



*The Parish Churches of  
Brookfield, Stainton &  
Hilton*

FEBRUARY 2018

# THE MESSENGER



**WHY READ THE  
BIBLE**

**PICTURE  
GALLERY**

**THOUGHT FOR THE  
MONTH**

50p

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**February Sunday Services**

**4th – Second Sunday before Lent**

Brookfield      9.15am Holy Communion

Stainton      10.45am Holy Communion

Hilton      6pm Evensong

**11th – Sunday before Lent**

Brookfield      9.15am Holy Communion  
with Celebration of Marriage

Stainton      10.45am Family Communion

Hilton      6pm Holy Communion

**18th – First Sunday of Lent**

Brookfield      9.15am Holy Communion  
for all Ages

Stainton      10.45am Holy Communion

Hilton      9.30am Morning Prayer

**25th Second Sunday of Lent**

Brookfield      9.15am Holy Communion

Stainton      10.45am Holy Communion

Hilton      6pm Holy Communion

**Wednesdays at Brookfield**

9.30am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Coffee Morning

**14th Feb Ash Wednesday**

**Holy Communion with the  
imposition of Ashes**

9.30am Brookfield

7pm Stainton

**Thursdays at Stainton**

**15th 11.30am Holy Communion**

Followed by parish lunch

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# Dear friends

## To all my friends ... Happy New Year

**T**HIS is my first opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. Once again I thought it would be good to review the many blessings that God has given us in the past year.

Brookfield and Stainton have both started weekly drop-in sessions to offer people in our community a place to come and make friends. They have been well-received and the church wardens at Hilton decided to start a weekly drop-in there too. It began on 10th January and I am sure that all three drop-ins will grow to be valuable elements of our ministry.

Hilton saw it's monthly Filling Station meeting celebrate it's 2nd anniversary. We have had good speakers and, although some people are no longer able to attend for various reasons, newcomers have swelled our numbers. If you enjoy contemporary worship with a welcoming fellowship please come along and join us on the first Tuesday of the month.

The "Christians in Hilton" fortnightly bible fellowship continues to flourish and now both Brookfield and Stainton offer bible study groups too. The numbers may be small but those who attend have reported a growth in their faith.

Of course much more has been happening as you will have seen from the photographs and articles in this magazine. Let's thank God for all he has done and pray for what he will do in the future.

*Blessings*

**Vivienne Hatton**

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## 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**



# HILTON FILLING STATION

## Happy New Year from Hilton Filling Station Hosts

**T**hank you to everyone who supported and promoted our events during 2017. We welcome all feedback and will listen to any comments on how we could improve to make the Filling Station fully inclusive of all denominations for worship. We are constantly looking at our programme of events; inviting people of interest to speak and lead our worship, thus keeping it fresh and new at every monthly event we hold. We as a “host team” are always amazed and extremely grateful that all our needs are met and we know that God and his Holy Spirit are blessing Hilton and the surrounding rural community because of how people from all walks of life are finding this Filling Station, then continuing to meet with us.

Please note our next Filling Station event will be held on Tuesday 6th February commencing 7.30 pm in Hilton Village Hall. Our guest speaker for the evening is Erik Wilson, from St. Barnabas’s Church. We are also excited to say George Selmer, also from St Bart’s will be leading us in worship. It promises to be a great evening. Everyone is most welcome.

Find out more at our Filling Station Webpage:

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

**Angela Sayer**

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## Lent 2018

Ash Wednesday 14th February  
Holy Communion Services with Ashes (optional)  
Brookfield at 9.30am  
Stainton at 7pm

Lent Group: “Then sings my Soul”

A five-week course looking at the verses of the hymn  
“O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder” celebrating what God has done for us.  
See the pewsheet for details of days/times.

