DECEMBER 2017 THE MESSENGER

The Parish Churches of Brookfield, Stainton &

CHRISTMAS FAYRE PICTURE GALLERY THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



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December & January Services

See page 10 for services throughout December and January.

Note:

Joint Service of Holy Communion Sunday 31st December at 10.45am at St Peter and St Paul with Bishop – no other services that day.

Joint Service of Holy Communion for the patronal of St Peter and St Paul on Sunday 28th January at 10.45am. No other services that day. 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 ... Christmas Greetings

HIS magazine will cover the whole of the Advent and Christmas seasons. A time of preparation to meet our Lord and a time of celebration that He is here. The church makes the distinction but the world around us does not.

The shops and restaurants have been celebrating Christmas for months. It is tempting to dissociate ourselves from all the glitz of our Christmas culture but we must never forget the opportunities it offers to share the Good News of Jesus.

In his Christmas Blog Justin Welby says: "The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situations you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you - you need only turn to him and ask to know his presence".

By offering Christmas services during our Advent we are able to offer this wonderful news to many who would not normally attend church but who want to acknowledge the spiritual element of Christmas. Please pray with me that they will encounter His presence.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Joyful New Year

Blessings Vivienne Hatton

Price Increase

The price of the magazine has not been increased for several years whilst costs have been rising. St Margaret's can no longer afford to meet the monthly deficit so the church council has decided to raise the price to 50p per magazine (£5.50 per annum) with effect from 2018. We believe that it is still good value and hope that you will continue to give your support to this publication.

St Margaret's PCC



Thank You

Big Thank you to everyone for making me feel welcome in my new role as Plurality Administrator. Wishing you all a Wonderful time at Christmas and a Happy New Year 2018 to you and your families.

Pauline Kirton



HILTON FILLING STATION

Our last event which took place on Tuesday 7th November was great and very well received by all. Our speaker for the event was Neill Burgess from St. Cuthbert's Church, Ormesby. His chosen theme being 'God of time; God of space, God of Life?' We were also graced by the presence of Naomi Smith who had kindly agreed to lead the worship, (return visit by popular demand).

Our next Filling Station event will be held on Tuesday 5th December commencing 7:30pm in Hilton Village Hall. This being the last event of 2017 will be a Special Christmas Celebration. No speaker for the evening we will just enjoy lots of seasonal treats, sing traditional and contemporary songs and enjoy socializing with friends. Everybody is most welcome

Our forthcoming programme for 2018 will begin on Tuesday 2nd January when we have the pleasure of announcing Dave Roberts from St. Barnabas's Church, sharing his glove puppets that are used in his ministry "For the Love of God"

Find out more at our Filling Station Webpage:

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

Angela Sayer

Hilton Wardens' Pop In

Inspired by our other Family wardens we want to start a Pop-In at St. Peter's Church, Hilton after Christmas. The Church will be open on a Wednesday morning between 10am and 11am during term time for anyone to come for a cuppa and a chat. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10th January 2018.

Sally Hamlin

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

Also – always check the weekly pewsheet

CHRISTIANS IN HILTON

Christians in Hilton meet fortnightly 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 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.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP MONDAY 1.30pm

Our group, although quite small, have been studying the gospel of St Mark over twenty five weeks. Each week focussed on a passage of the gospel, with notes for an insight into the background and conditions of the Holy Land at that time, and a series of questions for discussion.

These notes and questions were pulled together for us by Rev. Vivienne Hatton. The resulting discussions led to some very deep and insightful statements and everybody made contributions within the group.

We have now undertaken the Advent Course during November, and look forward to looking at other portions of the New Testament in the New Year.

David Clark



St Margaret's Church, Brookfield

Would like you to come and join us at our



Saturday, 2nd December 2017

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Craft & Gift Stalls Tombola Raffle Cakes Book Stall



Admission £2.00 which includes Tea or Coffee & Bacon Buttie

All Welcome

Picture Gallery

Beautiful wedding flowers created by Nicola McIntosh for the Wedding of Wendy and Kevin Conlin



This event is open to anyone who uses the Drop-in centres at Brookfield and Stainton. If anyone would like to attend the event they must contact Zoe with their "RSVP" before the event at zoe.france@knightfrank.com



DECEMBER

I would like to thank all those who bought the Children's Society Christmas Cards. The purchases this year reached £394.00 – WELL DONE!!

