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Please see list of Sunday Services for March up until 15th April on page 6



#### Wednesdays at Brookfield

9.30am – Holy Communion 10.30am – Coffee Morning

Stainton – 15th

11.30am Holy Communion Followed by parish lunch Please contact Joan to book your meal.

#### CHURCH OFFICE

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Dear friends

#### A month of reflection and repentance ...

ENT will already be well underway when March starts and Palm Sunday is on 25th March. We shall therefore have the whole month for reflection and repentance to improve our relationship with God.

March is also the month when many of us will be preparing for our Annual Parochial Church Meetings. St Margaret's is on 21st March and St Peter's is on 9th April. (St Peter and St Paul are having theirs a few weeks later on 28th April but preparations will still be underway in March).

As we prepare for these meeting let's some of our Lenten mediations to reflect on the relationships that our churches have with God. Are we truly doing his will in our worship and our practices? Do our fellowships reflect his love in our relationships with each other and with the world?

Perhaps as we undertake our personal reflections God will challenge us personally to meet some of the needs of our churches. We need a second church warden and a PCC secretary at St Margaret's. All three churches need volunteers to join the Parochial Church Council.

I am sure we all pray about our own relationship with God but please join with me and the others who pray for the churches to which we belong.

Blessings Vivienne Hatton

#### Leadership Away Day

Thank you to everyone who prayed for us on our Leadership Away Day in January. We had a good day of worship, prayer and discussion about how to move forward.

It was led by Canon Rev Angela Bailey who challenged us to think about our values. We know what we are doing but she encouraged us to consider why we are doing it. Our resulting discussions will be considered at our next Parochial Church Council meetings so that we can determine how to convert what we learnt into action.

Vivienne



# HILTON FILLING STATION

#### A monthly mid-week opportunity for local Christians to worship together

WE enjoy good coffee and wonderful homemade cakes, informal worship, teaching and prayer.

Please note that our next event will be held in Hilton Village hall on Tuesday 6th March commencing 7.30pm. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Peter Rushden of Hutton Rudby.

Our worship will be led by Katie Stanton from St. Barnabas's Church.

Find out more at our Filling Station Webpage:

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

Angela Sayer



#### Stokesley Deanery Lent Services in St Peter & St Paul Church, Stokesley @ 5.00 pm

### **Spirituality & Prayer**

4th March The Revd Robert and Lisa Opala IT IS ALL ABOUT THE CLIMB – GLIMPSES OF THE CARMELITE WAY

> **18th March** Fr Richard Field – Ampleforth Abbey

## **Everyone Welcome**

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

## What's on ... March dates for your diary

Also – always check the weekly pewsheet

#### 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

#### **CHRISTIANS IN HILTON**

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

# Sunday Services March to 15th April

Date	Brookfield	Hilton	Stainton
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Holy Communion 9.15am	Evensong 6pm	Holy Communion 10.45am
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday 9.15am	Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday 6pm	Family Communion for Mothering Sunday 10.45am
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 5th Sunday of Lent	Communion for all Ages 9.15am	Morning Prayer 9.30am Noel Harker	Holy Communion 10.45am
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar Palm Sunday	Holy Communion 9.15am	Holy Communion 6pm	Holy Communion 10.45am
1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Day	Holy Communion 9.15am	Holy Communion at 6pm	Holy Communion 10.45am
8 <sup>th</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter	Holy Communion 9.15am	Holy Communion 6pm	Family Communion 10.45am
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter	Communion for all Ages 9.15am	Holy Communion 6pm	Holy Communion 10.45am

## Holy Week proposed services:

#### Monday

7pm – Mothers Union Holy Week Devotion at Stainton

#### Tuesday

7pm - Stations of the Cross at Stainton

#### Wednesday

9.30am - Holy Communion at Brookfield

#### Thursday

7pm – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with hand washing and the stripping of the altar at Hilton

#### **Good Friday**

11am - United Service with Brookfield, St Clares and Salvation Army at Salvation Army

2pm - Service of Reflection at Stainton

12pm onwards – Hilton church open with prayer stations (available until Sunday so people can use them on Saturday)

#### Worship with us this Easter

We are blessed with three lovely churches in our plurality. Each has its own fellowship and parish context but we are part of something much larger. This will be reflected in the special services offered throughout Holy Week and Easter:

#### Palm Sunday (25th March)

All churches - the Holy Communion services celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem will be at their normal times

#### Holy Monday (26th March)

St Peter and St Paul Stainton - at 7pm the Mother's Union will be having their Holy Week Devotion. Everyone is welcome to join us – you do not have to belong to the Mothers Union.

