



The Parish Churches of
*Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

APRIL 2017

THE MESSENGER



**ASK THE
CURATE**



**THE BEAR
TRUTH**



**THANK
YOU**

40p

Easter
blessings

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April: Sunday Services

2nd – Passiontide

10.00am Brookfield – Holy Communion
6.00pm Hilton – Evensong
10.30am Stainton – Holy Communion

9th – Palm Sunday

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

16th – Easter Day

10.00am Brookfield – All Age Communion
9.00am Hilton – Holy Communion
10.30am Stainton – Easter Day Holy Communion

23rd – Easter 2

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

30th – Easter 3

10.00am Brookfield – Holy Communion
9.00am Hilton – Holy Communion
10.30am Stainton – 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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Dear friends

To all my friends ...

Have you ever wondered why the date of Easter changes every year? It is because the date is not determined by the sun like our calendar but by the Jewish calendar which is governed by the moon. This is necessary because it corresponds to the Jewish Passover festival (Jesus died at Passover).

The Jewish Passover commemorates the Jews' escape from slavery in Egypt after the Angel of Death had killed the Egyptian firstborns. The Jews did not suffer any losses because they had sacrificed lambs and put the blood on their doors as a sign to the Angel of Death to "pass over" their household. You can read the whole story in Exodus chapter 12.

Those sacrificed lambs gave the Jews salvation from death and slavery. Jesus died at Passover because he was the "lamb of God" offering salvation from slavery of sin to all humanity. He died so that we can be forgiven and have eternal life.

Throughout Holy Week we shall remember his passion (which means suffering in this context) in the special services on offer around the plurality. There will be a devotion hosted by Stainton's Mother's Union, a Stations of the Cross meditation at Hilton, another Maundy Thursday commemoration in the context of a fellowship meal at Brookfield, a Good Friday united service at St Clare's RC and Good Friday reflections in all three churches.

On Easter Sunday we shall celebrate the triumph of his resurrection which is not only a proof that his sacrifice was sufficient but also a sign that he has won the battle over evil.

I hope you can join us but, whether or not this is possible, I hope you all have a blessed Easter time.

Blessings
Vivienne Hatton

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 & Kids' pop-in continues to meet on Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon in the Parish Room, Stainton. We are very grateful to Stainton Community Council for providing funds for a play mat for our group – see picture. Our numbers currently average 12-15 pre-school children, but we would still love to see more. If anyone would like to help in anyway way please come along on Wednesday morning and have a word with either Vernon, Judith, Bob or Joan.

Judith Clare





HILTON FILLING STATION

It was on 7th March “What was?” Hilton Filling Station of course. “What’s that?” A midweek opportunity for Christians to worship together, enjoy great coffee, homemade cakes and warm fellowship and be offered prayer ministry. A guest speaker is a bonus. “Who spoke on 7th March then?” Chris Vale, a member of Tees Valley Community Church in Eaglescliffe. I must say, he was very good and he talked about forgiveness, both our being forgiven being the most incredible free gift but also that we need to live with an attitude of forgiveness.

“What else can you say about the evening?” There was excellent worship leadership from Sheila Barker and prayer ministry offered at the end of the meeting. “What’s that?” Host team members can pray with you for any reason concerning you or if God has spoken to you personally. What else happened?” Angela gave a testimony. “What does that mean?” She gave an account of a personal experience in her life, confirming her faith in God and his plan for her life. Her core inspiration came from a sign that read, Let’s Journey together. “Tell me more”. OK our next meeting will be held in Hilton Village Hall on Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm. “Where’s that?” Centre of Hilton Village on Seamer Road. Look out for large directional signs and lots of friendly faces. “Why?” As that is where you will find a warm welcome and meet your hosts: Vivienne, Bob, Julia, Graham, Carolyn, Sally, Barbara and Angela. “Who else might I meet?” You will also be fortunate to meet all our regular visitors who enjoy Christian fellowship and want to support and encourage new growth. Quite a mixed group actually; young and older.

