



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

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THE MESSENGER



 **FUNDING THE
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THE MONTH**

40p

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October: Sunday Services

1st – Harvest

9.15am Brookfield – Communion for All Ages

10.45am Stainton – Holy Communion

6.00pm Hilton – Evensong

8th – Trinity 17

9.15am Brookfield – Holy Communion

10.45am Stainton – Family Communion

6.00pm Hilton – Holy Communion

15th – Trinity 18

9.15am Brookfield – Holy Communion

9.30am Hilton – Morning Praise

10.45am Stainton – Holy Communion

22nd – Trinity 19

9.15am Brookfield – Holy Communion

10.45am Stainton – Holy Communion

6.00pm Hilton – Holy Communion

29th – Trinity 20

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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10.00am – 12noon

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Dear friends

To all my friends ...

Many of those who receive our gifts will be having financial problems even though they are in full time employment. Thousands of families are spending more on repaying debts than on food and the impact of financial distress can be devastating, creating stress and anxiety, hardship and hopelessness. This year the Church Urban Fund's Mustard Seed appeal is seeking to address this problem.

People get into debt for lots of reasons but the easy availability of high-interest loans is making the situation much worse. Some lenders even sell loans door-to-door encouraging vulnerable people to borrow money at a cost they cannot afford.

It is easy to judge those caught up in debt but, just as the Indian proverb reminds us, we cannot do that until we have "walked a week in the other person's moccasins". Instead, let's do what Jesus would do: help.

We can all do something. Even if we cannot give cash or our services we can all pray. Pray for the government to make protective legal changes, pray for those seeking to help and pray for those who are caught up in this terrible problem.

Blessings

Vivienne Hatton

EDITOR'S NOTE

At the time of writing, this will be my last edition as editor of the Messenger. I do hope you've enjoyed my efforts as much as I've enjoyed producing them! Also, by the time you are reading this I will have left my employment with the Plurality. I would like to thank you for your kindness and warmth in welcoming me and your patience when getting things wrong! I send you all my best wishes. I would also like to wish the new plurality administrator Mrs Pauline Kirton my best wishes in her new position and I know you will all welcome her as warmly as you did me.

Debbie



HILTON FILLING STATION

Our last event which took place on Tuesday 5th September was a thoroughly great evening and enjoyed by all. Our guest speaker for the evening was Angela Bailey, Diocesan Lay Development Advisor. Angela's theme was 'Good News for all Creation'. We were also fortunate to have Matthew Jeal (St Barnabas, Linthorpe, and Kings Church Durham).

Matthew led our worship with wonderful guitar playing and a wonderful strong singing voice. The host team at HFS do appreciate all those who give up their time, travel and share their God given gifts/talents with us. We all feel so blessed and enriched by such diversity and offer all our thanks and praise to God.

Our next Filling Station event will be held on Tuesday 3rd October commencing at 7.30 pm in Hilton Village Hall. Everybody is most welcome.

Our speaker for the event will be Dave Roberts. We are pleased to announce that Sarah Oakland accompanied by Chase have agreed to lead the worship. This talented duo is not to be missed and will compliment Dave Roberts' talk beautifully.

Also, please note this is our 2nd anniversary of holding Filling Station events in Hilton Village Hall and we are looking forward to celebrating this milestone with you.

Find out more at our Filling Station Webpage:

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

Angela Sayer

What's on ... October 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/carers and toddler group on Wednesdays at Stainton is great fun! We are open 10.00am to 12 noon each Wednesday. We have between 10-14 under-3's coming along to the Stainton Parish Room each week, supervised by a parent or a grandparent. The children have a great time playing together and at the end of the session they sing their favourite action songs.