The Children's Society usually receives 49% commission on the sale of the cards and I will let you know the exact amount when I know it. Once again, you have helped the society to care for children and young people who need our help. THANK YOU.

JANUARY

Box holders for the Children's Society are invited to the home of Margaret Routledge (2, Topcliffe Drive, Brookfield) on Tuesday, 16th January between 10am and 12 noon or 2pm – 4pm to have their box opened and counted. You will be able to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and scones whilst your box is being emptied. If you cannot come on the day, you can leave your box in Church for Margaret to pick up or contact her to arrange for her to collect it and deliver it back empty. You can contact Margaret on 01642 592943. New supporters are welcome to come along on the 16th January and collect a

box and start saving for the society.

Many sincere thanks to all our faithful supporters who have collected for the society over the past years.



Bless you all, Margaret





BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

Our next meeting will take place on 9th January 2018

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

December will be a busy month for us, we start on Monday 4th with our Annual Advent Devotion and Faith Supper, which will be led by Vivienne, All welcome.

Thursday 7th members and friends will be going for a Christmas Lunch to Strikes Garden Centre.

During our Sunday Service on the 10th we will be taking part in the Mothers' Union Global Moment for Activism Against Gender Based Violence.



Monday 11th at 2pm we will be joining with members at St. John's, South Bank for an Advent Service followed by refreshments.

Our first meeting of 2018 will be the AGM on Monday January 15th at 7pm

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

Sunday Services December and January plus Christmas Day

Date	Brookfield	Hilton	Stainton
3rd December Advent Sunday	9.15am Gift Service with Holy Communion (gifts to the Salvation Army gift appeal)	6pm Advent Service	10.45am Gift service with Holy Communion (gifts to the Salvation Army gift appeal)
10th December Advent 2	9.15am Holy Communion 4pm Christingle with Acklam Whin school choir	6pm Holy Communion	10.45am Advent Praise Communion for all ages
17th December Advent 3	10am Holy Communion for all ages with Nativity Ecumenical carol service	9.30am Morning prayer	10.45 am Holy Communion
	with St Clare's & Salvation Army 4pm		
24th December Christmas Eve	10am Holy Communion with the blessing of the Crib	2pm Service of Hope and Remembrance 6pm Crib Service	4pm Crib service 1st Communion of Christmas
25th December Christmas Day	10am Christmas Communion	No service	No service
31st December 1st Sunday of Christmas	No service	No service	10.45am United Service of Holy Communion Bishop of Whitby presiding
7th January Baptism of Jesus	9.15am Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	10.45am Holy Communion
14th January Epiphany 2	9.15am Holy Communion	6pm Holy Communion	10.45am Communion for all ages
21st January Epiphany 3	9.15am Communion for all ages	9.30am Morning prayer	10.45am Holy Communion
28th January Conversion of Paul	No services this day	No services this day	St Peter and St Paul Patronal service 10.45 Holy Communion

Mid-week Carol Services open to all

Wed 20th – Stainton Village Carol Service at Memorial Hall Fri 22nd – Hilton Village Carol Service in church Thu 21st – Hilton Rotary Carol service Wednesday morning services at Brookfield at 9.30am. There will be no service on Wed 27 Dec Special services in Red

Family Fun Day

St Margaret's Church Hall, The Oval, Brookfield Wednesday 3rd January 2pm to 4pm



Free admission and no charge for the fun and games (led by the children's teams of Brookfield and Stainton churches)

All Families Welcome to come and share in the fun

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

THE conductor stood on the podium, his eyes scanning the

choir and orchestra. The singers arranged the music in their folders. found а comfortable position for standing and held the folder so they could just see the conductor over the top. Orchestra positioned members their music on the



stand, found a comfortable position in their seats, and then sat still.

The conductor waited and watched until everyone was ready. Then with a downbeat of his baton, the sounds of Handel's overture to the Messiah filled the cathedral.

