



*The Parish Churches of  
Brookfield, Stainton &  
Hilton*

NOVEMBER 2018

**THE MESSENGER**



 **RED CROSS**

 **HARVEST FESTIVALS**

 **HILTON FILLING STATION**

**50p**

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10.30am – Coffee Morning

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11.30am Holy Communion

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## *Dear friends*

### **To all my friends**

**W**E are all very saddened and shocked by David Clark's unexpected death. At the time of writing I am still planning his funeral service but I am sure you will read this remembering a large congregation of people coming to pay their respects to a lovely gentleman.

Although we know he is now with his heavenly Father where there is no more suffering, we are all experiencing the pain of separation. The church at Brookfield is especially affected. Not just because he was such a special church member and we all miss his presence, but also because his dedication and commitment enabled the church to continue its ministry. He undertook many tasks but in particular he was the only church warden and the treasurer so his absence means that these important roles are now being left undone.

No church can continue without governance so the archdeacon is coming to talk to the congregation of St Margaret's about the way forward on Tuesday 13th November at 7pm. In preparation for that meeting I will be explaining the critical situation we are facing during the Sunday morning service on 28th October and I shall be encouraging the church members to arrange to pray together throughout the day on Tuesday 30th October.

As the congregation at St Margaret's comes to terms with the loss of David please pray for them and for everyone affected.

**Vivienne**

### **Coffee and Kids**

**W**E have started our fourth year well at Coffee & Kids! It has been an eventful time over the summer, with a number of our long standing and original children moving on to Nursery School, and the leaders wondering how many children we would have in September!

Well the first day back we had a welcome number of our regular children and "Several New Babies".

We are currently averaging about 12-16 children with their carers.

If anyone would like to help or know children who would enjoy a mornings play, snacks and singing, please come along to the Parish Room at Stainton on a Wednesday morning between 10am and 12 noon and have a word with the leaders (Joan, Bob, Judith and Vernon).

**Vernon Clare**



## What have I learned (Part 3 of 3)

In my previous articles about my study leave I have explained the new role of vicars who look after more than one church. This involves a move from the traditional task of a vicar towards team working and oversight.

We had an open meeting for church members from all three churches on Wed 19th September when I explained my research and invited those attending to discuss the way forward. A week later, on 26th September, members from all PCCs joined together for a meeting to make decisions based on those discussions. The debate was encouraging because of the good will and constructive attitudes of all concerned. You will find the statement from that meeting elsewhere in this magazine.

The decision for the laity to participate more in worship, to share more “special services” and to have a monthly joint service of Holy Communion will enable people to use their gifts, get to know each other better and will also free me to offer worship that reaches out into the community (e.g. memorial services etc).

The meeting also decided to share the responsibility for pastoral care and other ministries. We hope to create teams that can do this (we already have a children’s workers team with people from Brookfield and Stainton who offer occasional family workshops).

Recognising that people will need training to take on these ministries I was asked to invite Rev Angela Bailey, the Cleveland Training Adviser, to come and explain what she is able to offer us. That meeting is scheduled for 8th January and will be a joint PCC meeting that will be open to anyone who is interested.

I realise that these changes are happening at a time of much adjustment for St Margaret’s congregation but they are important for the sustainability of all three churches in the plurality.

**Vivienne**

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### Drop in

The Drop In at St Margaret’s Church, Brookfield which 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**

# Services

## 7th October to 25th November inclusive

<b>Date</b>	<b>Brookfield</b> 9.15am unless otherwise stated	<b>Stainton</b> 10.45am unless otherwise stated	<b>Hilton</b> Timings vary
7 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 19 James 5:13-end Mark 9:38-end	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Evensong 6pm VH
14 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 20 Psalm 90 Mark 10:17-31	Holy Communion VH	Songs of praise  VH	Holy Communion 8am  VH
21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November All Saints Day Isaiah 25:6-9 John 11:32-44	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion  VH	Evensong 6pm  VH
11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November Christ the King Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion  Rob Desics	Holy Communion 8am  VH

NB Wednesdays at Brookfield Holy Communion at 10.00am

Would you please also note that there will be Gift Services at Stainton and Brookfield on Sunday 2nd Dec in aid of the Salvation Army Gift Appeal (normal times) and that there will be an advent service at Hilton at 6pm on the same date.