Sometimes they do some activities. If anyone wants to find out more about Coffee and Kids then please do get in touch with the Leaders: Judith and Vernon

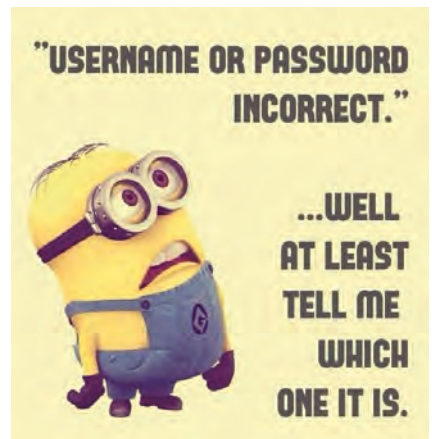
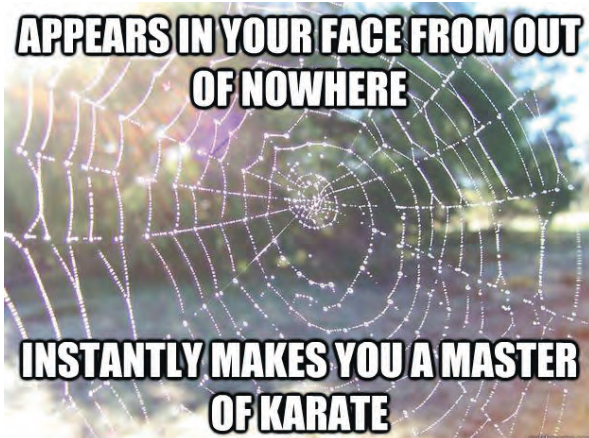
Clare; Bob Ardley and Joan Mason.

Why English is so hard

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!



Picture Gallery



*Darren and Samantha Carroll's
Wedding – Stainton*

The Charge of the Light Brigade – Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.
"Forward, the Light Brigade!
Charge for the guns!" he said.
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

"Forward, the Light Brigade!"
Was there a man dismayed?
Not though the soldier knew
Someone had blundered.
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die.
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon in front of them
Volleyed and thundered;
Stormed at with shot and shell,
Boldly they rode and well,
Into the jaws of Death,
Into the mouth of hell
Rode the six hundred.

Flashed all their sabres bare,
Flashed as they turned in air
Sabring the gunners there,

Charging an army, while
All the world wondered.
Plunged in the battery-smoke
Right through the line they broke;
Cossack and Russian
Reeled from the sabre stroke
Shattered and sundered.
Then they rode back, but not
Not the six hundred.

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon behind them
Volleyed and thundered;
Stormed at with shot and shell,
While horse and hero fell.
They that had fought so well
Came through the jaws of Death,
Back from the mouth of hell,
All that was left of them,
Left of six hundred.

When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered.
Honour the charge they made!
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred!

"The **Charge of the Light Brigade**" is an 1854 narrative poem by **Alfred**, Lord Tennyson about the **Charge of the Light Brigade** at the Battle of Balaclava during the Crimean War. He was the Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom at the time he wrote the poem. **Debbie**

A holy man heard that his apprentice was able to walk on water.

“How did you do this?” he asked the apprentice.

“At every step I simply repeated your saintly name and that is what held me up,”
replied the apprentice.

So the holy man ran down to the river bank and stepped onto the water.

“Me, me, me,” he said, and he sank to the bottom.

Joy of love

In his letter on the "Joy of Love" Pope Francis quotes Saint John of the Cross who tells us that 'old lovers are tried and true'.

They 'are outwardly no longer afire with powerful emotions and impulses, but now taste the sweetness of the wine of love, well-aged and stored deep within their hearts'.

Such couples have successfully overcome crises and hardships without fleeing from challenges or concealing problems”.

It's not always as it seems at first glance

There were two sisters who worked as babysitters in their local area.

A young couple had recently moved into the neighbourhood and needing a babysitter they approached the younger sisters who was happy to help.

Imagine their surprise when they returned to find their home a complete mess, with their children not yet settled and the babysitter half asleep on the sofa.

The next day, however, the children excitedly told their parents how they had had fun with the new babysitter, and how she helped them do some homework including saying their prayers.

But this did not change the parent's decision next time they needed a babysitter they would ask the older sister.

They were greatly impressed when they got home this time to discover the house was tidy and the children already asleep.

“They have been like angels,” the older girl announced, and, gratefully the couple gave her an extra tip.

The next morning the children came complaining to their parents, accusing the babysitter of yelling at them with swear words, phoning her boyfriend instead of helping them with their school work, and then forcing them to go to bed early while she went outside and smoked and talked with some her friends.

If you were in the shoes of these parents,
which of the babysitters would you invite into your home the next time?