“Will there be a speaker?” Yes most definitely you are in for a treat with Helen Conroy from TVCC. She will be accompanied by her son Isaac who will assist her with his music. “How much will all this cost me?” Zilch, admission is free, although we would gratefully receive a donation in return for any refreshments taken on the evening to help with the running of this rural gem of a night out. “What time would I be kicked out?” The evening usually ends naturally around 9pm. Some of us need our beauty sleep! “Are you connected to the internet?” Yes of course, we are a modern bunch of people, we even show ‘YouTube’ videos on some occasions.

Find out more at our Filling Station Webpage:

<http://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/hilton/>

Angela Sayer

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

All are welcome to come along to our branch meeting on Monday April 10th, 7pm, when we will be hosting a Holy Week Devotion. On the 22nd May we are having a fund raiser concert with the Seasonal Singers - tickets will be available later this month.

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

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

Thank You

Thank you all so much for inviting us to a farewell lunch at the Marton Country Club on Thursday 2nd March. It was wonderful to be with you all again.

Needless to say that God's love and your love and support is what has helped both of us

through the last few months. St Margaret's Church and particularly the people of St Margaret's will forever remain in our love and our hearts.

Jennifer and I hope and pray that you see it as your priority to ensure the stability and well-being of St Margaret's into the future. We are where we are, it is not possible to turn the clock back but we hope you to put yourselves prayerfully in God's hands seek his guidance and support and have faith that He will lead you in His way, His truth and His life.

27 years ago God took hold of my life hanging by a thread, restored, renewed and directed me on a new path to do his will. Jennifer faithfully supported me during that time. I have that definite feeling that this is happening all over again; where this will lead at this stage I have no idea but from past experience all I want to do, as I always have is to do His will whatever that may be.

So, thank you all for your love and thank you for your generous gifts. You can be sure we will keep in touch with you all. You are not getting rid of us that easily.

With much love and all God's blessings to you all.

David & Jennifer



Another very big thank you from me, Nathan's grandma, Margaret. I'm sorry that it's taken so long to get the "Rat Race" details in – thank you again for your kindness in sponsoring my family and their friends and raising the magnificent sum of £2,400 for CLIC Sargent. Nathan is going on fine, a few ups and downs along the way, but he takes it all in his stride! As most of you know, Nathan was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) on 27th July 2015 when he was 9 years old. He is now in remission (ie under control and in "maintenance" (from February 2016) and God willing his last "treatment" will now be 1st October 2018!

Margaret Andrew



In August 2016 Nathan's Nutters took part in the Stockton River Rat Run. Their aim was to raise £200 for CLIC Sargent, a charity that provides very practical and emotional support to families who have children diagnosed with cancer. They really worked hard on a very wet and chilly day, and I'm glad to say they all made it around the course in one piece and all of them completed the jump off the Endeavour (something I could not have done).

I am very proud to say that thanks to people's generosity they raised more than we could ever have hoped for – a total of £2,400 (including gift aid contribution). So thank you to each and every one of you who sponsored them, the money will make a real difference to the families supported by CLIC Sargent.

Francis Andrew

Service Of Thanksgiving For Marriage Hilton

In February a lovely display of wedding dresses and memorabilia decorated Hilton Church and was enjoyed by all. A Service of Thanksgiving for Marriage was held and there was a good turnout despite the wintry weather.



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.

MISERERE – A name given to Psalm 51, derived from the first word in Latin.

MISERICORD – The projection on the underside of a hinged seat of a choir stall, said to have been designed to provide support for those incapable of standing for long periods during services.

MISSAL – The book containing the words, rubrics and ceremonial directions for the celebration of the Holy Communion service. The term is usually only used in “catholic” churches where the service may also be called the “Mass”.

MITRE – The liturgical head-dress and part of the insignia of a Bishop. The shape resembles tongues of fire representing the Holy Spirit. Two fringed lappets hang down at the back, which are residual ties to keep the mitre firmly on the head.