# HILTON FILLING STATION

It was good to be back following a wonderful summer. We have held two events already and busy planning our November Filling Station event. On Tuesday 4th September, our guest speaker for the evening was Julia Powell, Just Believe Prophetic Art. She was wonderful and the Holy Spirit was palpable in the room all evening. She was engaging, interesting and very informative; definitely inspiring and you definitely missed a real gem of an evening if you couldn't make it. Our worship for the same evening was ably led by Katie Stanton of St Barnabas' Church, Middlesbrough and she

managed to marry the contemporary worship music beautifully with the chosen theme of Julia 'My testimony, Just Believe'.

On Tuesday 2nd October we had a lovely evening celebrating our 3rd anniversary with a specially made cake by Sally. Graham and Carolyn led the prayers and very cleverly incorporated the theme of puppets into the devotional slot. Our guest speakers for the evening were Dave and Gail Roberts "For the Love of God" puppet ministry, ably accompanied by worship leader Sheila Barker. We were visually entertained as well as given a biblical message on how God answers our prayers but not always as expected. My contribution to the evening was all about our three years' together as a dedicated ministry team, all working well together with our individual skills and gifts. (See my personal testimony below.)

Hilton Filling Station Host Team extend a warm welcome to all our regulars and any new visitors who would like to join us for our next and future informal evenings of worship teaching and prayer. We always begin our evenings with really good coffee, homemade cakes and lots of friendly chit chat as we get to know one another a lot better.

Our next Filling Station Event will be held on Tuesday, 6th November commencing 7.30 pm in Hilton Village Hall. Our guest speaker will be Tony Grainge of Tees Valley Community Church. Worship leader as yet not confirmed but we place our faith in God that he will provide all we need for another wonderful evening.

**Find our more at our Filling Station Webpage: <http://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/hilton/>**



## **Pictured: The 3rd anniversary of the Filling Station celebration photo.**

*When we as a Host Team decided to set up Hilton Filling Station 3 years ago we did so as 'Pioneers' stepping out in faith into unknown territory. We didn't get everything right first time or even 2nd or 3rd attempt but we decided right from the beginning to hold review meetings after each event in order to discuss observations and raise new ideas so that we could improve the evening. We have tweaked seating, lighting and even upfront positions. We are so fortunate in our ministry team in that we all have different skills and gifts that we didn't even know we had to offer. It never ceases to amaze me when I see everything pulled together. We thank God for each other every day.*

*Another blessing I have witnessed is in our speakers and worship leaders being available and so talented. God provides for us at every level and that is why I have a firm conviction of being in the right place, serving him monthly at Filling Station. With the continuing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the welcome presence of the Holy Spirit at the meetings, I can see no reason why Hilton Filling Station can't keep going, filling a gap in this rural community of Christians; people who love God and willing to be topped up with the Holy Spirit once a month. Enabling them to meet old friends, make new friends; relax with good coffee and homemade cakes; enjoy informal teaching and prayers and generally have a great evening socially.*

*Hilton Filling Station Host Team are here to serve as long as we are meeting a need and I personally feel proud and privileged to be an active member of the ministry team and part of such a faith driven event. We are no longer 'Pioneers' we have forged our own programme of events and I know I am richly blessed for committing to this project.*

**Angela Sayer**

## **What's on ... November dates for your diary**

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**Also – always check the weekly pewsheet**

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### **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.**

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### **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.**

## The Slough Of Despond – from Pilgrims Progress

IN the reign of James 2nd the popular protestant preacher John Bunyan (1628-1688) was arrested and thrown into prison for 'holding unlawful assemblies and not conforming to the national worship of the Church of England. Because he refused to conform he was thrown into Bedford Jail in 1660 and he remained there for 12 years. Pilgrim's Progress was written in prison in the hope of strengthening the faith of his congregation. It is now known as the world's most famous allegory which tells of the Christian journey of faith, it's joys and dangers, hopes and disappointments, progress and set-backs and eventually it's great rewards . John Bunyan writes as if retelling a dream

Christian set out on his journey of faith. His friends and neighbours, even his wife and family, thought he was a fool. Only Pliable stayed with him and as they walked Christian explained to him what the Lord had promised about the Kingdom of heaven. Along the road, in the middle of the plain, was a very miry bog. The Slough of Despond,. Busily talking Christian and Pliable both fell into the bog and they were soon stuck in the mud. Christian began to sink. Pliable managed to struggle out but he gave up the journey and made for home, leaving Christian sinking deeper in despair to struggle alone... Until a man called Help came and pulled him back onto the right track. 'Why did you stumble into the mire' he asked 'Did you not use the stepping stones to safety'?

