's wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved it's freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. We could never fly.



David Gatenby

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



THE Academy of St Martin in the Fields is one of the world's premier chamber orchestras, renowned for fresh, brilliant interpretations of the world's most-loved classical music.

Formed by Sir Neville Marriner in 1958 from a group of leading London musicians, the Academy gave its first performance in its namesake church in November 1959. Through its live performances and vast recording output – highlights of which include the 1969 best-seller Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and the soundtrack to 1985 Oscar-winning film *Amadeus* – the orchestra quickly gained an enviable international reputation for its distinctive, polished and refined sound.

World renowned violinist, Joshua Bell, has an unusual way of leading the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, a 44 member

chamber orchestra. Instead of waving a baton he directs while playing his Stradivarius together with the other violinists. Bell told the local radio station "even when I am playing I can give them all kinds of direction and signals which only they could understand. They know by every little dip in my violin or raise in my eyebrow, or the way that I draw the bow. They know the sound that I am looking for from the entire orchestra

Today they are led artistically by the Musical Director, virtuoso violinist Joshua Bell, retaining the collegiate spirit and flexibility of the original small, conductor-less ensemble which has become an Academy hallmark. Each year they work with some of the most talented soloists and directors in the classical music scene, performing symphonic repertoire and 'chamber music



on a grand scale' at prestigious venues throughout the world, whilst expanding the Academy's celebrated recording catalogue.

In the 2018/19 Season the Academy of St Martin in the Fields collaborates with artists including pianist Kit Armstrong, cellist Andreas Brantelid, pianist Jeremy Denk and

violinist Julia Fischer for tours across Europe, the USA, Mexico and Russia. The orchestra looks forward to celebrating its 60th anniversary season in 2019 with exciting projects in the UK and beyond.

Just as the orchestra members watch Joshua Bell, the Bible instructs us to keep our eyes on Jesus our Lord, After listing many hero's of the faith in Hebrews 11 the writer says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us through off everything that hinders and the sin that easily entangles. Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

Jesus promised, "I am with you always, to the very end of time." Because he is we have the amazing privilege of keeping our eyes on him while he conducts the music of our lives.

David Gatenby



Stainton Parish Lunch has been discontinued

AFTER 11½ years it is with a lot of regret that I have decided to call it a day. Providing lunch for up to 20 people each month is heavy work and quite time consuming. I have come to realise that I cannot continue on my own. Ideally we would need several younger volunteers with the time and energy to shop, prepare, cook and set up the room on the day and to clear up afterwards and I can't think of anyone who might be approached. Julia Ardley has helped since Joyce Dixon had her accident by providing some puddings but she is already busy on the church's behalf organising Stainton Drop-in and helping with Coffee & Kids as well as her work at St Barnabas so I think it is wrong to expect more.

I have told the 'regulars' of my decision and they are sorry but sympathetic. Sadly I have a feeling that there will be little support for a Thursday Holy Communion Service without the lunch to follow.

In the past Stainton Church was well known as a 'good food venue', we needed little excuse to put on a good spread. From time to time we provided Sunday lunches for around 40 people in the Memorial Hall. We made and sold preserves at the church gate especially in the autumn using whatever fruit we could glean from gardens, Joyce made hundreds of jars of Marmalade to sell, and Isabella Gray and I ran a fortnightly cake stall after church on a Sunday. So it seemed a natural thing to add a lunch after the Thursday morning Service.

We began in January 2007 with 3 regular volunteers and several casuals, but time has moved on, helpers have grown old or died and we have no younger people to take over.

The lunches were not meant as fund-raisers but even after buying domestic items such as toilet rolls, hand-wash, washing up liquid etc from the receipts, we have this year generated 25% of the total money raised at Stainton. So to lose this is of concern. But again sadly we have a serious lack of volunteers.

Joan Mason

Whose job is it?

This story is about four people named: - **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**

There was an important job to be done, and **Everybody** was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure **Somebody** would do it,

Anybody could have done it, But **Nobody** did it,

Somebody got angry about that, Because it was **Everybody's** job

Everybody thought **Anybody** could do it,

But **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it and

It ended up that **Everybody** Blamed **Somebody**,

When **Nobody** did what **Anybody** would have done.

Ida Bowness

Schedules and Rotas for October 2018 St. Margaret's, Brookfield

Sidepersons

7 Kath and Jamie Webb
 14 Florence and Ray Harris
 21 Janet and Malcolm Granville
 28 Margaret Routledge and
 Olwen Hopkins

Lectors

7 Ray Harris
 14 Betty Spragg
 21 Jill Fox
 28 Jamie Webb

Offertory

7 Kath and Jamie Webb
 14 Mother's Union
 21 Sheila and
 Vic Spence
 28 Flower Guild

Flower Donors

7
 14
 21
 28 Judy Cook



100 club winners August 2018

W/E 5th	(8) Mrs. F Andrew	(64) Mrs. M Oddy	(18) Mrs. B Jackson
W/E 12th	(172) Mrs. A Wills	(116) Mrs. J King	(84) Susan Hopkins
W/E 19th	(37) Mrs. E Burnell	(50) Mrs. M Andrew	(163) Mr. H Wilkinson
W/E 26th	(28) Mrs. S Spencer	(112) Mrs. O Hopkins	(39) Alison Palmer



BROOKFIELD BRANCH

We meet on the second Tuesday each month at 2pm at
St Margaret's Church Hall.