# **What's on ...**

## **February dates for your diary**

**Also – always check the weekly pewsheet**

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### **Weekly Events in our Group of Churches**

#### **Bible Fellowship Groups**

**Mondays at 1.30pm Brookfield lounge**

**Wednesdays at 2pm Stainton Church Room**

#### **Coffee and Kids Pop-In**

**Wednesdays 10am Stainton Church Room**

#### **Everyone Welcome Drop-ins**

**Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Stainton Church Room**

**Thursdays 2pm-4pm Brookfield Church Hall**

**Wednesdays 10am (term-time) Hilton Church Wardens Hour**

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### **CHRISTIANS IN HILTON**

**Christians in Hilton meet fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am.**

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

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### **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).**

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### **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.**



## **LENT 2018**

**Stokesley Deanery Lent Services**

**In**

**St Peter & St Paul Church, Stokesley @ 5.00 pm**

# **Spirituality & Prayer**

**18<sup>th</sup> February**      **Sister Janet Elizabeth, Order of the Holy Paraclete**  
**WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY**

**25<sup>th</sup> February**      **Bishop Alison of Hull.**

**4<sup>th</sup> March**      **The Revd Robert and Lisa Opala**  
**IT IS ALL ABOUT THE CLIMB – GLIMPSES OF**  
**THE CARMELITE WAY.**

**18<sup>th</sup> March**      **Fr Richard Field – Ampleforth Abbey**

**Everyone Welcome**

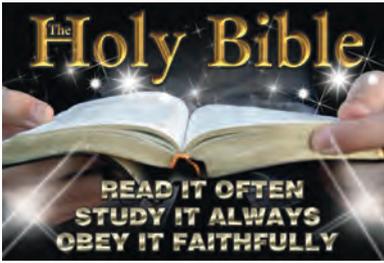
**Each Address will be followed by a short service of**  
**Compline/Evening Prayer**

# Picture Gallery

*Coffee and kids Christmas Party, St Peter and St Paul's, Stainton*



*The Nativity – St Margaret's, Brookfield.*



## Why read the Bible?

The bible has been given to us so that we may know it's author and grow to love him, and as we all know in order to get to know someone we need to communicate with them. We need to talk with them and listen to them. It's the same with our relationship with God. If we want to get to know him we need to communicate with him. We

can talk to him through prayer, but how can we hear his voice?

The way we can hear what God has to say to us is to read his message to us i.e. the bible. Paul actually says it's "God breathed". Think of it, the very breath of God is somehow infused in those words, but how do we really know those words are really his? How do we know that they can be really trusted? Jesus himself believed in the bible and referred to it often. He didn't quote the New Testament as that hadn't even been written yet. He believed and quoted the Old Testament many times, and there is plenty of evidence that supports the accuracy of the bible too. Hundreds of archaeological sites have uncovered the exact location of biblical events and there is a way that the bible lines up with other historical documents. However the best place to find out about Jesus is in the four accounts of his life in the bible. Four writers of different backgrounds and personalities; Matthew (a tax collector), Mark (an investigative reporter), Luke (a doctor), and John (a fisherman), all wrote about the life and death and resurrection of Jesus from their own unique viewpoints.

It's important to remember that the bible is not just one book; it's many different books put together over the centuries.

Other books in the bible contain first hand descriptions of Gods magnificence and creativity. Some of these books insight poetry, others explore doubt and every possible aspect of the human condition.

Finally, there are the prophetic books which point to what we can expect in the future. When combined, these books from the creator of life show us how to best understand life.

**David Gatenby**





## **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)**

Since our last news report in November, we were very happy to welcome Mrs Ann Dewing (accompanied by her husband Bill) who told us about her work as York Diocese M.U. representative.

As members of Stokesley Deanery we joined with Members of Middlesbrough Deanery for an Advent Service, hosted by St John's at South Bank. The music, readings, prayers and address, were all a wonderful start in the lead up to Christmas.

Afterwards, we all enjoyed food, tea, and friendship in the church hall.

Our branch Christmas lunch was held at the Falcon in Hilton and we were joined by family and friends.

This year, the Mothers Union celebrate Marriage Awareness Week in February. We are going to have a display of wedding photographs, and if any members of the congregation would like to bring their photographs along on Sunday, 4th February, they would be very welcome.

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## **STANTON BRANCH**

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

At our meeting on Monday 19th February we welcome Mrs Barbara Ford  
(Faith & Policy Unit Co-ordinator).

All are welcome to join us at 7 pm in the Parish Room Stanton.

**Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)**

# THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



**T**homas John Barnardo was born in Dublin in 1845 to John and Abigail Barnardo and at the age of 16 he converted to Protestant evangelicalism. Just before his 17th birthday he decided to become a medical missionary in China and so set out for London in 1866 to train as a doctor at the London Hospital in Whitechapel.

Victorian London in the 1800's was a city with many problems.

