



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

SEPTEMBER 2018

THE MESSENGER



WHAT HAVE I LEARNED

**OLIVIA AND LILY'S CHARITY COFFEE
AND BISCUITS GET TOGETHER**

ST MARGARET'S ART EXHIBITION

50p

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Wednesdays at Brookfield

9.30am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Coffee Morning

Stainton – 15th

11.30am Holy Communion

Followed by parish lunch

Please contact Joan to book your meal.

CHURCH OFFICE

Office closed until further notice!

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For St Margaret's Church
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Dear friends

To all my friends

I am sure I am not alone in feeling sad to see the children move on a year every September. The children themselves are generally happy about the situation – they want to progress despite the uncertainty of a new class, a new teacher and sometimes even a new school.

As Christians we have to move on too. We might not mark our progress with new beginnings but if we do not allow our faith to develop we become stagnant and it can slowly die. Faith is a strange commodity – it comes from God but we need to take steps to nurture it.

Around the plurality there are opportunities for you to do this. The bible study group at Brookfield meets every Monday at 1.30pm (sometimes followed by a prayer meeting for those who want to stay later). The Christians in Hilton bible fellowship meets fortnightly as shown on your pew sheets. You will be most welcome at either, irrespective of which church you attend (or even if you do not attend any).

Some people have told me that day time meetings are not possible for them so I am also going to start a 6 week evening fellowship group in the Autumn. It is to help those who want to learn more about the faith. We shall look at the Christian creed which makes it suitable for those who are new to the faith, those who just want a refresher and those who simply want to better understand what the creed means. It will have a relaxed, informal format and no one will have to say anything (unless they want to of course!). Watch out for more details in your pewsheets.

Some might be wondering why they should attend any form of study at all. We are never too old to learn and, as St Paul said, “The aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith.” (1 Timothy 1:5).

I want this for each one of you so I pray that you will all take advantage of what is on offer.

Vivienne

A Thank you message from Grace Whitehead

Ivor and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes for his recent operation which was successful. He is recovering very well and attends the rehabilitation centre each week for physiotherapy. Blessings to you all.

Grace Whitehead

What have I learned? (part 1 of 3)

Many of you have asked what I learned during my study leave. I have prepared a report which is quite long but is available to anyone who would like to read it. Instead you might prefer to read the summary of what I discovered in the three monthly articles I am planning to write for the magazine.

I was looking at the call and role of a vicar of a multi-parish benefice like Brookfield and Stainton with Hilton. I did a lot of reading and spoke to many other vicars who look after more than one parish in a variety of contexts in a Midlands diocese and our own diocese.

I learned that, when God calls someone to a multi-parish benefice, He takes into account the needs of the parishes involved, the role of a vicar with a multi-parish benefice and the SHAPE of the priest concerned.

The latter is made up of the following:

S: the spiritual gifts that God has given them for their ministry

H: their heart's desire (or what they enjoy doing)

A: the abilities they were born with

P: their personality

E: their life experience

All of these factors make up the SHAPE of a vicar and their suitability for the particular needs of the specific benefice. For example, one of the vicars I interviewed knew that they had been called to their current appointment because the previous vicar had made it clear to the congregations that he did not want to be their vicar and God used the new vicar's pastoral heart to heal the wounds that his attitude had created.

The role of a vicar with a multi-parish benefice is as different from that of a vicar with only one church and parish as it is from a prison chaplaincy.

I will write more about those differences next month. My final article will look at how my discoveries can be utilised within our group of churches.

