



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

MARCH 2017

THE MESSENGER



**ASK THE
CURATE**



**MOTHER'S
DAY**



**THOUGHT
FOR THE
MONTH**



40p

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March: Sunday Services

5th – 1st Sunday of Lent

10.00am Brookfield – Holy Communion

6.00pm Hilton – Evensong

10.30am Stainton – Holy Communion

12th – 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Brookfield – Holy Communion

9.00am Hilton – Holy Communion

10.30am Stainton – Family Communion

19th – 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Brookfield – Holy Communion

9.00am Hilton – Holy Communion

10.30am Stainton – Holy Communion

26th – Mothering Sunday

10.00am Brookfield – Mother Sunday All
Age Communion

9.00am Hilton – Mothering Sunday
Holy Communion

10.30am Stainton – Mothering Sunday
Holy Communion

Wednesdays at Brookfield

9.30am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Coffee Morning

Thursdays at Stainton

(3rd Thursday of month)

11.30am – Holy Communion

12.15pm – Parish Lunch

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Lent approaches

The season of Lent officially starts on Ash Wednesday which is 1st March. We shall be marking the day with a 9.30am service at St Margaret's in Brookfield. We shall share Holy Communion and those attending will also have the opportunity to have the sign of the cross marked with ash on their foreheads if they wish.

The imposition of ashes has been a tradition of the church for hundreds of years. It dates back to the biblical custom of using dust and ashes as a sign of repentance and is often administered with the disquieting words: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

It does us all good to remember that our lifestyle and behaviour can cause a rift between us and God. Often we have fallen into bad habits without even realising.

To help us pray there will be the Open to God prayer events (with prayer stations) at Stainton and Hilton. The dates will be announced via the pewsheets. These have proved popular in the past and I am hoping that those who found them helpful will encourage others to attend too.

Also we shall be having a Lent course using material produced by USPG which explores discipleship with bible passages and illustrations from around the world. There will be an evening group and a day time group available so I hope that as many people as possible will participate.

Even if you cannot attend an Open to God event or the course, I hope you will all take some time out to reflect on your relationship with God. The things of this world will pass away but God is eternal.

Blessings
Vivienne Hatton

Editor's Note

Please note the Church Office will be closed from Tuesday 28th February to Tuesday 7th March.

If anyone has any articles or interesting pieces they would like to be included in the Magazine I would more than welcome them.

Debbie

Services for



Holy Week & Easter

9th April – Palm Sunday

Holy Communion	10.00am	Brookfield
Family Communion	10.30am	Stainton
Holy Communion	9.00am	Hilton

10th April – Holy Monday

Mothers' Union Holy Week Devotions	7.00pm	Stainton
Non-members and members all welcome		

11th April – Holy Tuesday

Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	Hilton
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12th April – Holy Wednesday

Holy Communion	9.30am	Brookfield
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13th April – Maundy Thursday

Towards Gethsemane (Remembering the events of the night before Jesus died)	7.00pm	Brookfield
Includes Holy Communion and a shared supper		

14th April – Good Friday

United Service	11.00am	St Clare's Low Lane
Reflections on the Cross	12.00-1.00pm	Stainton
Reflections on the Cross	1.00-2.00pm	Brookfield
Reflections on the Cross	2.00-3.00pm	Hilton

16th April – Easter Sunday

Easter Eucharist	9.00am	Hilton
Easter Eucharist	10.00am	Brookfield
Easter Eucharist	10.30am	Stainton

What's on ... April dates for your diary

Also – always check the weekly pewsheet

CHRISTIANS IN HILTON

Christians in Hilton meet on Thursdays

Please contact Sally (01642 590385) or Kath (01642 597909) for more information.

Holy Communion and Shared Lunch at Stainton

Mid-week Holy Communion followed by a shared lunch each third Thursday of the month at 11.30am in Stainton Church and Church Room.

2-course lunch and Tea/Coffee £3.50

For catering purposes, if you would like to join us for lunch please let Joan know that you are coming (01642 591667).

THE 'COFFEE AND KIDS' POP-IN

The 'Coffee and Kids' Pop-in continues to meet on Wednesday mornings 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Room at Stainton for parents, grandparents, carers with pre-school children. Come along and play, chat and have fun. We have a small loyal group who attend regularly but we would love to boost our numbers. All of the helpers have now been through the Diocesan and the DBS systems for working with children. If you know anyone with young children, please tell them about us – we would love to see them.

All welcome.