We were pleased to have as our speaker in September, the
Rev. Angela Bailey, and we enjoyed her talk and her company very much.

In October we are having a faith tea, when we will celebrate Freda and Dennis
Fords Golden Wedding anniversary.

We will also be having a talk from David Local about a recent holiday he
and Jennifer had in the Scilly Isles, which they enjoyed very much.

Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)

STANTON BRANCH

We meet on the third Monday each month at 7pm in the
Parish Room of St Peter & St Paul Church, Stanton.

Mothers' Union for October

Our speaker at our meeting on Monday 15th October 7pm in the Parish Room, will
be from "The Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital.

This will be open to anyone who would like to hear about the work that goes on
around the world; It would be lovely to have a full house so please come along, All
Welcome.

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

A Right Royal Drive



MY friendship with Iris began many years ago in New York when I went on a trip to New York to see Michael Crawford on Broadway, (Phantom of the Opera) it was wonderful.

The day we were leaving to come home I found a very distressed lady (Iris) in the hotel cloakroom

who had spent the morning in the police station; her handbag had been stolen the day before in a restaurant and lost everything and she was told that she may not be able to travel home because she had no passport.

I took her for lunch and when we arrived at the airport accompanied her to the office where she was eventually given a temporary passport; of course that was the end of our meeting.

On arriving at Heathrow Iris found me in the baggage reclaim and asked me if I would like to visit her.

Her home was in Wantage in Oxfordshire and we remained friends for 26 years. This was wonderful for me because when I visited her 2/3 times a year she took me to the west end to see the musical shows there.

We went to see the famous passion play in Oberammergau and we met a lady from Scotland called Grace who was on her own. We stayed together and found the play very moving and quite emotional - a memorable experience.

Iris invited Grace to Oxford a couple of times when I was going to. She returned the invite by asking us to visit her in Ballater Royal Deeside.

Eventually we travelled up to Scotland by car (Iris driving) and on our way we spent a lovely afternoon at Glamis Castle (the Queen mother's childhood home) with its many spires and turrets – superb.

On the following day: Sunday we went to see Grace. We arrived in time to go to morning worship at Crathie church, with special permission from Grace, no queuing and a seat right at the front. It was a surprise, no a shock because on our right and looking towards us were HRH the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and five other members of the royal family.

What a treat – a very special day I will long remember and never forget.

It is amazing how a small act of kindness shown to one another can add a lot of pleasure to one's life. It certainly changed mine. **Jean Ward**

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

The cash collected for our charity from St Margaret's Service on the last Sunday in August went to:



We raised a total of £76.50

On the last Sunday in October, our collection – that's all the cash on the plate – will be going to:



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By working together, they can enable entire communities to unlock their potential, break free from poverty and change their lives for good. With the help of amazing people like you, this is their strategy for making it happen.

www.wateraid.org

A double birthday celebration

A double birthday celebration was the order of the day for Dorothy Pearson who celebrated her 80th birthday on the 19th August along with June Taylor who celebrated her 90th birthday on the 1st September.



Both ladies are members of St Peter and Pauls church Stainton and also active members of the Stainton branch of the Mothers' Union.

Both ladies, who have been friends for many years, shared a wonderful cake which was kindly baked by Joan Mason, and was enjoyed by all who attended on the day.



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URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:-

- UHT/Powdered milk
- Long-life fruit juice/cordial
- Sponge Puddings
- Coffee
- Rice Pudding
- Packet Mash or Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Carrots, Sweetcorn, Mixed Vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat (Ham, Spam, Corned Beef, Hotdogs, Pies, Stews and Curries.

St. Margaret's Church Centre User Groups

**For letting enquiries contact the Church Office on 01642 597454
or email: letting@stmargaretsbrookfield.org.uk**

Group Name	Meeting times	Leader/contact
Brookfield Toddlers	9:30am to 11:30am Mondays	Val Thompson 01642 821068 during term times
Elderberry Ladies Ballet	1.00pm to 2.00pm Mondays	Maggie Lawrance 07956816956
Yoga	6.30pm-8.00pm Mondays	Emma Lawrence 07944 593441
Tai Chi	10:45am Tuesdays	Pam Hedge 01642 532800
Weight Watchers	5.30pm-6.30pm Tuesdays	Dawn Stanway 07767 454707
The Wine Club	7:30pm on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly	Val Harris 01642 592079
Mothers' Union Branch	2.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month	Florence Harris 01642 594272
St Margaret's Carpet Bowls Club	1.15pm-3:15pm Wednesdays	Ann Stones 01642 593960
Brookfield Ladies	7:30pm 1st Wednesday each month	Jean Kiddell 01642 761418
The Art Group	10.00am-1pm Thursdays	Ray Harris 01642 594272
Pilates	6.00pm-7.00pm Thursdays	Christine Johnson 07999384668
Line Dancing	7:30pm-9:30pm Thursdays	Judy Cook 01642 290487
Keep Fit	10.00am -11:30am Fridays	Brenda Hockney 01642 487703

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TODDLER GROUP

9:30am to 11:30am Mondays*
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(Includes hot drink & juice)

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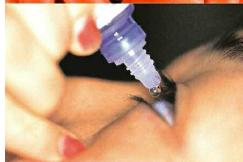


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