



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

SEPTEMBER 2019

THE MESSENGER

 **THE WILLOW TREE**

 **GALA DAY**

 **VIC AND SHEILA**

50p

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St Margaret's Brookfield

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Wednesdays at Brookfield

10.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Coffee Morning

Stainton – 15th

11.30am Holy Communion

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hope that you all read this having had a good Summer break. As we look forward to resuming our “normal” activities it is good to look back on the highlights of recent months. Photographs of some of them can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

I got very wet at Hilton’s fete but the weather stayed fine for St Peter’s Pet Service which enjoyed by all the humans who attended (and hopefully the dogs too). The weather did not matter for the Art Display that was bigger than last year and stayed in church for 3 weeks.

St Peter and St Paul discovered that moving the gift day from the Autumn to the patronal weekend was a good idea. A few weeks later we were blessed with many visitors at Stainton’s gala. Bell ringing was a particularly popular activity and had the benefit of reminding those in the other village venues that we were there!

St Margaret’s had a Summer Celebration organised jointly with the Salvation Army and St Clare’s (with the Cathedral helping too). Several people who do not belong to any of our churches came along to join in the singing and refreshments afterward. The children enjoyed the craft activities and games.

Organising events like these takes hard work and I am grateful to everyone who took part. They are worth the effort for two reasons. Firstly, they let our communities know that our churches are alive and thriving. Secondly, working together forges our relationships with each other.

Of course this doesn’t just happen in the Summer. Our church calendar gives us plenty of opportunities to reach out and draw together, starting with Harvest at the end of this month.

I am hoping that this year we can make it a real festival of thanksgiving because God has certainly blessed us.

Blessings, Vivienne

Date	Brookfield 9.15am unless otherwise stated	Stainton 10.45am unless otherwise stated	Hilton Timings vary
25 August Green Trinity 10 Hebrews 12:18-end Luke 13:10-17	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	8am Holy Communion VH
1 September Green Trinity 11 Hebrews 13:1-8;15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14	Joint Eucharist VH 10.30am	No service today	No service today
8 September Green Trinity 12 Psalm 139:1-7 Luke 14:25-33	Holy Communion VH	All Age Communion VH	8am Holy Communion VH
15 September Green Trinity 13 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	All Age Communion VH	Holy Communion with baptism VH	Morning Praise NH
22 September Green Trinity 14 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	8am Holy Communion VH
29 September Green Harvest Psalm 100 John 6:25-35	Harvest with Holy Communion VH	Harvest with Holy Communion VH	Harvest Thanksgiving 6pm
6 October Green Trinity 16 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	No service today	Joint Eucharist VH 10.30am	No service today

Wednesdays at 10am at Brookfield:

Holy Communion

(all with VH except 11 September when Ray Morris is covering)

– all readings are those for the previous Sunday

Baptisms:

Brookfield – 12.30pm on 22nd September and 6th October

Stainton – 15th September (see above).



The 20 Best Cathedrals in England

3. Liverpool – As the Liverpool folk song goes: “If you want a cathedral, we’ve got one to spare...” Liverpool is home to both an Anglican and a Roman Catholic cathedral, which owes to a large Irish population.

of the sectarian harmony achieved in a city with a long history of Catholic-Protestant tension.

The Liverpool Metropolitan Catholic cathedral is of modern construction and was finished in 1967 and is a proud symbol of the city. The Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of Liverpool and features a circular, modern, yet neoclassical design.

The spirit of the Metropolitan Cathedral is deeply embedded in its fascinating history – a tale of determination, tenacity and conviction that, despite the odds, saw architects, builders, craftsmen, residents and church elders work together to fulfil their holy ambition. To create a place of special, deeply spiritual resonance for all who use it.

The striking design of the present Cathedral is actually the fourth attempt by the Catholic Church in the North West of England to build a mother church for the Liverpool diocese – and the culmination of a story that stretches back over a century.

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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 2pm in the Church Office

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

COFFEE AND KIDS END OF TERM

Wednesday 17th July was the last day for Coffee & Kids before the break for the Summer Holidays.

All the children had a really good time!!

We start back on Wednesday the 4th of September at 10am, so if you want a couple of hours of enjoyable mayhem and let the children have a good time then please come along.

Vernon Clare

DROP IN

The Drop In at St Margaret's Church, Brookfield which is every Thursday afternoon from 2pm till 4pm. Since we started we are doing very well and everybody enjoys chatting over a cup of tea or coffee. It would be lovely if more people could pop in. People stay for as long as they wish (refills are plenty!) and its a chance to meet people and make new friends.

It is also 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



HILTON FILLING STATION

THE 1st October will be the first Tuesday in October so nice and early and good to remember. Kate Morris, St. Barnabas', Linthorpe has agreed to be our guest speaker for the evening. EVERYONE WELCOME to any of our events.