Why do I tell you this story? Well I feel that our parishes are in danger of falling into our own Slough of Despond and there may not be a 'Help' around to drag us back onto the right track.

Will this generation be the one to close our churches? We are certainly suffering from a shortage of volunteers.

As Christians we are called to rejoice in the Lord, to give sacrificially of our time and money, to spread Good News, to love one another, to be a welcoming community, attractive to others. But what do people see at present? I will leave the words to you.

Fortunately there are stepping stones. We must reach out; welcome in; abandon negativity and apathy and the words 'can't do' need to be removed from our thinking. We are the church; God has no hands but ours.

**Joan Mason**

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## STAINTON GIFT DAY

Thank you to our very stoic Church wardens and Vicar who stood at the Church Gates to receive Gifts on the wettest possible Saturday morning.

And thank you too, to the people who turned out with gifts to help support our Church,

The final total was £823.

The figure last year was £1162.



# Red Cross Auxiliary Hospitals in the North Riding of Yorkshire:

## Stainton Mothers' Union travels back in time

**D**URING the period of national and international commemoration of the First World War, you will probably have come across the acronym 'V.A.D.', which stands for 'Voluntary Aid Detachment(s)'. The Voluntary Aid Detachments were set up by the British Red Cross from 1909 onwards, in response to a request from the War Office, in order to 'provide for supplementary aid to the Territorial Medical Service, to meet the needs of War'. But perhaps, like me, you thought that 'V.A.D.s' were people, not units? Women, mostly, in long blue uniform dresses, a Red Cross prominent on their aprons and a headdress that made them look like a nun? (Just cast your mind back to Testament of Youth, The Crimson Field, Downton Abbey, and other 1914-1918 dramas or novels). Well, thanks to a fascinating talk by two local ladies who shared their extensive knowledge with us at our Stainton Mothers' Union Branch meeting in October, I can tell you that:-

■ These ladies of the First World War, dressed as described and usually with the financial means to support themselves, were trained by the Red Cross to work as nurses both at home and abroad. They nursed troops who would refer to them as 'Very Adorable Darlings'!

■ There were Men's Detachments, too, consisting of men unfit or too old to fight.

■ V.A.D.s worked alongside doctors and registered nurses to staff temporary hospitals, not only in fighting zones, but throughout England and Wales.

■ In the North Riding, V.A.D.s and others worked in 32 Red Cross Auxiliary Hospitals, providing 1,454 beds and caring for 18,442 sick and injured men between 1914 and 1920. The President of the North Riding Red Cross Association was Lady Florence Bell, of East Rounton.

Eileen Brereton and Anne Wall, Red Cross members and former nurses, spoke with humour and enthusiasm about their researches into the North Riding Hospitals, and told moving stories of the work done by individual volunteers. We were privileged to see and handle many artefacts of the period, including medical instruments, medals, photographs, documents, and knitted garments faithfully recreated from authentic patterns. They had tracked down for us the record of a local volunteer, Lady Adeline Fawcett of Stainton Grange, who had worked at (probably) the Auxiliary Hospital at Stokesley Manor. Eileen and Anne have published a book about the role of the Auxiliary Hospitals in the North Riding, *Home Comforts*, which contains many photographs of the period. A number of us bought copies, so if you would like to borrow one, just ask!

It was a truly inspiring evening: an opportunity for Stainton MU to contribute to Eileen and Anne's chosen charity, the Nursing Memorial Appeal, and to reflect (as they write in the Introduction to their book) on 'the need for such service to continue long into the future, whatever that may hold'.

