

*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

SEPTEMBER 2017

THE MESSENGER

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September: Sunday Services

3rd – 12th – Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Brookfield – Holy Communion

10.45am Stainton – Holy Communion

6.00pm Hilton – Evensong

10th – 13th – Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Brookfield – Holy Communion

10.45am Stainton – Family Communion

6.00pm Hilton – Holy Communion

17th – 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Brookfield – Communion for
all ages

9.30am Hilton – Morning Praise

10.45am Stainton – Holy Communion

24th – 21st Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Brookfield – Holy Communion

10.45am Stainton – Holy Communion

6.00pm Hilton – 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 ...

The letter of James says, "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." (James 2:26). The question is never whether God has called us to serve him but merely "how". Our callings are always unique to us because God takes into account our age, our circumstances, our talents and our spiritual gifts.

During the Summer the fellowship at Brookfield reviewed their giftings from God using a Gift Stewardship Form that enabled them to consider their service – either to confirm what they are already doing and/or to offer to do something new. They are not alone in needing to make these decisions. God is calling us all to serve him in some way.

Both Brookfield and Stainton churches have decided to start drop-ins for the community in the autumn. They will be needing volunteers to provide refreshments and chat to those who come. Yet I am always reminded of something I was taught at theological college: "A vacancy is not always a calling".

It may be that God is calling you to help at the drop-ins – I certainly hope we will get enough volunteers to make these drop-ins viable. Or it may be that God is calling you to do something else. Please pray for discernment with an open mind willing to go where he leads.

Blessings

Vivienne Hatton

I'm on a Committee

**Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee
Which means that from morning to night
We attend and amend and contend and defend
Without conclusion in sight.
We confer and concur, we defer and demur
And consider a load of reports
We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose
And the points of procedure are fun
But as various notions are brought up as motions,
There's terribly little gets done!
We resolve and absolve but never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us What a shattering pity to end our
committee Where else could we make such a fuss!**

*A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan 3.
The boys began to argue over who was getting the first pancake.
Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus was sitting here, he
would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake – I can wait'
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said – "Ryan, you be Jesus!"*

Debbie

What's on ...

September 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 parent/carer and toddler group on Wednesdays at Stainton is great fun! 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 craft activities. If anyone wants to find out more about Coffee and Kids then please do get in touch with the Leaders: Judith and Vernon Clare; Bob Ardley and Joan Mason.

Coffee and Kids Stainton picnic and last meeting before the summer break



PLURALITY WEBSITE

Brookfield has now been included on the old
"Stainton and Hilton"
website with a new website (domain)
address
www.staintonhiltonbrookfieldchurches.org.uk

Please have a look.
We will try to keep it up-to-date.
If any errors are found, or changes and
additions needed please
tell Bob Ardley on 01642 284525
or preferably via email on
bob.ardley@ntlworld.com



"See the light in others
& treat them as if
that's all you see."

September is the month of maturity; the heaped basket and the garnered sheaf. It is the month of climax and completion. September! I never tire of turning it over and over in my mind. It has warmth, depth and colour. It glows like old amber.

— *Patience Strong* —



**Stainton
Big Sing
—
July 2017**

Picture Gallery



Baby Johnston's Baptism – Brookfield



Baby Whatmore's baptism – Brookfield



Robert and Alison Anson's Wedding –
Stainton



The Communion Set bought by Bill
with his collection money–
and very lovely it is too

The Great Fire Of London

by Ben Johnson

The people of London who had managed to survive the Great Plague in 1665 must have thought that the year 1666 could only be better, and couldn't possibly be worse! Poor souls... they could not have imagined the new disaster that was to befall them in 1666.



A fire started on September 2nd in the King's bakery in Pudding Lane near London Bridge. Fires were quite a common occurrence in those days and were soon quelled. Indeed, when the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Thomas Bloodworth was woken up to be told about the fire, he replied "Pish! A woman might p**s it out!". However that summer had been very hot and there had been no rain for weeks, so consequently the wooden houses and buildings were tinder dry.

The fire soon took hold: 300 houses quickly collapsed and the strong east wind spread the flames further, jumping from house to house. The fire swept through the warren of streets lined with houses, the upper stories of which almost touched across the narrow winding lanes. Efforts to bring the fire under control by using buckets quickly failed. Panic began to spread through the city.

As the fire raged on, people tried to

leave the city and poured down to the River Thames in an attempt to escape by boat.

Absolute chaos reigned, as often happens today, as thousands of 'sightseers' from the villages came to view the disaster. Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn, the diarists, both gave dramatic, first-hand accounts of the next few days. Samuel Pepys, who was a clerk of the Privy Seal, hurried off to inform King Charles II. The King immediately ordered that all the houses in the path of the fire should be pulled down to create a 'fire-break'. This was done with hooked poles, but to no avail as the fire outstripped them!