With the sound swirling around, I felt that I was immersed in Christmas when God just at the right moment signalled the downbeat and set in motion an overture that started with the birth of the Messiah The High priest of the good things to come"

The German composer George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759) composed the Messiah in 1741 and it remains his best-known work, with it's famous 'Hallelujah Chorus' performed by

choirs the world over.

George Frideric Handel's Messiah was originally an Easter offering. It burst onto the stage of the Music Hall in Dublin on April 13, 1742. The audience swelled to a record as ladies had heeded pleas by management to wear dresses "without Hoops" in order to make "Room for more company."

The Messiah who is Christ, is



identified with the person of Jesus, known by his followers as the Christ or "Jesus Christ". Handel's Messiah has been described by the early-music scholar Richard Luckett as "a commentary on Nativity. [Jesus Christ's1 Passion. Resurrection and Ascension", beginning with God's promises as spoken by the prophets and ending with Christ's glorification in heaven. In contrast with most of Handel's oratorios, the singers in Messiah do not assume dramatic roles: there is no single, dominant narrative voice; and very little use is made of quoted speech. In his libretto, Jennens's intention was not to dramatise the life and teachings of Jesus, but to acclaim the Godliness", using "Mystery of а the compilation of extracts from Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible, and from the Psalms included in the 1662 Book of Common Praver.

The three-part structure of the work approximates to that of Handel's three-act operas, with the "parts" subdivided by Jennens into "scenes". Each scene is a collection of individual numbers or "movements" which take the form of recitatives, arias and choruses.[15] There are two instrumental numbers, the opening Symphony in the style of a French overture, and the pastoral Pifa, often called the "pastoral symphony", at the mid-point of Part I.

In Part I, the Messiah's coming and the virgin birth are predicted by the Old Testament prophets. The annunciation to the shepherds of the birth of the Christ is represented in the words of Luke's gospel. Part II covers Christ's passion and his death, His resurrection and ascension, the first spreading of the gospel through the world, and a definitive statement of God's glory summarised in the "Hallelujah". Part III begins with the promise of redemption, followed by a prediction of the Day of Judgment and the "general resurrection", ending with the final victory over sin and death and the acclamation of Christ.

Every Christmas, as we celebrate Christ's first coming with glorious music, we are reminded that God's people, like the choir and orchestra members, are getting ready for the next downbeat of the conductor when Christ will come again.

On that day we will participate with him

in the final movement of God's symphony of redemption – making all things new.

In anticipation, we need to keep our eyes on the conductor to make sure we are ready. David Gatenby



SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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



We raised a total of £97.00

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



Sightsavers' vision is of a world were no one is blind from avoidable causes and were people with disabilities participate equally in society. They prevent avoidable blindness by carrying out eye examinations and referring people for treatment to prevent blindness and restore sight. They also work with their partners to treat and prevent debilitating neglected tropical diseases. They support equality for people with disabilities by training teaching staff and supplying specialist learning tools. They educate communities to reduce the stigma around disability, and empower people with disabilities so they can participate fully in society. They do it because people with disabilities deserve the same opportunities as everyone else. give generously

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Stainton

Things we used to do:-

In 1908 the then Vicar of Stainton invited parishioners to assemble on the Vicarage lawn on Saturday the 23rd of May (the day before Empire Day) to sing the National Anthem. Those with a gun were asked to bring it and fire a salute in favour of the national flag. The new Church Institute would then be opened by Colonel J.W. Pennyman of Ormesby Hall.

The 'new' Church Institute is long gone but Empire Day, now known as Commonwealth Day, is an annual celebration of the Commonwealth of Nations held on the second Monday in March. It is marked by a multi-faith service in Westminster Abbey, normally attended by Queen Elizabeth II as Head of the Commonwealth along with the Commonwealth Secretary-General and Commonwealth High Commissioners in London. The Queen delivers an address to the Commonwealth, which is broadcast throughout the world.

Unfortunately (fortunately?) it is no longer the custom at Stainton for parishioners to gather on the vicarage lawn to sing the national anthem and to fire their guns.

Thoughts of Stainton 50 years ago

n the days before Tesco and all the rest; when Teesside Park was still a Racecourse and Hemlington Estates and Ingleby Barwick were still farmer's fields and planner's dreams, and Brookfield was brand-new, the nearest thing to a shopping centre was Acklam's Coronation shops with Brough's supermarket.