MIXED CHALICE – The practice of mixing water with wine in the Eucharist. This practice was widely used in the ancient world and is thought to have been the practice of Jesus at the Last Supper. The practice was generally used by the early church and was part of the rubrics in the First English Prayer Book of 1549, but disappeared in the revision of 1552. The practice was revived in the 19th Century largely as a result of the Oxford Movement.

MIXED MARRIAGE – a marriage between Christians of different religious alliance, especially when one of the couple is a Roman Catholic.

MODERATOR – In Presbyterian Churches the Moderator is the presbyter appointed to constitute the court and to preside over its proceedings.

MODERN CHURCHMEN'S UNION – An Anglican society founded in 1898 for the advancement of liberal religious thought. It seeks to uphold the comprehensiveness of the Church of Eng-

- An ABC of the C of E

land and to maintain the legitimacy of doctrinal statements in accordance with modern science.

MONESTERY – The house of a religious community.

MONK – The word is popularly used of a member of any religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. However, it is only properly applied to such men who also live in a community and for whom community life is an integral part of their calling.

MONOTHEISM – Belief in one personal and transcendent God; according to traditional Christian teaching it was the original religion of human beings, lost as a consequence of the Fall.

MONSIGNOR – An ecclesiastical title used in the Roman Catholic Church and attached to an office bestowed by the Pope.

MONSTRANCE – The vessel used for exposing the Eucharistic Host for veneration. Often especially in modern forms it consists of a frame of gold or silver rays in the centre of which is a receptacle with a glass window through which the Host may be seen.

MONTH'S MIND – A requiem celebrated on the 30th day after death or burial.

MORAL PHILOSOPHY – The branch of philosophy which examines the goodness of human actions apart from any considerations derived from supernatural revelation.

MORAL THEOLOGY – The study of Christian character and conduct, which treats God as the single object and reward of human endeavour.

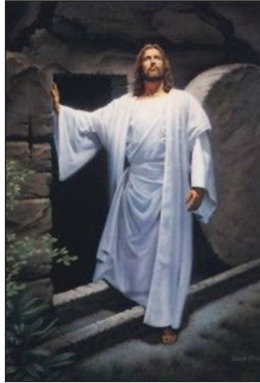
THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



In most churches people attend you will always find a large cross standing usually near the altar or just in front of the sanctuary. It represents the original cross where Jesus was crucified and it was there that God allowed his perfect son to die for the sake of every wrong thing we have done, said or thought. On the cross Jesus finished the work that was required to save us from the death we deserve.

The sight of the cross causes me to consider what Jesus endured for us, before being crucified. He was flogged and spat upon; the soldiers hit him on the head with sticks and got down on their knees in mock worship. They tried to make him carry his own cross to the place where he would die but he was too weak from the brutal flogging and needed help, Simon from Cyrene was pressed into service to carry the cross.

At Golgotha they hammered nails through his flesh to keep him on the cross when they turned it upright. Those wounds bore the weight of his body as he hung there. Six hours later Jesus took his final breath, there was an earthquake and the curtain in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion and his men who were keeping watch saw all what was happening they were filled with awe, and they said,

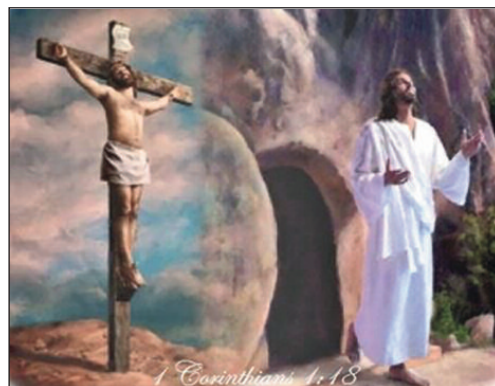


“Truly this man was the son of God”

On the cross Jesus willingly bore our sin and guilt. No one ever suffered more than our Lord did for us. He knew what it would cost to save us from our sins and in love he willingly paid it.

Because of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead he is alive and present with us today. Whatever situation we face, we should remember that Jesus understands and knows us.

We should remember also his promise “be assured, I am with you always, even to the end of time”



David Gatenby

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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



We raised a total of £79.55

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



Right now, children are in danger.