Joan Mason

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Sometimes you get unsettled with issues at work or at home and certainly in my case it helps to go for a walk to collect your thoughts and sort out the problems. I have a readymade companion who is always game for a walk; it's our Cocker Spaniel Fudge.

I remember one particular spring evening when the sky deepened from blue to black, stars begin to glimmer, heralding a full moon rising in the east. It was very quiet and deeply spiritual and I thought God is up there and he's got all this. The universe is astonishingly grand. Right now the



moon is spinning around us at nearly 2,300 miles per hour and our earth is spinning around the sun at 66,000 miles per hour. Our sun is one of 200 billion other stars and trillions more planets in our galaxy, and that galaxy is just one of 100 billion others hurtling through space. Astounding! Some people look at the night sky and see nothing but nature, others see a God as distant and as cold as Jupiter. But the same God who “sits enthroned above the circle of the earth” also “brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of him by name” (ISA 40: 22-26) He knows his creation intimately.

In comparison to this vast cosmos our little earth is no bigger than a pebble on the beach and our individual lives no greater than a grain of sand. Yet according to scripture, the God of the

galaxies attends to each microscopic one of us in intimate detail. He watches us as we go about our daily lives and listens to our every thought. It can be hard to believe this sometimes. This tiny pebble has big problems like war, famine and floods etc, and sometimes we can question Gods care at when we have our own personal suffering.

We are easily tempted to forget God. Our problems won't disappear with an evening walk, but we can find rest and certainty that God is working towards his good purposes

One who keeps the galaxies spinning knows us intimately; he can help us through the worst of times.

David Gatenby



The Milky Way Star Field

A speaker at a Harvest Festival service asked the children to name some of the things they saw on display.

- One boy said; "Carrots".
- Another said; "Potatoes";
- Another said; "Turnip".

The speaker then asked them the question:
"Can anyone give me a word that covers all these things?"
There was a few minutes silence then one little boy shouted out; "Gravy!"

A man stood at the edge of the road with a sack of potatoes
on his shoulders trying to thumb a lift.
Another man stopped and offered him a place in the back of his pickup truck.
He gratefully hopped in still carrying his sack of potatoes.
A few minutes later, the driver looked in his rear view mirror and saw that the
man was still carrying the potatoes as he rode in the back of the truck.
At the next stop sign, the driver rolled down the window, and shouted,
"Why do you are still carrying the heavy sack on your shoulders?
Put it down on the floor of the truck".
"Well", the man said, "I feared that the weight of my sack of potatoes would be
too much for your van and so I decided to keep it loaded on my shoulders!"
Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? But it's what you and I do many times.
Not wanting to burden others we carry our problems with us.
Have you ever been struggling with a heavy load and you think,
"I just can't bear this for much longer?"
Do you have burdens you need to put aside today?
In his 2nd letter to the church in Corinth St Paul says
"His (Jesus) power is made perfect in our weakness.
The moment you surrender to the strength of Jesus Christ,
the burden is easy and the load is light.
In the words of the hymn
What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer
Are you weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Jesus only is our only refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Joan Mason



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

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

We returned in September after the summer break.

After the loss of Anne Dewing as our Treasurer I am pleased to say

Mrs Shirley Hunwick has agreed to take over.

The Deanery Festival was held at Christchurch Great Ayton, some members were
able to attend and our Banner was processed.

We also welcomed Rev. Bill Dewing as our speaker, who spoke about his work with
USPG. 3 members have just returned from Edinburgh,
where the 2017 Mother's Union General Meeting was held
(more about this next month).

We will be enrolling a new member on 8th October during the morning service.

On 16th October Peter Howe is coming to give us one of his talks and will no doubt
give us a few songs as well – he is always entertaining.

Anyone who would like to come along and see what we do in
Mother's Union are very welcome.