At Stainton we had a Post Office/Spar grocers/drapers, a newsagents who delivered milk, two other small shops and a hairdressers.

Travelling shops served these villages of Stainton, Thornton and Maltby; Sparkes' Bakery, the Staithes Fish man, Billie the butcher.

A farmer's wife brought eggs, chickens potatoes, and turnips each week in an old van and we ordered our Christmas poultry from her in summer to be grown and delivered oven-ready on Christmas Eve.

Flowers and Vegetables were grown and bought at Stainton Nursery garden in Thornton Road.

Before the A174 and Stainton Way were made it was a shorter and more direct walk to Brookfield and Acklam. We walked with babies in prams down to Acklam welfare Clinic. Sometimes we shopped at 'The Oval' Brookfield on our way back but Brough's at Acklam offered free delivery and often our groceries were on our doorstep when we arrived home, no frozen food then of course, we didn't have freezers, so nothing to melt.

A half-hourly 'B' bus connected us with Middlesbrough and several times a day an 'S' bus connected all the villages with Stokesley and Stockton.

Stainton even had a doctor's surgery 2 days a week.

Joan Mason

Schedules and Rotas for

December 2017 and January 2018 St. Margaret's, Brookfield

Sidepersons (December)

3 Janet and Malcolm Granville

10 Janet Henwood and Linda Nixon

17 Margaret Routledge and Olwen Hopkins

24 Florence and Ray Harris31

Lectors (December)

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

Offertory (December)

- 3 Sheila and Victor Spencer
- 10 Kath and Jamie Webb
- 17 Mary Sykes
- 24 Flower Guild
- 31

Sidepersons (January)

7 Sheila & Victor Spencer

- 14 Kath and Jamie Webb
- 21 Janet and Malcolm Granville 28

Lectors (January)

- 7 Victor Spencer
- 14 Jamie Webb
- 21 Betty Spragg
- 28

Offertory (January)

- 7 Mothers' Union
- 14 Sheila and Victor Spencer
- 21 Kath and Jamie Webb

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For all other rotas please see the Notice Board for details

as details were not available at time of press.

Thank you



"A Woman"

This is written in the Hebrew Talmud, the book where all of the sayings and preaching of Rabbis are conserved over time. It says: "Be very careful if you make a woman cry, because God counts her tears. The woman came out of a man's rib. Not from his feet to be walked on. Not from his feet to be walked on. Not from his head to be superior, but from the side to be equal. Under the arm to be protected, and next to the heart to be loved." Joan Mason

Five-Finger Prayers



Prayer is a conversation with God, not a formulae. Yet sometimes we might need to use a method to freshen up our prayer time. We can pray the Psalms or

other pictures (such as the Lords Prayer), or use the ACTS method (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication).

You could however, also use this "Five-Finger Prayer" as a guide when praying for others.

❑ When you fold your hands, the thumb is nearest to you,so begin by praying for those closest to you – your loved ones.

□ The index finger is the pointer. Pray for those who teach – the clergy, lay preachers, readers.and those who teach children.

❑ The next finger is the longest. It reminds you to pray for those in authority over you – national and local leaders and those whose decisions affect world peace.

□ The fourth finger is usually the weakest. Pray for those who are sick and suffering and those who care for them.

□ Then comes your little finger. It reminds you of you smallness in relation to God's greatness, pray for your needs.

Whatever method you use, just talk to your heavenly father, because he wants to hear what's in your heart.

David Gatenby





100 club winners October 2017

	1st	2nd	3rd
W/E 1st	(57) Mary Walton	(80) Anne Gibb	(54) Harry Norris
W/E 8th	(45) Mr N Smales	(46) Mrs J Henwood	(16) Mrs W Hall
W/E 15th	(51) Rev Bill Dewing	(101) Mr David Clark	(46) Mrs J Henwood
W/E 22nd	(55) Mrs M Shippey	(124) Mrs J Hazelwood	(47) Mrs S Hall
W/E 29th	(8) Mrs F Andrew	(84) Susan Hopkins	(171) Mr A King

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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