Judith Clare

HILTON FILLING STATION



We last met on Tuesday 7th February and experienced a wonderful evening of fellowship with one another. The Holy Spirit was definitely present in our socializing, worship, teaching and prayers.

Let me share with you a quotation from a book entitled 'A Bucket of Surprises, by J John & Mark Stibbe'. "He who loses money, loses much; he who loses a friend loses much more; he who loses faith, loses all".

Do you feel spiritually dry and in need of a top up?

If so then please do join us for our next Filling Station event at 7 30pm on Tuesday 7th March when our guest speaker will be Chris Vale, of Tees Valley Community Church. You will be so glad you did.

A monthly mid-week opportunity for local Christians to worship together.

We enjoy good coffee and cakes, informal worship, teaching and prayer.

Angela Sayer

Stokesley Deanery Lent Services 2017

in St Peter & St Paul Church, Stokesley at 5.30 pm

Faith in the World

Sun 5th March

Chief Supt Kerrin Wilson, Durham 3

– Faith in Society

Sun 12th March

Nick Land – Faith in the Workplace

Sun 19th March

Revd Sue Greenwood, Nunthorpe Methodist Church –

No Longer Strangers – but Friends!

Sun 2nd April

Rt Revd John Thompson, Bishop of Selby –

Do not be anxious in a fast changing rural reality!

Everyone Welcome

Each Address will be followed by a short service of Compline

Rediscover Middlesbrough with Acklam Grange School

Thursday 16th March 2017 at Acklam Grange School

The event will commence at 6.30pm with refreshments available from 6pm.

The school have been researching religious life in Middlesbrough and St Margaret's was one of their subject churches.

You can join them to celebrate the launch of their digital learning resource, designed to engage all members of the community and inform them of Middlesbrough's religious life both past and present.

**RSVP via email to: REdiscoveringMiddlesbrough@acklamgrange.org.uk
by Wednesday 8th March 2017**

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

BROOKFIELD BRANCH

In March we have our AGM when our vicar attends first in an official capacity, before leading us in a Lenten discipline. We are sorry that Jennifer Local has now moved to Yarm branch, but we sent her flowers and our best wishes. We will be able to keep in touch when we attend MU Deanery and Archdeaconry events.

Forthcoming Event: Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March at
Trinity Methodist Church at 2pm.

We meet on the second Tuesday each month at 2.00pm at St Margaret's Church Hall.

Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)

STANTON BRANCH

There will be a service for Women's World Day of Pray on Friday 3rd March 2pm,
St Mary's Nunthorpe, All Welcome.

For our meeting on Monday march 20th, we welcome Jennifer Finel, our Archdeaconry Vice President as our speaker. There will be a Eucharistic service for Lady Day on Saturday March 25th 10.30 am at St Peter & St Paul Stokesley.

I encourage all members to try and make this special service.
All welcome.

We meet on the third Monday each month at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of
St Peter & St Paul Church, Stainton

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)



The Children's Society

The Children's Society Box Opening was held at my home on 17th January 2017. Unfortunately there was not a very good turnout on the day due to the poor weather but I had collected a number of boxes which was good for the eight helpers to keep them busy. I would like to thank the helpers and the people who did attend.

We enjoyed "a good chat", scones, biscuits and tea and coffee.

The raffle winners were: Len Brighty – *Bottle of wine*, Trudy Pearce – *Lavender toiletries*
June Warin – *Tin of shortbread* and Mary Sykes – *Large box of Celebration chocolates*.

It took a while to get all the boxes in but once counted the total amount to be sent to The Children's Society is a magnificent £920.70 – the highest total we have ever collected.

Thank you so much to all who contributed and to the three people who have now become box holder. Please see me if you would like to take a new box.

God bless you all.

Margaret Routledge

Just a smile ...



SMILING is infectious, You catch it like the flu
When someone SMILED at me today, I started SMILING too
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he SMILED, I realized I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile, then realized its worth,
A single SMILE just like mine could travel 'round the earth.
So if you feel a SMILE begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected!

Author unknown

Smiling and laughing can have a positive effect on your well-being, but as you make the transition from child to adult, you often tend to lose the habit of indulging in these behaviours.

A good example of this is a children's playground: You often see the kids running around, constantly laughing and smiling as they enjoy living in the moment, while the parents sit around the edge, full of the stresses that modern life can bring, with the occasional grin breaking their otherwise serious facial expressions. Adults can benefit from taking a lead from children and making more room in life for smiling and laughter.

Research has shown that there a number of health benefits contributed to smiling and laughing.