They face violence, disease, hunger and the chaos of war and disaster.

Unicef have the power to change that.

With our help, they will do whatever it takes until every child is safe.

Unicef staff are on the ground in Syria delivering unprecedented levels of aid to Syria's children. In western Aleppo, they are reaching 300,000 people with emergency water supplies and they aim to provide 2.5 million children in Syria and the surrounding countries with warm blankets, clothes and water supplies this winter. Their priority is to reach the most vulnerable children, including the youngest and those living in besieged areas like Aleppo.

HELP THEM KEEP MORE SYRIAN CHILDREN SAFE

Give generously

www.unicef.org.uk

St George – Patron Saint Of England



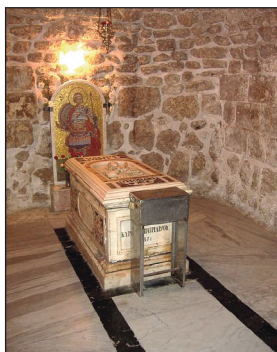
Every nation has its own 'Patron Saint' who in times of great peril is called upon to help save the country from its enemies. St David is the patron saint of Wales, St Andrew of Scotland and St Patrick of Ireland - St George being the patron saint of England. But who was St. George, and what did he do to become England's Patron Saint? Very little is known about St. George's life, but it is thought he was a high ranking officer in the Roman army who was killed in around AD 303. It seems that the Emperor Diocletian had St.

George tortured to make him deny his faith in Christ. However despite some of the most terrible torture even for that time, St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine. His head was later taken to Rome where it was interred in the church dedicated to him.

Stories of his strength and courage soon spread throughout Europe. The best-known story about St. George is his fight with a dragon, but it is highly unlikely that he ever fought a dragon, and even more unlikely that he ever visited England, however his name was known there as early as the eighth-century.

In the Middle Ages the dragon was commonly used to represent the Devil. Unfortunately the many legends connected with St. George's name are fictitious, and the slaying of the 'Dragon' was first credited to him in the 12th century. St. George, so the story goes, killed a dragon on the flat topped Dragon Hill in Uffington, Berkshire, and it is said that no grass grows where the dragon's blood trickled down! It was probably the 12th century Crusaders however who first invoked his name as an aid in battle. King Edward III made him the Patron Saint of England when he formed the Order of the Garter in St. George's name in 1350, and the cult of the Saint was further advanced by King Henry V, at the battle of Agincourt in northern France. Shakespeare made sure that nobody would forget St. George, and has King Henry V finishing his pre-battle speech with the famous phrase, 'Cry God for Harry, England and St. George!'

King Henry himself, who was both warlike and devout, was thought by his followers to possess many of the saint's characteristics.



In England St. George's Day is celebrated, and his flag flown, on his feast day, April 23rd. An interesting piece of trivia - Shakespeare was born on St. George's Day 1564, and if the story is to be believed, died on St. George's Day 1616. An appropriate end perhaps for the man who helped to immortalise the Saint in English tradition.

*The Tomb of St George,
Lod, Israel*

Debbie

The Bear Truth

A wealthy American lawyer had a log cabin retreat in the forest. One weekend he invited a Czech friend to stay with him. The pair were collecting berries for breakfast when they were approached by two huge grizzly bears – one male and one female. The lawyer managed to escape but his friend was swallowed whole by the male bear.



The lawyer ran back to his car and drove to the local Sheriff's office and begged him to come and help his friend before it was too late. The Sheriff grabbed his shotgun and they drove back to the place of attack. The bears were still there.

"He's in that one" screamed the lawyer, pointing to the male bear, but the Sheriff shot the female bear instead.

"What did you do that for" screamed the lawyer. "I said he was in the other one".

"Exactly" said the Sheriff. "Would you believe a lawyer who said the Czech was in the male?"

"Borrowed" from the Hilton Roundabout by Debbie!

That's the way the money goes ...

Three unexpected and unplanned bills hit Stainton Church's finances in the first quarter of 2017.