#### Holy Tuesday (27th March)

**St Peter and St Paul Stainton** –at 7pm we shall have a service of "The Stations of the Cross" remembering how Jesus suffered for us. The act of walking and stopping to recall the various stages of his final steps towards his crucifixion helps us to contemplate what he did for us and to consider how we should respond.

#### Holy Wednesday (28th March)

St Margaret's Brookfield – at 9.30am we shall have a service Holy Communion remembering more events of Holy Week.

#### Maundy Thursday (29th March)

**St Peter Hilton** – at 7pm we shall have a special service of Holy Communion with handwashing followed by the stripping of the altar. If you are only able to attend one service during Holy Week you will want to choose this one.

#### Good Friday (30th March)

St Margaret's Brookfield – a joint service hosted by the Salvation Army at Trimdon Avenue and also shared with St Claire's RC at 11am.

St Peter and St Paul Stainton – a Good Friday Meditation between 2pm and 3pm.

St Peter Hilton – the church will be open 12pm to 3pm for prayer and reflection with "Open to God" prayer stations for those who want them.

#### Holy Saturday (31st March)

St Peter Hilton – the church will be open during daylight hours for prayer and reflection with "Open to God" prayer stations for those who want them.

#### Easter Day (1st April)

All churches – there will be special Easter Day Communion Services at the normal times.

We hope that this wide variety of service will enable everyone, church members or not, to worship God this Easter in a way that means something to them.

Please take advantage of the choice of services available even if it means going to a church that you would not normally attend.

Vivienne

## **Picture Gallery**

#### St Peter and St Paul's Patronal Festival Weekend 27th /28th January

This year St Peter and St Paul's Patronal Festival became a weekend, celebrating the Churches festival with a Stainton and Thornton history weekend, an afternoon tea and a full church on the Sunday celebrating the Festival.

We are very lucky that Joan Mason, has such a wealth of knowledge of the church and of Stainton village, with a full display in the Parish room and Elizabeth Revett who has the same wealth of knowledge of Thornton village with a display in The Lady chapel. We also had on display (and was used on Sunday) the Communion Silver presented to

the church by Sir William Turner in 1692, now safely back in York.

In all, a very busy and full weekend enjoyed all.

Vernon Clare – Church Warden



Rev'd Vivienne cut the celebratory cake which was baked by Brenda Beck and iced by Judith Clare.

#### Marriage Awareness Week / Celebration of Marriage







## A poem for the month of March

Dorothy Wordsworth, the sister of the poet William Wordsworth, wrote this in her journal ... We saw a few daffodils close to the water side ... They grew among the mossy stones about and about them; some rested their heads upon the stones as on a pillow for weariness and the rest tossed and reeled and danced and seemed as if they verily laughed with the wind that blew upon them.

Her diary entry inspired her brother William Wordsworth to write a poem.

Here are two of her favourite verses:

#### I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

For oft, when on my couch I lie In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye Which is the bliss of solitude; And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils.



# **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**



#### **Good Friday**

NOISE, Vibration, Pressure, Fireball, Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield used these words to describe being launched into space. As the rocket raced towards the International Space Station, the weight of gravity increased and breathing became more difficult. Just when he thought he would pass out, the rocket made a fiery breakthrough into weightlessness and instead of lapsing into unconsciousness he broke out into a fit of laughter.

This description made me think of my dearly departed mother's death. The heaviness of life kept increasing until she had no longer had the strength to breathe.

She was then released from her pain and broke free into the weightlessness

of Heaven.

I'd like to think of her laughing when she came into the presence of Jesus.