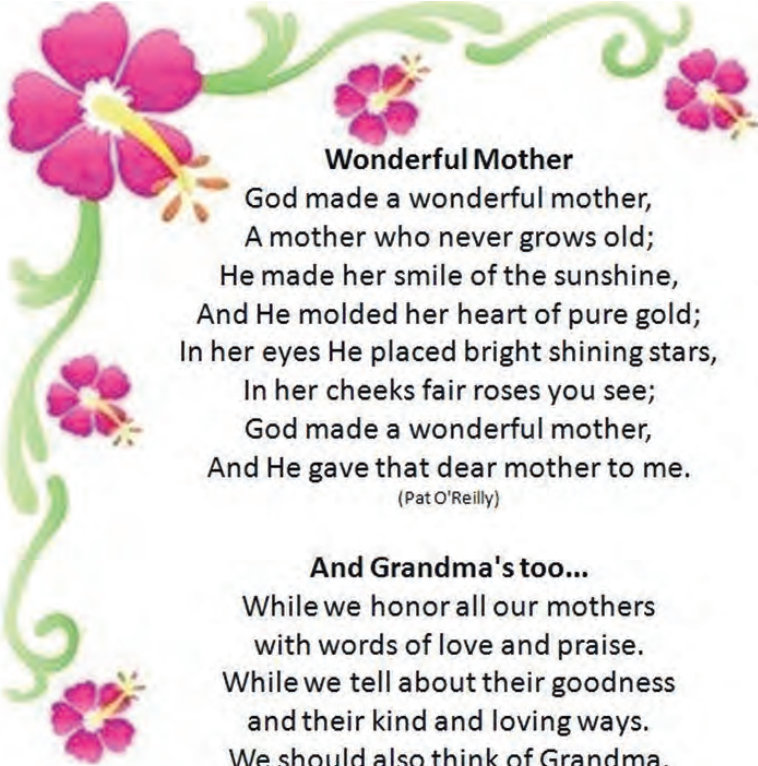
In addition to improved health, these simple facial expressions and common human behaviours can have a distinctive positive affect on other factors all areas of your life.

When you smile and laugh, a number of physiological changes occur in your body, mostly without you being consciously aware of it happening.

Debbie

Mother's Day

Sunday 26th March 2017



Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers
with words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
and their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
she's a mother too, you see....
For she mothered my dear mother
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Nurturing God, thank you for those people you put in our lives
who care for us and guide us.

Protect all your children, so they can grow and nourish in your love
through the love of others,

Bless all those who care for your children in our homes and communities,
including all who work with the Children's Society
to support the most vulnerable children in our midst.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus.

Amen

ASK THE CURATE –

This month the series of an ABC of the C of E continues with the letter "M". If you have heard any terms which you did not readily understand please let Bill Dewing know and I will try to include it in the series.

MANUAL ACTS – The rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer require the celebrant at the Holy Communion to take the paten into their hands, to break the bread, lay their hands upon it and to take the chalice and lay their hands upon it during the prayer of consecration. The celebrant must not stand in such a way as to intentionally prevent the congregation from seeing the manual acts.

MARANATHA – An Aramaic word meaning “O Lord Come”

MARRIAGE LICENCE – a licence to dispense with the need for Banns to be read may be issued by Bishops or their surrogate. Before a licence is granted one of the parties has to swear that they know of no impediment to the marriage and that one of those to be married has resided in the parish in which the marriage is to take place for the past 15 days or is a regular worshipper at the church. Special licences to marry at any time and in any church or chapel may be granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, subject to certain conditions.

MATTINS – The common designation for Morning Prayer in the Church of England. The modern office of Mattins is based on the medieval office of Mattins with supplements from the Office of Prime. Its structure is similar to the office of Evening Prayer or Evensong.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – The Thursday before Easter, so called from the “mandatum novum” (new commandment) given on this day. Jesus’ institution of the Eucharist is especially commemorated on this day and the Holy Oils are blessed for the coming year. The royal Maundy Ceremony when the monarch gives money to their subjects is an abbreviated survival of the Pedilavium.

MEDITATION – a form of mental prayer in its discursive form. Its method is devout reflection on a chosen theme with a view to

- An ABC of the C of E

deepening spiritual insight and stimulating the will and affections.

MILITANT, The Church – The body of Christians still on earth, as distinct from those in purgatory and those in heaven.

MINISTER – from the Latin for “servant”. A person officially charged to perform spiritual functions in the Church. In the Church of England liturgical formularies it means the conductor of a service, who may or may not be a priest.