Vivienne

Services

2nd September to 14th October inclusive

Date	Brookfield	Stainton	Hilton
	9.15am unless otherwise stated	10.45am unless otherwise states	6pm unless otherwise stated
2 nd September Trinity 14 James 1:17-end Mark 7: 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Evensong VH
9 th September Trinity 15 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-end	Holy Communion VH	Family Communion VH	Holy Communion VH
16 th September Trinity 16 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-end	Communion for all ages VH	Holy Communion VH	Moring Praise 9.30am Noel Harker
23 rd September Trinity 17 James 3:13-4:3,7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH (RD is away)
30 th September Harvest 1 Chronicles 29:10-14 Matthew 6:25-33	Harvest Holy Communion VH	Harvest Holy Communion VH	Harvest Festival with thanksgiving VH
7 th October Trinity 19 James 5:13-end Mark 9:38-end	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Evensong VH
14 th October Trinity 20 Psalm 90 Mark 10:17-31	Holy Communion VH	Family Communion VH	Holy Communion VH

Wednesdays at Brookfield Holy Communion at 9.30am (use the readings for the previous Sunday)

Thursday 20th September at Stainton will be Viv Hatton

Baptisms booked:

Stainton 2nd Sep and 23rd Sep

Brookfield 19th Aug and 16th Sep

(there may also be baptisms on 7th and/or 14th October but these have yet to be booked)

CHRISTIAN DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

Tuesday – Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected though the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday – Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday – Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday – Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love

Saturday – Cooking Day

Help me, my Saviour, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday – The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart as my honoured guest so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

Drop In

The Drop In at St Margaret's Church, Brookfield, is every Thursday afternoon from 2pm till 4pm.

Since we started last October we have seen a steady stream of people wanting to come and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. People stay for as long as they wish (refills are plenty!) It is a chance to meet people and make new friends.

It is very friendly and informal.

We also have a book exchange which is proving very popular.

Thanks to everyone who has provided books for us along with all the volunteers.

Unwanted books are taken to a charity shop for other people to enjoy.

Please pass the word to friends and neighbours as we would love to welcome more people.

Stainton Parish Church have their Drop In on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm till 4pm.

All very welcome.

Janet Granville

What's on ...

September 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

Coffee and Kids broke up on Wednesday 18th of July, we had a picnic lunch, a couple of birthdays to celebrate, and lots of playing.

A lot of the children went up the bell tower and rang the bells.

We ended with lots of singing including *The Grand Old Duke of York* and the *Hokey Cokey*.

We start back on Wednesday 5th of September.



Mother's Union

Mary Summer Day – Afternoon Tea

ON Thursday 9th August several members of Stainton and Brookfield Mother's Union Branches enjoyed an Afternoon Tea hosted by Mrs. Ann Dewing ably assisted by Revd Bill and family in their large garden at Ingleby Arncliffe.



The afternoon was warm although cloudy, the food was more than ample and we all enjoyed sitting in the great outdoors. Joan and Elizabeth and friend are pictured relaxing under the apple tree.

Never Give Up

IN 1962, four nervous young musicians played their first record audition for the executives of the Decca Recording Company. The executives were not impressed. While turning down this group of musicians, one executive said, "We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out." The group was called The Beatles.

In 1944, Emmeline Snively, director of the Blue Book Modelling Agency, told modelling hopeful Norma Jean Baker, "You'd better learn secretarial work or else get married." She went on and became Marilyn Monroe.

In 1954, Jimmy Denny, manager of the Grand Ole Opry fired a singer after one performance. He told him, "You aren't going' nowhere son. You ought to go back to driving' a truck." He went on to become the most popular singer in America, named Elvis Presley.

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, it did not ring off the hook with calls from potential backers. After making a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, "That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?"

When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, "I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2000-step process."

In the 1940's, another young inventor named Chester Carlson took his idea to 20 corporations, including some of the biggest in the country. They all turned him down. In 1947 – after seven long years of rejections! He finally got a tiny company in Rochester, New York, the Haloid Company, to purchase the rights to his invention, an electrostatic paper-copying process. Haloid became Xerox Corporation we know today.

The moral of the above Stories: Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. You gain strength, experience and confidence by every experience where you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you cannot do. And remember, the finest steel gets sent through the hottest furnace. A winner is not one who never fails, but one who NEVER QUILTS! In LIFE, remember that you pass this way only once! Let's live life to the fullest and give it our best.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



HARVEST festival is a traditional British celebration originating in pagan times, now celebrated in churches and schools throughout the country on a Sunday near the Harvest Moon - usually towards the end of September and sometimes in October.