**Julia Ardley**



# THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



**A**NNELIES Marie Frank (12 June 1929 – February or March 1945) was a German-born diarist. One of the most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust, she gained fame posthumously following the publication of *The Diary of a Young Girl*, (*The Secret Annex*), in which she documents her life in hiding from 1942 to 1944, during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II. It is one of the world's most widely known books and has been the basis for several plays and films.

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, she lived most of her life in or near Amsterdam, Netherlands, having moved there with her family at the age of four-and-a-half when the Nazis gained control over Germany. Born a German national, Frank lost her citizenship in 1941 and thus became stateless. By May 1940, the Franks were trapped in Amsterdam by the German occupation of the Netherlands. As persecutions of the Jewish population increased in July 1942, the family went into hiding in some concealed rooms behind a bookcase in the building where Anne's father worked. From

then until the family's arrest by the Gestapo in August 1944, Anne kept a diary she had received as a birthday present, and wrote in it regularly. Following their arrest, the Franks were transported to concentration camps. In October or November 1944, Anne and her sister, Margot, were transferred to camp from Auschwitz, where they died (probably of typhus) a few months later. They were originally estimated by the Red Cross to have died in March, with Dutch authorities setting 31 March as their official date of death, but research by the Anne Frank House in 2015 suggests they more likely died in February.

Frank's father, Otto, the only survivor of the family, returned to Amsterdam after the war to find that her diary had been saved by one of the helpers, Miep Gies, and his efforts led to its publication in 1947. It was translated from its original Dutch version and first published in English in 1952 as *The Diary of a Young Girl*, and has since been translated into over 60 languages.

Anne Frank's diary endures, not only



Despite everything,  
**I BELIEVE THAT**  
people are really good  
at heart.

Anne Frank

because of the remarkable events she described, but due to her extraordinary gifts as a storyteller and her indefatigable spirit through even the most horrific of circumstances. "It's utterly impossible for me to build my life on a foundation of chaos, suffering and death," she wrote on July 15, 1944. "I see the world being slowly transformed into a wilderness; I hear the approaching thunder that, one day, will destroy us too. I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the .more."

When she was imprisoned in the Nazi death camp, those with her said "her tears(for them) never ran dry," making her a blessed presence for all who knew her. Because of this, scholar Kenneth Bailey concluded that Ann never displayed "compassion fatigue."

Compassion fatigue can be one of the results of loving in a badly broken world. The sheer volume of human suffering can't numb

even the best intentioned among us. Compassion fatigue however, was not in Jesus makeup, Matthew 9:35 – 36 says, "Jesus went through all the towns and villages teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd.

Our world suffers not only from physical needs but also from spiritual brokenness. Jesus came to meet that need and challenged his followers to join him in his work. He prayed that the father would raise up workers to respond to the needs all around us – people who struggle with loneliness, sin and illness. May we in the strength of his spirit express our complete concern to those who are suffering.

**David Gatenby**

# A Eulogy for David Henry Clark

written by his brother John

**D**AVID Henry Clark was born to Harry and Dorothy Clark on 21st April 1951 in Haltwhistle, Northumberland. They shared their home with Harry's mother, David's grandma, who helped to teach David to read before he was school age. They attended the Methodist Church where Harry was organist and steward and Dorothy was a Sunday school teacher.

In 1956 David was joined in the family by John, who did his best to irritate his placid older brother and, more often than not, he failed.

David passed his 11-plus, and in 1962 went to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Hexham. Anthony Wood, our organist today, was his form prefect in his first year.

David's 17th birthday fell on the day, when Tyne Tees Television broadcast a service from the Methodist Church in Haltwhistle, with Harry at the organ, so the ever-patient David had to wait for his first drive on the public roads.

He was also part of a church youth group, whose number included a certain Kathleen Reed.

David began work in the Midland Bank in Hexham in 1969. He was later moved to Guisborough, where he initially stayed in digs Monday to Friday and travelled home at the weekends. At the same time, Kathleen was teaching in the west end of Newcastle, staying with a relative in the week and Haltwhistle at weekends. It soon became the pattern that David would take Kathleen to Newcastle early on Monday mornings on his way to Teesside. These times spent together soon blossomed into deeper feelings and they married on 2nd August 1975.