After the industrial revolution the population had dramatically increased and much of this increase was concentrated in the East End, where overcrowding, bad housing, unemployment, poverty and disease were rife. A few months after Thomas Barnardo arrived in London an outbreak of cholera

swept through the East End killing more than 3,000 people and leaving families destitute. Thousands of children slept on the streets and many others were forced to beg.

In 1867, Thomas Barnardo set up a Ragged School in the East End, where poor children could get a basic education. One evening a boy at the Mission, Jim Jarvis, took Thomas Barnardo around the East End showing him children sleeping on roofs and in gutters. The encounter so affected him he decided to give up on his dream of going back to China and instead he devoted his life to helping destitute children.

In 1870, Barnardo opened his first home for boys in Stepney Causeway training boys in carpentry, metal work and shoemaking. These skills enabled the boys to secure apprenticeships and work

At first Barnardo limited the number of boys who used the shelter; however one evening an 11-year old boy, John Somers (nicknamed 'Carrots') was turned away because the shelter was full. Two days

later Carrots were found dead, the cause, malnutrition and exposure. From then on Barnardo vowed never to turn another child away and a sign was hung stating 'No Destitute Child Ever Refused Admission'

Developing homes for destitute children in London's East End, Barnardo rescued some 60,000 boys and girls from poverty and possible early death. Theologian and

Pastor John Scott said, "Today we might call him the patron saint of street kids"

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, don't stop them! For the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like these children" Imagine the surprise the crowds – and Jesus' own disciples must have felt at this declaration.

In the ancient world, children had little value and were largely relegated to the margins of life. Yet Jesus welcomed, blessed and valued children.

James the New Testament writer challenged Christians saying, "Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our father means that we must care for orphans in their troubles

Today, like those first century orphans and children of every strata, ethnicity, and family environment are at risk due to neglect, human trafficking, abuse, drugs and more.

How can we not honour the father who loves us by showing his care for these little ones Jesus welcomes?

**David Gatenby**



## Coffee and kids Christmas party

**A**t the end of last year Coffee & Kids had their Christmas Party. We had about 15 children who played a few games, watched a couple of topical Christmas DVD's some singing and some party snacks.

There was also a visit from Father Christmas who gave out presents to all the children, (even if they wouldn't go and see him!!)

We start the New Year hopefully with about 11-16 children and we are always pleased to see all who pop in.

The children always have a great time playing together, doing activities, there's snacks for the children and Coffee or Tea plus a biscuit for the carers, we end with the children singing their favourite actions songs.

If anyone wants to find out more about Coffee & Kids, whether for children or if you would like to help in any way, please pop into the Parish room at Stainton Church, any Wednesday morning between 10 am and 12 noon and have a chat with the leaders :- Vernon & Judith Clare, Bob Ardley and Joan Mason.

**Vernon Clare**



## St Peter and St Paul's Church, Stainton – Christmas Floral Tributes

The beautiful hangings we have enjoyed over Christmas were very kindly worked and given by Ruth Matthews last year. We displayed them as a triptyc on the Hemlington aisle altar last year, but this time have hung them against the pillars of the chancel.

They depict the angel announcing Christ's birth, the shepherds, the nativity and the kings arriving with their gifts. Many favourable comments have been received.

Elizabeth Revett



### A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
Amen.



### A winter evening's poem

"Now stir the fire,  
and close the  
shutters fast,  
Let fall the  
curtains,  
wheel the sofa  
round,  
And, while the  
bubbling and loud  
hissing urn



Throws up a steamy column and the cups  
That cheer but not inebriate, wait on each,  
So let us welcome peaceful ev'ning in."

William Cowper

# SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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

**YOUNG LIVES  
vs CANCER  
CLIC SARGENT**

**We raised a total of £98.50**

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



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# The things children say

## The very last word on Christmas

A 13-year-old student watching 'A Christmas Carol' said 'I hope Tiny Tim doesn't die. It's really sad when kids die. I don't think you should die until you are about 58.

## A teacher was discussing the Nativity with 6-year-olds...

**Teacher:** What was Mary's husband's name?

**Child:** Joseph

**Teacher:** Do you know what job he did?

**Child:** He was a carpenter.

**Teacher:** And what does that mean? What would a carpenter do?

**Child:** Lay carpets?

## Never argue with children...

A Teacher was talking to a class of 6-year-olds about sea creatures.