MINOR CANON – a cleric attached to a cathedral or collegiate church to assist in the daily services. Minor canons are not members of Chapter.

MINOR ORDERS – the formal ranks of ministry below the major orders of Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Sub deacons. In the Western Church the Minor Orders were Doorkeeper; Lectors, Exorcist and Acolyte. In 1972 Sub deacon, Doorkeeper, and Exorcist abolished, leaving Lector and Acolyte.

In the Eastern Church the Minor Orders are Lector, Cantor and Sub deacon.

MINOR PROPHETS – In the Old Testament the authors of the twelve shorter prophetic books – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

MINSTER – Originally a monastic establishment or its church or a church staffed by groups of clergy living in community which served as a centre for a large parish. The clergy going out on a daily basis to minister to that parish and create new churches and parishes.

MIRFIELD – The home of the Community of the Resurrection, an Anglican community of monks dedicated to theological training and educational work.

Bill Dewing

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Now here's a thought! Are there any hymns that bring tears to your eyes? Yes/No? (Yes for me), Well many years ago I used to attend St Mary's Church in Acklam and one evening I attended a service of Hymns and Lessons. In those days the Church had a large male voice choir so you were always guaranteed of a good sing. Well the service was progressing nicely until the reader sat down and the choir stood up and to sing a beautiful hymn which caused me all sorts of bother. The choir was singing! "Be still My Soul". Tears welled up as I listened to the words and contemplated the restful peace that only God can give.

Be still my soul; the Lord is on thy side! Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain.

When Jesus was denouncing the unrepentant towns where he had carried out most of his miracles he still had words of comfort for those who would come to him. He said "come unto me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Immediately following his strong words for those who were rejecting him Jesus extended an invitation to all to draw near to him to find the peace we all yearn for. Jesus is the only one who can calm our restless weary souls.

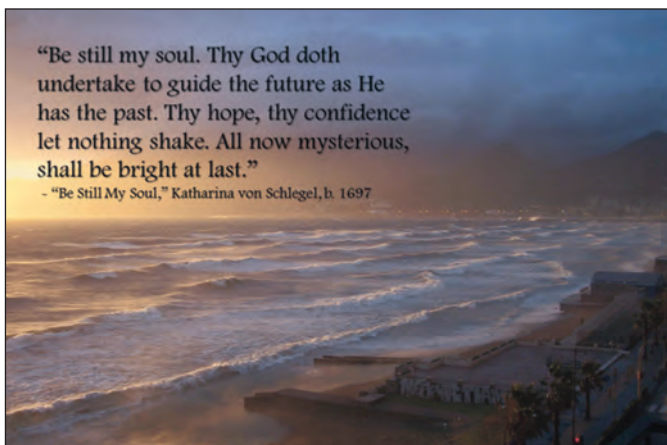


The formation of "Be Still, My Soul" as it appears in our hymnal covers three countries –

Germany, Scotland and Finland.

Little is known about Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel who was the author of this hymn. She was born in 1697. And the date of her death is unknown. As her name suggests, she may have come from an aristocratic family. Other than that she was connected with a small court at Köthen, north of Halle, in Germany, little is known of her life. Some hymnologists suggest that she may have become a Lutheran nun.

The hymn comes to us via a translation by Jane L. Borthwick (1813-1897), a member of the Free Church of Scotland. Borthwick was second only to Catherine Winkworth in bringing the riches of German hymn heritage to the English language.



David Gatenby

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

On the last Sunday in January our collection – that's all the cash on the plate – went to:



We raised a total of £69.10

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

Shelter

Shelter helps millions of people every year struggling with bad housing or homelessness through their advice, support and legal services. And they campaign to make sure that one day, no one will have to turn to them for help. They are there so no one has to fight bad housing or homelessness on their own. Their housing advice has been changing lives since 1966. This winter 124,000 children in Britain are homeless hidden away in hostels; sharing kitchens and bathrooms with strangers. Sharing a bedroom with the rest of their family. Children that are homeless are more likely to be in poor health, and more likely to suffer mental health problems.

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Their vision: To achieve a safe, secure, affordable home for everyone.

www.shelter.org.uk

The Tichborne Dole – A curious Custom Folk Story



The Tichborne Dole is one of the eccentric British traditions and dates back to the 13th century. It takes place in the village of Tichborne near Alresford in Hampshire on 25th March the Feast of the Annunciation (Lady's Day).