They set up home in Acklam, David working in a few different branches in the area; Kathleen teaching at Archibald school, saying she would "give Middlesbrough five years". Like many young couples, they hoped to start a family. However the longed-for child, Tamar Mary, who was born on 26th January 1978 only survived for a short time.

After a while Kathleen resumed her career at Newport School, where David supported her through Ofsted reports and spells in leadership roles.

David continued to work at HSBC, until being made redundant in 1996. He took a few training courses with a view to taking a job in the public sector, and eventually found employment at James Cook Hospital.

David and Kathleen were always frequent visitors to Haltwhistle.

Kathleen's father, John, died in 1980; and mother, Mary, suffered periods of serious illness, as did David's parents; brother, John, retired on health grounds in 1997 and returned home to Haltwhistle. David's parents died, just weeks apart in 1999.

David and Kathleen worshipped at Trinity Methodist Church for several years, and were heavily involved but when they were going to Haltwhistle after church on Sundays they attended the 8 o'clock service at St Margaret's to give them an earlier start, and after a while became members here. David later became treasurer "temporarily" while someone was poorly and eventually also churchwarden.

David held a deep faith, maintained through many trials and tribulations during his 67 years.

He began training as a Methodist local preacher in the 60s, but found he could better serve his church and his Lord in background roles.

Kathleen retired early from teaching in 2005, and David left his hospital job during a reorganisation. Around this time Mary had a prolonged stay in hospital. Kathleen herself became ill and after months in hospital, the love of David's life, died on Christmas Day 2007.

David continued his attentive care for, mother-in-law, Mary until her death – he could not have done more for her. He also made a phone call every day to Brother John.

David looked forward to his Thursday with retired bank staff each month, and continued to go for a meal at half-term with Kathleen's school colleagues. He sent birthday cards to many friends and acquaintances as well as family and always took cream cakes with him for the girls when he went to the hairdressers.

Middlesbrough's "five years" became forty-three for David.

He was a good friend to many, and we will all miss his cheery countenance.

*I would like to thank all at St Margaret's for their hospitality to our friends and family on the occasion of my brother's funeral. I would offer special thanks to Vivienne, for her commitment to visiting David while he was in hospital and her personal support for me through a difficult time. Blessings to you all.*

**John Clark.**

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

## Sidepersons

4 Janet Henwood & Linda Nixon  
11 Sheila & Vic Spence  
18 Kath & Jamie Webb  
25 Florence & Ray Harris

## Lectors

4 Vic Spence  
11 Ray Harris  
18 Betty Spragg  
25 Jill Fox

## Offertory

4 Mary Sykes  
11 Mother's Union  
18 Kath & Jamie Webb  
25 Sheila and  
Vic Spence

## Flower Donors

4  
11  
18  
25 Margaret Routledge



## 100 club winners September 2018

W/E 2nd	(113) Mrs. B Spragg	(83) Mrs. J Hoggart	(112) Mrs. O Hopkins
W/E 9th	(171) Mr. A King	(130) Mrs. M Herbert	(9) Miss S Rowell
W/E 16th	(83) Mrs. J Hoggart	(116) Mrs. King	(38) Mrs. D Rodgers
W/E 23rd	(11) Mr. B Nixon	(21) Mrs. M McGurk	(44) Mr. P Harding
W/E 30th	(114) Mrs. B Ely	(17) Mr. L Brighty	(113) Mrs. B Spragg



# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

## BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

After the very sad news of David's death, followed by the death of Mary Sykes and Freda Fords brother, we decided to postpone the Golden Wedding celebration tea we had planned for Freda and her husband Denis, until our November meeting.

David was very committed to the Mothers' Union, and always wore his badge with pride at all events. He always supported me and was always the first to put his name down to attend all Deanery and Diocesan Festivals, and offer lifts to other members.

We send our condolences to Mary and Freda, and their families.

On a happier note, we welcomed to our October meeting, Jennifer and David Local, who gave us a very interesting talk, together with lovely photos, about the holiday that they had enjoyed on the Scilly Isles.

In November, our speaker will be the Rev. Bill Dewing  
**Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)**

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## 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 November

Earlier this year we decided to try and source a new lighter pole for the Mothers' Union Banner, after a long search we managed to find suitable material and someone to make it. I am pleased to say, we now have a super light Carbon Fibre pole, which can be carried with one hand if need be.