Angela Sayer

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

Leadership Away Day

Saturday 5th October

Every year the PCC members, their spouses and anyone who takes a leadership role within the plurality meet up for an away day. It is an opportunity for us to get together for prayer, fellowship and discussion. Those attending previous away days have found them fruitful and I am hoping this year will be the same.

Sadly the away day we had planned earlier in the year had to be postponed and this is now rearranged at Worsall Village Hall on Saturday 5th October starting with refreshments about 9.30am and finishing with an act of worship about 2.30pm. The main theme of the day will be discussing how we can work better together for the common good.

I would be grateful if everyone could pray for our away day. It will of course be in our prayer diary but we need prayers in the lead up too. Please pray for everyone who will be there, the fellowship we will share, for each church represented and for our future. **Vivienne**

Just a Rib

Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked Adam, "What is wrong with you?" Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to.

God said he was going to give him a companion and it would be a woman.

God said this person will cook for you and wash your clothes, she will always agree with every decision you make.

She will bear you children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them.

She will not nag you, and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement.

She will never have a headache, and will freely give you love and compassion whenever needed.

Adam asked God what would a woman like that cost him.

God said, "An arm and a leg."

Adam said, "What can I get for just a rib?" And the rest is history...

: Just kidding gals!!"





More photos to follow in next month's magazine.

To Our dear friends
Vic & Sheila

Many **Congratulations** on
60 Years of Marriage
- September 5th 2019 -

Enjoy your Diamond Wedding Celebrations!

And also

Warmest Congratulations
On the birth of your first
Great-Granddaughter
Belle Sophia Rose
- August 2nd 2019 -



Love & best wishes
From all at St. Margaret's
& the plurality

Brookfield Mothers' Union Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th
September
10am – 12noon

Tickets £2.00
Includes
Tea/Coffee &
Biscuits



- ~ Cake Stall ~
- ~ Book Stall ~
- ~ Raffle ~

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Upper church, art above the altar.

DURING a holiday to the holy land we visited the Church of the Visitation in Ein Karem Israel.

We were overwhelmed with the beautiful display of sixty-seven mosaics containing the words of Luke in as many languages. Traditionally known as the magnificat from the Latin “to magnify”, these verses are Mary’s joyous response to the announcement that she will be the mother of the Messiah.

Each plaque contains Mary’s words including; “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.

The Virgin Mary’s visit to Elizabeth — depicted in mosaic on the façade — is commemorated in a two-tiered church, on a slope of the hill south of Ein Karem.

A grateful recipient of God’s grace, Mary rejoices in her salvation. She acknowledges that God’s mercy has extended to the Israelites for generations.

Looking back over God’s care for the Israelites, Mary praises God for his powerful acts on behalf of his people. She also thanks God recognising that her daily provision comes from his hand.

Mary shows us that recounting the great

Right: Courtyard, statue of the visitation.

things God has done for us is a way to express praise and can lead to rejoice.

Completed in 1955 to a design by Antonio Barluzzi, the artistically decorated Church of the Visitation is considered one of the most beautiful of all the Gospel sites in the Holy Land.

This is believed to be the site of Zechariah and Elizabeth's summer house, where Mary came to visit her cousin. On the wall opposite the church, ceramic plaques reproduce Mary's canticle of praise, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) in some 50 languages.

In the lower chapel, a vaulted passage leads to an old well. An ancient tradition asserts that a spring joyfully burst out of the rock here when Mary greeted Elizabeth.

A huge stone set in a niche is known as the Stone of Hiding. According to an ancient tradition, the stone opened to provide a hiding place for the baby John during Herod's Massacre of the Innocents — an event depicted in a painting on the wall.

David Gatenby

Right: Exterior View.



The Willow Tree, St Margaret's Brookfield

It was with regret that on 1st August, 2019 The Willow Tree in the church grounds of St. Margaret's had to be taken down.

Unfortunately, a huge branch had split from the main tree and was hanging precariously. This was now a Health and Safety matter.

You can see by the photographs the true extent



of the damage. It was also confirmed that the centre of the tree was rotten (see photo) and if left could have caused lots more problems.

It had been a treasured landmark for many years and held many memories for a lot of people in the Parish. It was a much loved tree and will be missed.

No more ivy

On a positive note, we now have a new volunteer to help maintain the church grounds and as you can see by this photo all the Ivy has been taken away from the path outside The Lady Chapel.

This gentleman is helping our existing groundsmen to keep the grounds looking lovely. Well done and a big thank you to the team.