By the 4th September half of London was in flames. The King himself joined the fire fighters, passing buckets of water to them in an attempt to quell the flames, but the fire raged on.

As a last resort gunpowder was used to blow up houses that lay in the path of the fire, and so create an even bigger fire-

break, but the sound of the explosions started rumours that a French invasion was taking place... even more panic!!

As refugees poured out of the city, St. Paul's Cathedral was caught in the flames. The acres of lead on the roof melted and poured down on to the street like a river, and the great cathedral collapsed. Luckily the Tower of London escaped the inferno, and eventually the fire was brought under control, and by the 6th September had been extinguished altogether.

Only one fifth of London was left standing! Virtually all the civic buildings had been destroyed as well as 13,000 private dwellings, but amazingly only six people had died.

Hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless. Eighty-nine parish churches, the Guildhall, numerous other public buildings, jails, markets and fifty-seven halls were now just burnt-out shells. The loss of property was estimated at £5 to £7 million. King Charles gave the fire fighters a generous purse of 100 guineas to share



between them. Not for the last time would a nation honour its brave fire fighters.

In the immediate aftermath of the fire, a poor demented French watchmaker called (Lucky) Hubert, confessed to starting the fire deliberately: justice was swift and he was rapidly hanged. It was sometime later however that it was realised that he couldn't have started it, as

he was not in England at the time!

Although the Great Fire was a catastrophe, it did cleanse the city. The overcrowded and disease ridden streets were destroyed and a new London emerged. A monument was erected in Pudding Lane on the spot where the fire began and can be seen today, where it is a reminder of those terrible days in September 1666.

Sir Christopher Wren was given the task of re-building London, and his masterpiece St. Paul's Cathedral was started in 1675 and completed in 1711. In memory of Sir Christopher there is an inscription in the Cathedral, which reads, "Si Monumentum Requiris Circumspice". – "If you seek his monument, look round".

Wren also rebuilt 52 of the City churches, and his work turned the City of London into the city we know today.



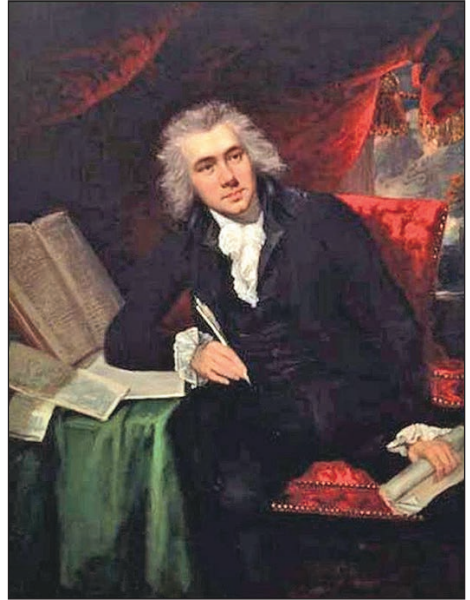
Debbie

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

William Wilberforce was buried in the north transept of Westminster Abbey on 3 August 1833. He was born in Hull on 24th August 1759, the only son of Robert and Elizabeth Wilberforce a long standing Yorkshire family. William was educated in Hull and at St John's College, Cambridge and stood as Member of Parliament for his native city in 1780, becoming a close friend of William Pitt (later Prime Minister). He enthusiastically took up the cause for the abolition of slavery, after being approached by Granville Sharp and Thomas Clarkson. After nearly twenty years and against much opposition the slave trade abolition bill received the Royal assent on 25th March 1807 and became law. He also helped found the Church Missionary Society and the Bible Society. In 1825 he married Barbara Ann, daughter of Isaac Spooner. Their sons were William, Robert, Samuel (who was briefly Dean of Westminster in 1845) and Henry but his two daughters pre-deceased him.

William died on 29th July 1833 and Parliament resolved that he should be buried in Westminster Abbey. His grave is next to William Pitt in the north transept and in 1840 a statue, by Samuel Joseph, was set up nearby in the north choir aisle. The inscription reads:-

to the memory of William Wilberforce (born in Hull August 24th 1759; died in London July 29th 1833) for nearly half a century a member of the House of Commons and in an age and a country



William Wilberforce

fertile in great and good men, he was among the foremost of those who fixed the character of their times; because to high and various talents, he added the abiding eloquence of a Christian life. Eminent as he was in every department of public labour, and a leader in every work of charity, whether to relieve the temporal or the spiritual wants of his fellow-men, his name will ever be specially identified with those exertions which, by the blessing of god, removed from England the guilt of the African slave trade, and prepared the way for the abolition of slavery in every colony of the empire: in the prosecution of these objects he relied, not in vain, on god; but in the progress he was called to endure great abuse and great

opposition: he outlived, however, all enmity; and in the evening of his days, withdrew from public life and public observation to the bosom of his family. Yet he died not unnoticed or forgotten by his country. The peers and commons of England, with the lord chancellor and the speaker at their head, in solemn procession from their respective houses, carried him to his fitting place among the mighty dead around, here to repose: till, through the merits of Jesus Christ, his only redeemer and saviour, (whom, in his life and in his writings he had desired to glorify), he shall rise in the resurrection of the just.