Other Branches across the Diocese are very keen to see it and may also go along this route.

The theme at our meeting on the 19th of November is meaningful flowers, led by Pauline Rowell.

"PLEASE NOTE", Our Advent Devotion will be on the 3rd of December, followed by a Faith Supper, all welcome

**Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)**

## **BROOKFIELD & STANTON MOTHERS' UNIONS**

### **Mothers' Union First Official Christmas Raffle**

We are all being asked to try something a little different, which will create a much-needed opportunity to reach out beyond Mothers' Union Members.

We are asked to get involved and sell some raffle tickets, with cash prizes. Whether you sell a lot of tickets or just a few, you will make a difference to fight poverty, empower women and help family relationships. Please see, Florence at Brookfield and Judith at Stainton.

In November, our speaker will be the Rev. Bill Dewing

## **I ASKED**

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve:  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey...  
I asked for health, that I might do great things:  
I was given illness that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy:  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise....  
I asked for power, that I might have people's praise:  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God...  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life:  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things...  
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayer was answered;  
I am among all people most richly blessed.

*AN ANONYMOUS CONFEDERATE SOLDIER*  
*Linda Nixon*

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## **ST MARGARET'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 18th November**

**United Service of Holy Communion @ 11am**

**Followed by a "bring and share" lunch**

**ALL WELCOME**

**There will be no other services in the plurality that day**



# SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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



We raised a total of £64

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



Crisis is a national charity for single homeless people. They are dedicated to ending homelessness by delivering Life-changing services and campaigning for change.

There aims are:

To do more for more homeless people in more places across the UK and help to change their lives for good.

To change the way society thinks and acts towards homeless people.

Christmas can be an incredibly difficult time of year for a person cut off from family and home.

Every year CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS provide companionship and support to tackle homelessness and isolation, and help people take their first steps out of homelessness.

[www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk)

# Harvest Festivals

St Margaret's Church Brookfield celebrated their Harvest Festival on Sunday 30th September 2018.

A big thank you to everyone, especially the generous donation of gifts which were subsequently taken to Middlesbrough Food bank.

Also many thanks to the Flower Guild who decorated the church beautifully as you can see by the above photos.

**Janet Granville**

*Pictured: Some of our Photo's from the harvest service at Stainton.*



## 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](mailto:letting@stmargaretsbrookfield.org.uk)**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Meeting times</b>	<b>Leader/contact</b>
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

## Ward Councillors for all 3 Parishes

### Stainton and Thornton Ward

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### Kader (Brookfield) Ward

Ronald Arundale Con. .... 01642 288504

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### Trimdon Ward

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# TODDLER GROUP

**9:30am to 11:30am Mondays\***  
**At St Margaret's Church Hall**  
**The Oval, Brookfield**

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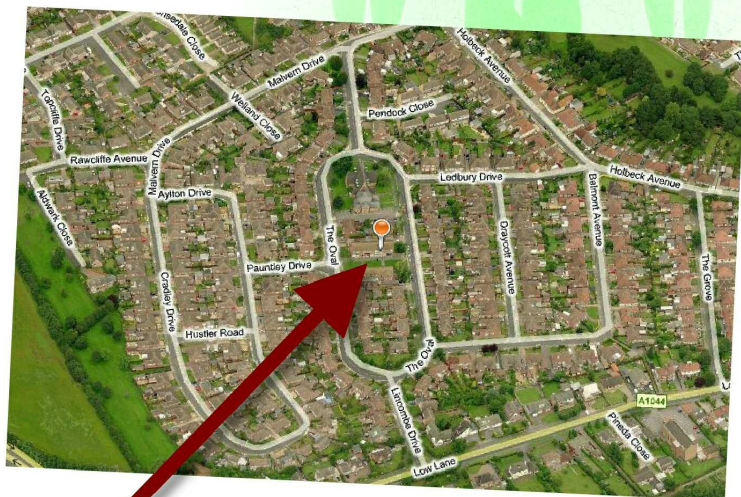
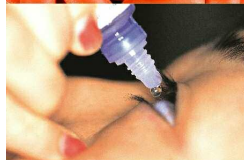


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