(The Harvest Moon is the Full Moon nearest the September equinox, which occurs on September 25th at 0.3-52am.

With the harvest festival we give thanks for the harvest and the food that has been brought in and stored for the winter months ahead. Obviously in years gone by a successful harvests were crucial, and that is why we have similar festivals all around the world, including Canadian Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving in the USA.

It is traditional to bring food to schools and churches (to be distributed to the needy), pray and sing hymns, and, in schools, to use the occasion to learn about the harvest

process and farming, and about fruit and vegetables. Many schools and churches now use the harvest festival to raise money and awareness for food shortages in developing countries.

A harvest festival is an annual celebration that occurs around the time of the main harvest of a given region. Given the differences in climate and crops around the world, harvest festivals can be found at various times at different places. Harvest festivals typically feature feasting, both family and public, with foods that are drawn from crops that come to maturity around the time of the festival. Ample food and freedom from the necessity to work in the fields are two central features of harvest festivals: eating, merriment, contests, music and romance are common features of harvest festivals around the world.

In North America, Canada and the US each have their own Thanksgiving celebrations in



October and November.

In Britain, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. The celebrations on this day usually include singing hymns, praying, and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food in the festival known as Harvest festival, harvest home, harvest thanksgiving or harvest festival of thanksgiving.

The food is often distributed among the poor and senior citizens.

In the United States, many churches also bring in food from the garden or farm in order to celebrate the harvest. The festival is set for a specific day and has become a

national holiday known as Thanksgiving which falls on the fourth Thursday in November. In both Canada and the United States, it has also become a national secular holiday with religious origins, but in Britain it is both a Church festival giving thanks to God for the harvest and a more secular festival remembered in schools.

To understand more about the harvest celebration we should look towards Noah right after the flood. God reminded Noah and his family (and us) for his provision for our flourishing existence on the earth. Earth would have seasons, daylight and darkness and “seedtime and harvest.” Our gratitude for the harvest, which sustains us, goes to God alone.

No matter where you live or how you celebrate you lands bounty, take time to express your gratitude to God for we would not have no harvest to celebrate without his grand creative design.

David Gatenby



Art Exhibition at St Margaret's

ANOTHER resounding success for our Art Exhibition as you can see by the quality of the work exhibited.

A very big thank you to all who exhibited, helped, volunteered and donated refreshments.

Special thanks also to everyone who came, and enjoyed the day and made it a special occasion.

We raised £65.00 for Church funds.

All new members would be very welcome when we restart in September 2018.

Contact details can be found in the magazine under the heading "St. Margaret's Church Centre User Groups".

Janet Granville



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

Sidepersons

- 2 Florence and Ray Harris
- 9 Janet and Malcolm Granville
- 16 Margaret Routledge and
Olwen Hopkins
- 23 Janet Henwood and
Linda Nixon
- 30 Sheila and Victor Spencer

Lectors

- 2 Betty Spragg
- 9 Jill Fox
- 16 Jamie Webb
- 23 David Clark
- 30 Victor Spencer

Offertory

- 2 Flower Guild
- 9 Mary Sykes
- 16 Mothers' Union
- 23 Kath and
Jamie Webb
- 30 Sheila and
Victor Spencer

Flower Donors

- 2 Jean Kiddell
- 9
- 16 Cynthia Eyre
- 23
- 30



100 club winners July 2018

W/E 1st	(101) Mr. D Clark	(30) Mr. Norris	(124) Mrs. J Hazelwood
W/E 8th	(3) Mrs. Southam	(90) Mrs. E Hewitson	(93) Mrs. L Cross
W/E 15th	(92) Thomas Palmer	(97) Mr. F Hewitson	(64) Mrs. M Oddy
W/E 22nd	(50) Mrs. M Andrew	(103) Mrs. T Pearce	(64) Mrs. M Oddy
W/E29th	(65) Thomas Palmer	(17) Mr. L Brightly	(143) Mrs. J Granville

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

Our banner has now gone to be repaired; it needs quite a
lot of very fine workmanship and could take a while to complete.