- 1). Sometime last Autumn we noticed that one of our large trees by the main gate was dead. An easy remedy you might think was to have it taken down on safety grounds.

The Arborist agreed saying that the tree needed to come down while it was still safe to climb.

But Stainton Church stands in a Conservation Area so permission had to be sought from Middlesbrough Borough Council. An application was made but after some delay was said to have been lost. A copy was sent which was dealt with swiftly and permission was granted.

Now we needed permission from the Diocesan authorities.

As we moved into Winter with each weather forecast that said 'gale force winds' we wondered if this was the day Stainton Village might be blocked by a fallen tree. At the end of February with all the paper-work in place at last, the tree was taken down. What a relief!

It was found to have been in a worse condition than we had known.

Along with some other tree work the bill came in at £1,040.

- 2). Water running down the inside walls of the Nave prompted us to check the rain gutters and hoppers. Leaves often fill the gutters and are regularly cleaned out, but this time it was found that we had the added problem of small tree saplings growing in 2 of the hoppers.

While the Roofer was checking he noticed that what he called

'Lead Rats' had been at work. Although no Lead was missing it was displaced enough to allow water ingress and had to be fixed.

To complete the work several 'slipped tiles' needed to be replaced. **Cost £1,050**

- 3). While we were preparing February's Parish lunch the wall mounted water boiler blew it's top. With a loud crackling noise and sparks leaping towards the ceiling, the kitchen was filled with black smoke and the shrieking of the fire alarms was ear-splitting.

We isolated the damaged boiler, ventilated the parish room, rang Colin to come to reset the fire alarm and served lunch on time. **The cost of a new boiler and fitting £479.92**

TOTAL £2,569.92 – Now the Fund Raising begins.

100 club winners – February 2017

	1st	2nd	3rd
W/E 5th	(15) Mrs S Stott	(62) Mrs C Eyre	(17) Mr L Brighty
W/E 12th	(15) Mrs S Stott	(49) Mrs M Routledge	(53) Miss N Green
W/E 19th	(130) Mrs M Herbert	(123) Mr R Ely	(84) Susan Hopkins
W/E 26th	(82) Mrs J Hoggart	(46) Mrs J Henwood	(49) Mrs M Routledge

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

Wednesday Morning Coffee

- 5 Kathleen Smales
- 12 Cynthia Eyre
- 19 Grace Whitehead
- 26 Margaret Andrew

Sunday Morning Coffee

- 2 Judy Cook & TBA
- 9 Karilyn Saddington & Grace Whitehead
- 16 Florence Harris & Kath Webb
- 23 Janet Granville & Jean Kiddell
- 30 Margaret Andrew & Olwen Hopkins

Offertory

- 2 Mary Sykes
- 9 Flower Guild
- 16 Mothers' Union
- 23 Janet & Malcolm Granville
- 30 Victor & Sheila Spencer

Flower Donors

- 2
- 9 Good Friday

- 16 Easter Sunday
- 23 Jill Fox
- 30 Margaret Routledge

Sidespersons

- 2 Ray & Florence Harris
- 9 Eva Winter & Lyn Wright
- 16 Sheila & Victor Spencer
- 23 Margaret Routledge & Olwen Hopkins
- 30 Jamie & Kath Webb

Church Cleaning

- 3 Mr & Mrs Granville
- 10 Kathleen Smales
- 17 Valerie Bell
- 24 Grace Whitehead

Chalice – TBA

Lectors

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



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 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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Stockton Council Hilton is in Ingleby Barwick East Ward

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Kader (Brookfield) Ward

Ronald Arundale Con. 01642 288504
 Jordan Blyth Lab. 07818857783

Trimdon Ward

Dennis McCabe Ind. 07847305660
 Jean Sharrocks Lab. 01642 591335



TODDLER GROUP

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

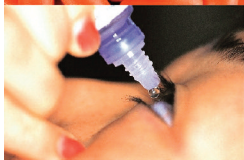
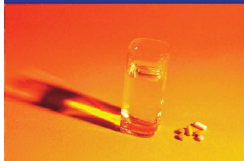
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