The film *Amazing Grace* was set in the late 1700s. It tells the story of William Wilberforce, a politician who was driven by his faith in Christ to commit his money and energy to abolishing the slave trade in England. In one scene Wilberforce's butler finds him praying and asks "You have found God sir?" Wilberforce responds, "I think he found me".

The Bible pictures humanity as wayward and wandering sheep. It says: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone to his own way" (ISA 53.6). In fact this wayward condition is so deeply rooted in us that the apostle Paul said: "There in none righteous, no, not one: there is none who understands: there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside" (Rom 3:10-12) that is why Jesus came. We would never seek him, so he came seeking us. Jesus declared his mission with the

words, for the son of man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.

Wilberforce was exactly right, Jesus came to find us for we could never have found him if left to ourselves. It is a clear expression of our creator's love for his lost creation that he pursues us and desires to make us his own.

David Gatenby



His statue and epitaph

Eating in the Fifties and Sixties



- Curry was a surname.
- A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
- A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
 - Pasta only came as tinned spaghetti.
- All potato crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.
 - Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
 - A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
 - Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
 - Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
 - Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
- Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
 - Fish didn't have fingers in those days.
 - Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
 - None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
 - Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
 - People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
 - Indian restaurants were only found in India.
 - Cooking outside was called camping.
 - Seaweed was not a recognised food.
 - "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
 - Prunes were medicinal.
 - Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
 - Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!!
 - But the one thing that we never ever had on our table in the sixties ... elbows or phones.

This was e mailed to me by my sister, who in turn had received it by email
Joan Mason

St Margaret's Art Group Exhibition

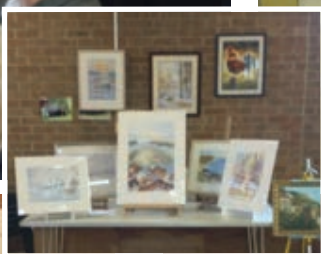
A selection of some of the fabulous works by St Margaret's Brookfield Art Group on display at their coffee morning in August in St Margaret's Church Hall.

There was a good turnout and £106.60 was raised for Church funds.

Well done everyone.

A big thank you to everyone involved and look forward to another one next year.

Janet Granville



SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

Our charity collection from St. Margaret's service
on 9th July went to:



We raised a total of £81.45

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



They'll do whatever it takes to reach children in danger. We live in a dangerous world. Every day children face violence, disease and hunger. They are battered by the chaos of war and disaster and forced to flee their homes. They are denied an education. Yet with our support they have saved millions of children's lives. Unicef ensures more of the world's children are vaccinated, educated and protected than any other organisation. They have done more to influence laws and policies to help protect children than anyone else. For 70 years they have been there for children in danger. Unicef was created in 1946 to help protect children after World War II and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child is the basis of all their work. Today they are still helping children in some of the world's most dangerous places. Right now, children in places like Syria, South Sudan and Yemen are caught up in violent conflict. They are fleeing war and disaster in greater numbers than at any time since World War II. And in countries such as Nepal and the Philippines, children have seen their communities destroyed by natural disasters like earthquakes, typhoons and flooding. In a humanitarian emergency, Unicef responds rapidly and they stay as long as they are needed. In the chaos of war and disaster they provide lifesaving food, clean water and medical care, as well as education and protection from violence and exploitation.

Please give generously.

This is a charity that deserves our full support.

www.unicef.org.uk



BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

In July, we joined with Stainton MU members for an afternoon tea at Strikes Garden Centre. We had a very nice afternoon, catching up with each other's news, and the spread wasn't bad either. Then in August, we again enjoyed afternoon tea with members from other branches at Judith's home. The weather was very good for once, and the money raised went to the Mothers Union "Summer of Hope" appeal.

After a summer(!) break we have a Deanery Festival to look forward to on Wednesday 6th September at 7pm to be held at Christchurch, Great Ayton. Due to the branch at Great Ayton closing, our branch is going to organise the tea and coffee, when we enjoy a faith supper after the service. On Tuesday 12th September we will be welcoming Mrs Mabel McGurk, who will tell us all about receiving her British Empire Medal.