Our speaker in September will be the Reverend Angela Bailey.

On October 6th, a Sharing Day has been organised for all
members, to be held at Norton college.

Names are required ASAP. Lunch will be provided at a cost of £3.

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 September

Our meeting this month will be on September 10th at 7pm in the Parish room,
when the speaker will be Judith Wright, talking about "My Promise Box."
All welcome!

Members will be travelling to Swansea for the General Meeting on
17th & 18th of this month.

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

Funny isn't it

Funny how a £5 note "looks" so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the shopping centre.

Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 90 minutes of football.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have any trouble thinking of things to say to a friend.

Funny how we get thrilled when a football game goes into extra time, but complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a bestselling novel.

Funny how people want to get a front row seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.

Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel passage well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, or to think, or to say, or do anything.

Funny how you can send a thousand 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding Jesus, people think twice about sharing.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT? Are you laughing? Are you thinking? Spread the word and give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

God's presence

In the Old Testament, the most recognised symbol of God's presence was the Ark of the Covenant. Wherever the ark was, God's presence was there. But we have His presence always. 'God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you"' (Hebrews 13:5). God's presence is with us always, nothing can separate us from His presence or His love. But we can begin to think we are separated. The enemy often tries to convince us that God's not listening to our prayers that He's left us alone and no longer cares for us. But God promises to never leave us. The fact that the enemy doesn't want us to be in God's presence shows how important being in His presence is. It's in His presence that we find the things we need to grow in our faith and in our relationship with Him. The Bible tells us that in His presence 'there is fullness of joy' (Psalm 16:11). And if we come to Him we can find rest. 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28).

God longs for us to draw near to Him, but we can be too busy, too fixed on our own ways or too disappointed with God to make the effort. David said: 'One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple' (Psalm 27:4). Is that the one thing we long for too? Do we long to spend time in God's presence above everything else?

David Gatenby

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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



We raised a total of £91.43

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



UNICEF UK, also known as the United Kingdom Committee for UNICEF, is one of 36 UNICEF National Committees based in industrialised countries.

The National Committees raise funds for the organisation's worldwide emergency and development work. In 2007, UNICEF UK raised £41.3 million for UNICEF's work with children worldwide. UNICEF UK also advocates for lasting change for children.

For example, it works to change government policies and practices that are detrimental to children's rights in the UK and internationally.

Internationally, UNICEF is the leading children's organisation, reaching children in more than 150 less-developed countries around the world. It works with local communities, organisations and governments to make a lasting difference to children's lives.

The organisation's global reach allows it to share knowledge across borders, while its local presence – over 85 per cent of UNICEF staff work in developing countries means it can deliver assistance where it is needed most. With its worldwide presence, UNICEF can respond rapidly wherever disaster strikes, delivering life saving help for children.

UNICEF believes that every child should have clean water, food, health care, education, and a safe environment in which to grow up. The organisation upholds the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and works to hold the international community responsible for their promises to children.

UNICEF is not funded by the UN. Instead, it relies on voluntary donations to fund its work for children worldwide. UNICEF UK raises funds for these programmes through donations, the sale of cards and gifts, partnerships with companies and special events.

UNICEF UK is a registered charity.

(As Roy Rowell is in hospital his daughters have forwarded the charity details for this month.)

“THANK YOU”

to everyone who helped us raise £209.60 for the Sick Children’s Trust at our coffee and biscuits get together on 15th August.

This money will pay for 7-nights’ accommodation for parents who have very sick children at Newcastle RVI – children

like our cousin Zachary who has severe haemophilia and often needs to be admitted (see the photo).



The other photo is of the thank you card sent to you by Zachary’s Mum who knows from Personal experience just how important this charity is to parents like her.

Olivia and Lily



Middlesbrough Foodbank relies on your goodwill and support

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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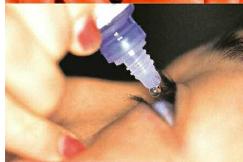


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