Over 800 years ago there lived a kind and generous woman called Lady Maybela. It was custom in those days

that if the woman had a lot of money it all belonged to her husband from the day of their marriage. So, although Lady Maybela had been very rich, she had to ask her husband, Sir Roger de Tichborne, for anything she wanted.

Sir Roger was not the nicest of people. Lady Maybela had to beg for everything she needed. Most of what she had she gave to the poor.

When she was dying, she asked her husband if he would still be kind to the poor people after she was dead. She wanted him to give bread to the poor once a year. Sir Roger wasn't happy about this, for he would have to give up some of the flour that he made from the wheat he grew and he didn't like to give anything away for nothing!

Now, remember that Lady Maybela was very ill! Sir Roger took a burning log from the fire. He told his wife that however much of his land she could get around before the flames from the log went out, he would set aside for the growing of wheat and this wheat would be made into flour for the poor. Lady Maybela called to her maids and they lifted her from her bed into the grounds outside.

Everyone knows that March is a very windy month. As Sir Roger carried the burning log outside to watch Lady Maybela the winds dropped and the flames from the log burned brightly with an un-flickering flame. Lady Maybela tried to stand up but was too weak so she began to crawl on her hands and knees. As she disappeared into the distance, the servants held their breath and watched the flames of the log. Sir Roger was getting more and more angry as he saw how far his wife was crawling – he thought he'd set an impossible task. He saw Lady Maybela turn and start to cross the land – and still crawling, turned again, this time crawling back to the house. All the time the flame burned brightly.

As Lady Maybela was nearing the house the log was nearly all burned out. As she reached the place where she had started the flame suddenly went out. She had crawled over an area of 23 acres – these same 23 acres are today still known as "the Crawls".

Before she died Lady Maybela made Sir Roger promise to give all the flour grown on "the Crawls" to the poor every 25th March and to make sure he kept his promise she put a curse on the Tichborne family and house. The flour was given every year until 1796 when Sir Henry Tichborne gave money to the church instead of flour to the poor.

Taken from Project Britain Folklore Calendar

March



The word March comes from the Roman 'Martius'. This was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the God of War. March used to be the first month of the calendar year until 1752 when the Gregorian calendar began and the year began on 1st January. All through Lent the traditional games played are marbles and skipping. The games were stopped on the stroke of 12 noon on Good Friday, which in some places was called Marble Day or Long Rope Day.



The game of marbles has been played for hundreds of years and some historians say that it might have been started by rolling eggs. In the past, round stones, hazelnuts, round balls of baked clay and even cherry stones were used.

100 club winners – January 2017

	1st	2nd	3rd
W/E 1st	(50) Mrs M Andrew	(84) Susan Hopkins	(100) Mrs V Harris
W/E 8th	(125) Mr S Hazelwood	(105) Mrs K Chapman	(10) Mrs D Laville
W/E 15th	(114) Mrs B Ely	(105) Mrs K Chapman	(125) Mr S Hazelwood
W/E 22nd	(172) Mrs A Wills	(8) Mrs F Andrew	(141) Mr R King
W/E 29th	(167) Mrs H Wilkinson	(111) Mrs S Freeman	(57) Mrs M Walton

Schedules and Rotas for March 2017 St. Margaret's, Brookfield

Wednesday Morning Coffee

- 1 Kathleen Smales
- 8 Cynthia Eyre
- 15 Grace Whitehead
- 22 Margaret Andrew
- 29 Valerie Bell

Sunday Morning Coffee

- 5 Janet Granville &
Jean Kiddell
- 12 Margaret Andrew &
Olwen Hopkins
- 19 Linda Nixon &
Margaret Routledge
- 26 Janet Henwood &
Heather Southam

Offertory

- 5 Jamie & Kath Webb
- 12 Flower Guild
- 19 Mothers' Union
- 26 Sheila & Victor Spencer

Flower Donors LENT

Sidespersons

- 5 Sheila & Victor Spencer
- 12 Janet & Malcolm
Granville
- 19 Margaret Routledge &
Olwen Hopkins
- 26 Jamie & Kath Webb

Church Cleaning

- 6 Kathleen Smales
- 13 Valerie Bell
- 20 Grace Whitehead
- 27 Mr & Mrs Granville

Chalice – TBA

Lectors

- 5 David
Clark
- 12 Betty
Spragg
- 19 Jill Fox
- 26 Victor
Spencer



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
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 on 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 07775 087275
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*
At St Margaret's Church Hall
The Oval, Brookfield

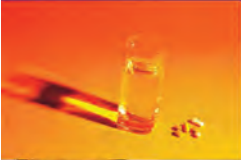
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