We send our best wishes to Margaret Wright for a speedy recovery following her operation.

Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)

STAINTON BRANCH

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

The afternoon tea raised £345.50. Many thanks to all – it was a good afternoon.

We welcome Revd Bill Dewing to our meeting on 18th September - he will speak to us about his work with USPG.

Anyone who would like to know more about the Organisation are most welcome to join us - Stainton Church Parish Room 7pm.

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

Mission Action Plan Updates

Brookfield

Our vision is that within the next five years we will achieve:

1. Fellowship growth and expansion of worship
2. Connection with children and young people
3. Growth in spirituality and through this a growth in our faith

Last year we identified loneliness as a pressing need within our community. This year we are hoping to start a weekly drop-in offering refreshments and a chat. JIGSAW have also agreed to do two family fun days – one after Christmas whilst the children are still on school holidays and another in the Summer when hopefully we will be able to have activities on the lawns outside. We also want to improve our publicity.

Hilton

Our vision is that within the next five years we shall:

1. Have a congregation growing in numbers and spirituality;
2. Have a building that can be used by the community; and
3. Be working with Christians of all denominations.

In order to have a building that can be used by the community we plan to work through the list of required works on our quinquennial report and undertake a survey asking the community how they would like to use the church building.

Our special services have been well received and well attended so we are developing a programme of community services throughout the year.

Stainton

Our vision is that within the next five years we will have helped God grow his kingdom by having:

1. Opened doors between us and our community and reached out to all who live in our parish;
2. Deepened our spirituality and our faith; and
3. Increased our worshipping community

Coffee and Kids is going well and we are going to explore how to keep contact with the families once the children move on to nursery. People have been turning up to coffee and kids expecting it to be a drop in for all ages so are going to introduce one in the Autumn.

We are also hoping to start a regular bible study group and are planning to offer a programme of community services.

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

Wednesday Morning Coffee

Sunday Morning Coffee

- 3 Karilyn Saddington &
Grace Whitehead
10 Florence Harris &
Kath Webb
17 Janet Granville &
Jean Kiddell
24 Margaret Andrew &
Olwen Hopkins

Sidepersons

- 3 Kath & Jamie Webb
10 Janet & Malcolm Granville
17 Florence & Ray Harris
24 Janet Henwood &
Linda Nixon

Flower Donors

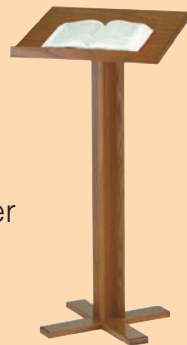
- 3 Jean Kiddell
10
17 Cynthia Eyre
24

Church Cleaning

- 4 Valerie Bell
11 Grace Whitehead
18 Janet &
Malcolm
25 Kathleen
Smales

Lectors

- 3 Victor Spencer
10 Betty Spragg
17 Jamie Webb
24 David Clark



100 club winners – July 2017

	1st	2nd	3rd
W/E 2nd	(13) Mrs E Harvey	(85) Mr M Bell	(151) Mrs G Whitehead
W/E 9th	(3) Mrs H Southam	(84) Susan Hopkins	(7) Mrs E Winter
W/E 16th	(102) Mrs V Harris	(118) Mr Herbert	(12) Mrs J Warin
W/E 23rd	(173) Mrs A Wills	(53) Miss N Green	(47) Mrs S Hall
W/E 30th	(113) Mrs H Nudd	(51) Rev B Dewing	(125) Mr S Hazlewood

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
Elderberry Ladies Ballet	1.00pm to 2.00pm Mondays from 25/09/2017	Maggie Lawrance 07956816956
Tai Chi	10:45am Tuesdays	Pam Hedge 01642 532800
Weight Watchers	5.30pm-6.30pm Tuesdays	Dawn Stanway 07767 454707
The Wine Club	7:30pm on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly	Val Harris 01642 592079
Mothers' Union Branch	2.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month	Florence Harris 01642 594272
St Margaret's Carpet Bowls Club	1.15pm-3:15pm Wednesdays	Ann Stones 01642 593960
Brookfield Ladies	7:30pm 1st Wednesday each month	Jean Kiddell 01642 761418
The Art Group	10.00am-1pm Thursdays	Ray Harris 01642 594272
Pilates	6.00pm-7.00pm Thursdays	Christine Johnson 07999384668
Line Dancing	7:30pm-9:30pm Thursdays	Judy Cook 01642 290487
Keep Fit	10.00am -11:30am Fridays	Brenda Hockney 01642 487703

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TODDLER GROUP

9:30am to 11:30am Mondays*
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(Includes hot drink & juice)

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