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

Our charity collection from St. Margaret's service
on the last Sunday in August went to:



We raised a total of £110.80

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



The Archbishop of Canterbury's

**MUSTARD
SEED
APPEAL**

Please read the poster opposite with regard to the
THE MUSTARD SEED APPEAL

HELP US PLANT MORE SEEDS OF HOPE



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MUSTARD SEED APPEAL

Over 8 million people in the UK are struggling in financial distress



"The knock-on effect of debt is so destructive. People's lives are torn apart, their families are damaged"

Debt and money problems can be devastating, creating stress and anxiety, hardship and hopelessness. Relationships, family life and mental health suffer as people become stuck in a spiral of debt as more of their income is spent on paying back loans. Without advice or alternative sources of support, people become vulnerable to loan sharks and pay-day lenders. But it doesn't have to be like this.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's vision for a fair financial system that includes everyone has planted the seed of an idea. With his support, the Just Finance Foundation has been established to work for a fair financial system where everyone is included; to work with people facing a financial crisis and to create a new generation who can manage money wisely. With your help, we can grow this idea into a nationwide movement that transforms lives and brings hope.

We are establishing a national network of individuals, churches and communities who are working to promote fair finance and improve the financial health of local people. We train volunteers to support people struggling with debt, promote budgeting skills, champion credit unions, support community-led finance initiatives and join with the bigger conversation about building a just financial system.

Will you help us with a gift today to enable the national roll out of this invaluable initiative? Together we can grow the seed of an idea into a real movement for positive change.



Please visit the Mustard Seed Appeal website to find out more and get involved.

www.mustardseedappeal.org.uk

JUST
FINANCE
FOUNDATION

Schedules and Rotas for October 2017

St. Margaret's, Brookfield

Wednesday Morning Coffee

- 4 Kathleen Smales
- 11 Cynthia Eyre
- 18 Grace Whitehead
- 25 Sheila Spencer

Sunday Morning Coffee

- 1 Linda Nixon & Margaret Routledge
- 8 Janet Henwood & Heather Southam
- 15 Judy Cook & Mary Sykes
- 22 Karilyn Saddington & Grace Whitehead
- 29 Florence Harris & Kath Webb

Flower Donors

- 1
- 8 Roger Oliver
- 15
- 22 Judy Cook
- 29 Roger Oliver

Sidepersons

- 1 Florence & Ray Harris
- 8 Sheila & Victor Spencer

- 15 Kath & Jamie Webb
- 22 Janet & Malcolm
- 29 Janet Henwood & Linda Nixon

Church Cleaning

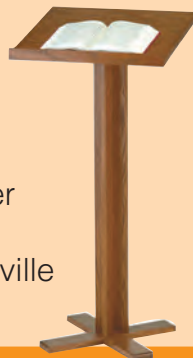
- 1 Kathleen Smales
- 8 Grace Whitehead
- 15 Janet & Malcolm
- 22 Valerie Bell
- 29 Kathleen Smales

Lectors

- 1 Victor Spencer
- 8 Betty Spragg
- 15 David Clark
- 22 Jamie Webb
- 29 Victor Spencer

Offertory

- 1 Mary Sykes
- 8 Flower Guild
- 15 Mother's Union
- 22 Victor and Sheila Spencer
- 29 Janet and Malcolm Granville



Funding the Church

Many think that Anglican churches are supported by the government but this is a myth. Like all churches, they need to raise the money themselves to pay the church expenses and reach out to their communities. Giving in Grace stewardship campaigns look at the financial needs of the church and encourage members to consider prayerfully what they might be able to offer to support those needs.

St Peter and St Paul did a successful campaign last year. St Margaret's has been doing a campaign throughout September to end on 1st October which needs to be successful as we no longer have sufficient reserves to continue as we were. St Peter's has not yet undertaken a campaign but needs funding nevertheless. Please pray for the finances of all our churches.

St Paul encourages us to give what we can out of the blessings we have received. Whatever that might be it is also important to remember some more of St Paul's teaching: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

If we are truly thankful for what we have received we will give all we can whether it is money, food, time or anything else we are offering to God. And we will give it willingly.

Vivienne

100 club winners – August 2017

	1st	2nd	3rd
W/E 6th	(37) Mrs E Burnell	(111) Mrs S Freeman	(58) Mrs E Scales
W/E 13th	(7) Mrs E Winter	(94) Mr R Rowell	(8) Mrs F Andrew
W/E 20th	(47) Mrs S Hall	(93) Mrs L Cross	(163) Mr H Wilkinson
W/E 27th	(68) Mrs M Lewis	(7) Mrs E Winter	(123) Mr R Ely

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	10:45am 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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