Janet and Malcolm Granville



Sidespersons

- 1 Margaret Routledge & Olwyn Cook
- 8 Janet Henwood & Linda Nixon
- 15 Sheila & Victor Spencer
- 22 Florence & Ray Harris
- 29 Jaqnet & Malcolm Granville

Lectors

- 1 June Warin
- 8 Ray Harris
- 15 Victor Spencer
- 22 Betty Spragg
- 29 Jill Fox

Offertory

- 1 Flower Guild
- 8 Mothers' Union
- 15 Sheila & Victor Spencer
- 22 Judy cook & Margaret Shippey
- 29 Mothers' Union

Flower Donors

- 1 Jean Kiddell
- 8
- 15 Cynthia Eyre
- 22
- 29

Sunday morning Coffee

- 1 Janet Granville & Jean Kiddell
- 8 Margaret Andrew & Olwyn Hopkins
- 15 Linda Nixon & Margaret Routledge
- 22 Cynthia Eyre & Wyn Hall
- 29 Janet Henwood & Heather Southam

Wednesday Coffee

- 1 Valerie Bell
- 8 Kathleen Smales
- 15 Grace Whitehead
- 25 Sheila Spencer



W/E 7th	(112) Mrs O Hopkins	(22) Linda Hastings	(21) Mrs M Mcgurk
W/E 14th	(77) Mrs L Nixon	(70) Mrs J Warrior	(4) Mrs H Southam
W/E 21st	(140) Mrs K Smales	(116) Mrs J King	(125) Mr S Hazlewood
W/E 28th	(100) Mrs V Harris	(13) Mrs M Lewis	

The Hymns We Sing

Have you ever wondered about the people who wrote the hymns that we sing each week?

Recently one name came up twice in as many days, Fanny J Crosby. After singing "To God be the Glory" at the Annual Stainton Big Sing, the following day her name came up again at the Mothers' Union "Hymns and Pimms" held at St Mary Magdalene Yarm, singing "Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine".

Fanny Crosby wrote more than 9,000 hymns, the most remarkable thing about her was, that she was blind. She was born 1820 in New York, and her love of poetry began early, and at the age of eight she wrote,

Oh! What a happy soul I am
Although I cannot see
I am resolved that in this world contented I will be
How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't
To weep and sigh because I'm blind
I cannot and I won't.

In 1858 Fanny married Alexander Van Alstine, he was considered one of New York's best organists, He wrote the music to many of Fanny's hymns, and some of the hymns she wrote were,

"Jesus, keep me near the cross"
"Safe in the arms of Jesus"
"Pass me not, O gentle saviour"

She continued to write up to her death a month shy of her 95th birthday in 1915.

Judith Clare

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 next meeting will be in church on Tuesday 10 September 2019.

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.

We have been busy over the summer raising money for
"The Summer of Hope Appeal".

Members attended the Hymns and Pimms afternoon at St Mary Magdalene Yarm, where we sang some wonderful hymns, followed by Pimms and Afternoon Tea.

To celebrate Mary Sumner Day, many members attended the Archdeaconry Mothers' Union service in Northallerton; many branches processed their banners, followed by refreshments.

The following day members from across our Deanery's met again in Stanton's Parish room for a "Strawberry Tea."

We were able to collect over £200 for "The Summer of Hope Appeal".
Many thanks to everyone who came along and for members who helped.

Our September meeting will be on Monday 16th September, when the speaker will be Judith Wright, talking about "Things my Mother taught me."

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

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

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

We raised a total of £96.50

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



When a community gets clean water for the first time, its the start of
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“Be all that you can be!” “Aim high!” “You can be anything you set your mind to be! These are but a few examples of nice-sounding slogans intended to build up our self-esteem, or self-concept. While it is true that we live in a nation of vast opportunities, it is not factual to say we can always be anything we want to be.

We all have limitations with which we must learn to deal. These limitations can be physical and/or mental. What each of us needs to do is come to grips with our own personal situation. This does not, in any way, mean that we cannot overcome obstacles by striving to improve our life, but in all our efforts we must remember who is providing our abilities, and watching over our lives.

We do not have to ride the wave to the top in order to find happiness. Very often happiness is right under our noses, yet we fail to smell the roses. We may have the highest of ambitions, but if God has other plans (see Proverbs 16:9) we must find happiness where we are, and give it our all, and our all to the Lord.

If we place our trust in God, nothing else is of much consequence. We can make the most of what we have been given. In this way, we will learn many valuable lessons, including patience. So frequently, we look around and see what others have acquired or accomplished, and wonder why the same has not fallen into our lives. We must be willing to grow at our own pace, the pace God has set for us. At the same time, we must not fail to do our part. We are in this race together with God, and He will be there for us, if we are there for Him. Be all you can be for Him!

Stainton Church Room

Christianity is different from every other religion in the world.

That difference can be summed up in one name: Jesus.

But have you ever wondered how that difference really affects our spiritual life?

On Wednesday 18th September we are going to start a four-week course looking at the spiritual difference of the Christian faith. It is suitable for everyone – from those who are seeking God to mature Christians who simply want to grow closer to him.

Each session is “stand-alone” and, although it will of course be better if you can attend them all, you are welcome to come as you can. If you have not got transport let me know and this will be arranged for you.

We shall meet at 7.00pm for refreshments before starting promptly at 7.30pm.

See you there!

Vivienne

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	10:30am 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



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.



TODDLER GROUP

9:30am to 11:30am Mondays*
At St Margaret's Church Hall
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