She said that a whale could not possibly swallow a human because, although it was a very large animal, it's throat was very small.

A little hand shot up 'Jonah was swallowed by a whale Miss. Mummy read me the story'. The teacher replied, 'I'm afraid that it is only a story, a whale could not possibly swallow a man.

But the little girl was still not convinced. "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

"Jonah may not have got to heaven" said the teacher." He was quite naughty at times."

"Oh" said the girl " then you will have to ask him."

## Thought before Lent ..

God has no phone, but I talk to him

He has no Facebook but he is still my friend

He does not have twitter but I still follow him

**Joan Mason**



# Schedules and Rotas for February 2018 St. Margaret's, Brookfield

## Sidepersons

- 4 Janet and Malcolm Granville
- 11 Florence and Ray Harris
- 18 Margaret Routledge and  
Olwen Hopkins
- 25 Janet Henwood and  
Linda Nixon

## Lectors

- 4 David Clark
- 11 Jill Fox
- 18 Victor Spencer
- 25 Betty Spragg

## Offertory

- 4 Mary Sykes

- 11 Mothers' Union
- 18 Kath and Jamie Webb
- 25 Flower Guild

## Flower Guild

- 4 Harry Norris
- 11 Janet Henwood
- 18 LENT
- 25 LENT

Sunday/ Wednesday  
Coffee Morning and  
Church Cleaning  
Please see notice board at  
back of Church for rota –  
thank you.



## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Now is the time to start preparing for the annual parochial church meetings (APCM) that will be taking place as follows:

Brookfield – Wednesday 21st March at 7pm in Brookfield Church Hall

Hilton – Monday 9th April at 7pm in Hilton Church

Stainton – Tuesday 24th April at 7pm in Stainton Church Room

At those meetings we shall be electing our church wardens and members of the parochial church council. If you are not already on the electoral roll (the list of registered church members who can vote at the APCM) please make sure your name is added as a matter of urgency.

The 2017 accounts and reports of the church officers and groups will be distributed beforehand for ratification at the meeting. If you are responsible for a report for Hilton or Brookfield please send it to the church office as soon as possible. Reports for Stainton should be sent to Bob Ardley.

**Vivienne**

## Extended Study Leave

Anglican clergy are encouraged to take Extended Study Leave (ESL) every 10 years to refuel their ministries. I am two years overdue so, as many of you already know, I shall be away for 3 months on ESL from 16th April. During this time the services will be covered by visiting ministers (like during an interregnum) but the church wardens will need your support for everything else.

Although the period does include an obligatory 2-week holiday (taken from the minister's annual entitlement) it is primarily intended to give clergy time to do some serious study.

I have tried to find literature that considers what God expects from an incumbent with three or more churches as time restraints prevent me from doing all the things that I would like to do. There has been a little research for rural churches but I have not been able to find anything for those taking care of churches in or close to towns.

I am therefore going to use this gift of time to try to fill that gap.  
I am hopeful that it will make me a better vicar for you all but the plan is also that I will help to train others in my situation.

Please pray for each of our churches and for me as I make the preparations for my absence.

**Vivienne**

## 100 club winners November 2017

	1st	2nd	3rd
W/E 5th	(89) Mrs B Williams	(4) Mrs H Southam	(16) Mrs W Hall
W/E 12th	(64) Mrs M Oddy	(4) Mrs H Southam	(109) Mrs Eden
W/E 19th	(74) Mrs J Kiddell	(52) Mr Shippey	(105) Mrs K Chapman
W/E 26th	(49) Mrs M Routledge	(57) Mary Walton	(7) Mrs E Winter

## 100 club winners December 2017

W/E 3rd	(170) Mr A King	(61) Mr R Rowell	(67) Mr F Harris
W/E 10th	(89) Mrs B Williams	(170) Mr A King	(125) Mr S Hazlewood
W/E 17th	(58) Mrs E Scales	(126) Mrs D Harding	(37) Mrs E Burnell
W/E 24th	(39) Alison Palmer	(183) Mr L Brighty	(140) Mrs K Smales

# St. Margaret's Church Centre User Groups

**For letting enquiries contact the Church Office on 01642 597454  
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<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Meeting times</b>	<b>Leader/contact</b>
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

## Ward Councillors for all 3 Parishes

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# TODDLER GROUP

**9:30am to 11:30am Mondays\***  
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