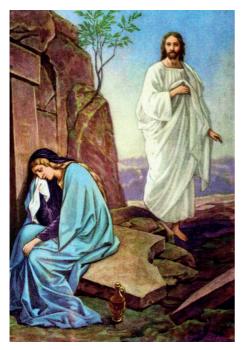
On "Good Friday" something similar happened to Jesus, God placed on him the weight of the entire world's sin, past, present and future until he could no longer breathe.

He then said "Father into your hands a commend my spirit."

After being suffocated by our sin, Jesus received back from God the life entrusted to him and now lives where sin and death have no power.

All who trust in Christ will one day join him, and I wonder if we will look back at our earthly life and laugh.

#### **Easter Sunday**



CHARLOTTE Elliott wrote the Hymn "Just as I am" in 1834. She had been an invalid for many years, and although she wanted to help with a fund raising for a girls school she was too ill to do so.

She felt useless, and this inner distress caused her to begin doubting her faith in Christ. She wrote "just as I am" as a response to her doubt.

The crux of her distress is perhaps expressed in these words:-

Just as I am, though tossed about

With many a conflict, many a doubt

Fighting's and fears within, without

O Lamb of God I come

Three days after his death and burial, Jesus rose from the grave and invited the disciple whom history has nicknamed "Doubting Thomas" to examine the marks of his crucifixion.

When Thomas touched Jesus' wounds he finally believed in the resurrection.

Christ responded, "Thomas, because you have seen me you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

As Christians today we are the ones who have not seen but still believe. Yet at times our earthly circumstances create serious questions in our souls.

Even then we cry out: "Lord I believe please help my unbelief."

Jesus welcomes us to come to him just as we are.

#### **David Gatenby**



#### So you want a traditional wedding?

Many of our marriage customs are of pre Christian origin.

In past times a daughter had a monetary value to her father, she was a chattel able to be bought and sold.

- **A Bride price** was paid by the groom to the father as compensation for the loss of a valuable worker. Later this was given by father to daughter as a dowry. Later still the dowry was given as a ring of sufficient value to pay for her funeral...
- Wedding presents were gifts of basic necessities given to help set up a first home. A pot of 'working yeast' was a valued gift at a time when bread was all homemade!!
- The witnesses before the keeping of registers a marriage had to be announced with enough publicity before the event and afterwards so that everyone around should be aware that a wedding was taking place. The witnesses, including groomsmen and bridesmaids, were responsible for this as they still are. A Wedding still must be a public event with notices posted. **Banns of Marriage** are a formal way of giving notice that a marriage is proposed giving time for any objections to be raised.
- **The joining of hands** was a symbol that the Bride is being given away by her family and received into the Groom's family.
- Bouquets of sweet smelling flowers and herbs were carried to ward off evil vapours and the smells of unwashed bodies.
- **Special wedding clothes** only became usual in Victorian times. Queen Victoria caused some outrage when she married in white (See below). Before this people dressed in the best they had their 'Sunday Best'.
- White was a symbol of death How this later became a symbol of virginity is not known. Brides known not to be a virgin or even suspected of not being, were often pelted with 'muck' if they wore white. A soiled dress meant public humiliation.
- A shotgun wedding A man known to have had extra marital relations with a woman, especially if she had been a virgin, could be brought at gun point by her family and forced to take her as his wife to make an honest woman of her.

#### A new house, the setting up of a new family, and the mystery that surrounded the origin of life made it a time when evil spirits were to be feared.

- **Bridesmaids** were dressed in similar clothes to the Bride to deceive the demons so that they could not identify which one was the bride.
- **The best man** sleeping at the bridegroom's house on the night before the wedding was similarly to protect the groom.

- **The bridal veil** sheltered the Bride from the evil eye of demons; the pealing of bells was to scare evil away.
- **The Bride's family** sit on the North side of the Church—(the cold, dark North is the Devil's side) traditionally they would stand as a protection, between the devil, the bridal party and the Groom's family.
- The wedding ceremony didn't take place inside church it happened at the church door in all weathers, the couple only coming inside for a blessing when married.
- The rice and confetti, and the shoe/ horseshoe after the ceremony are relics of ancient fertility cults.
- **The Reception** In past times the married couple were taken in noisy procession after the ceremony to the new home and installed there. Only the family and supporters went to the wedding feast, the couple were left alone. A public announcement was made when the Bride was no longer a maiden!!
- Carrying the bride over the threshold is the last remnant of marriage by capture. A woman would be stolen from her family or tribe and carried off. If the captor managed to cross his family threshold the woman was considered compromised and married. It was considered good luck that the Groom had survived to reach the safety of home with a Bride.



# SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

There was no service at St. Margaret's on the last Sunday in January, so the charity collection for Sightsavers will take place on the last Sunday in February.

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

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## **Christingle Service**

On Sunday, 10th December 2017 at St Margaret's, we enjoyed our annual Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society. Almost 190 children and adults attended to receive their Christingles and sing carols. It was a very happy occasion. We were assisted by Acklam Whin Choir and staff members.

Our thanks go to the Co-operative Store, on the Oval, for donating over 100 oranges which enabled more money to be given to the Children's Society.

Many thanks to all the willing helpers who make up the oranges and also to the helpers at the service. We raised the magnificent sum of £276.36 for the work of the Children's Society – Thank you to all who helped raise this money.

God Bless you ALL.

**Margaret Routledge** 

# All God's Creation is Very Good

PRAYING FOR SURINAME A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

## Friday 2nd March 2018 2pm – Prayer Meeting

Salvation Army, Trimdon Avenue, Acklam, TS5 8SB

#### **All Welcome**

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# **Schedules and Rotas for** March 2018

#### St. Margaret's, Brookfield

#### Sidepersons

- 4 Sheila and Victor Spencer
- Kath and Jamie Webb 11
- 18 Florence and Ray Harris

25 Janet and Malcolm Granville 1st (April) Margaret Routledge and Olwen Hopkins

#### Lectors

- Jamie Webb 4
- 11 Victor Spencer
- 18 Betty Spragg
- 25 Jill Fox
- 1st (April) David Clark

#### Offertory

- Mary Sykes 4
- Mothers' Union 11

- Sheila and Victor Spencer 18
- Flower Guild 25
- 1st (April) Kath and Jamie Webb

#### **Flower Guild**

- 4 I FNT
- 11 I FNT
- 18 I FNT
- 25 I FNT



#### Coffee Morning and Church Cleaning Please see notice board at back of Church for rota - thank you.

1st (April) EASTER

# 100 club winners January 2018

W/E 7th	(42) Mr L Chapman	(21) Mrs M McGurk	(27) Mrs C Hewitson
W/E 14th	(90) Mrs E Hewitson	(84) Susan Hopkins	(102) Mrs V Harris
W/E 21st	(103) Mrs Trudy Pearce	(16) Mrs W Hall	(99) Mrs V Hatton
W/E 28th	(90) Mrs E Hewitson	(100) Mrs V Harris	(52) Mr Shippey

#### Middlesbrough Foodbank relies on your goodwill and support

#### **URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:-**

- UHT/Powdered milk 
  Long-life fruit juice/cordial
- Sponge Puddings Coffee Rice Pudding
- Packet Mash or Tinned Potatoes Tinned Carrots.

Sweetcorn, Mixed Vegetables • Tinned Fruit • Tinned Meat (Ham, Spam, Corned Beef, Hotdogs, Pies, Stews and Curries.





### **BROOKFIELD BRANCH**

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

Our celebration of Marriage Awareness Week on Sunday, 11th February was very well received. We had many photographs and wedding albums on display. We also had a lovely wedding dress loaned to us by Kath Webb's daughter-in –law, Emma Knight. After the excellent service, led by Vivienne, we had many good comments, and the members of the congregation enjoyed guessing who the couples were in the photographs.

We are holding our AGM at our March meeting, followed by a Lenten devotion.

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

At our meeting on March 19th Vivienne will be speaking about the life of St Joseph. Also on March 26th Vivienne will be hosting the beginning of our Holy Week Devotion, Please come along and start Holy Week with us, All welcome.

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)



Mothering Sunday 11th March 2018

# St. Margaret's Church Centre User Groups

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Trimdon Ward			
Dennis McCabe Ind.	07847305660		
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