



*The Parish Churches of  
Brookfield, Stainton &  
Hilton*

APRIL 2018

# THE MESSENGER



**SUNDAY SERVICES**



**PICTURE  
GALLERY**



**THOUGHT FOR THE  
MONTH**



50p

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**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**PRIL starts with Easter Sunday when we shall gather together to celebrate that Jesus is alive. His resurrection is not only a proof that his sacrifice on the cross was sufficient. It is also a sign that he has won the battle over evil. I hope you can join our worship but, whether or not that is possible, I wish you all a blessed Easter time.

On 16th April I shall be starting my Extended Study Leave. This is not an extended holiday (although I shall have two weeks holiday during the period). I shall be engaging in serious study which will be very similar in nature to the dissertation that I produced for my MA. It will involve lots of reading and interviewing other vicars of multi-parish benefices. To ensure that I take into account diocesan differences these interviews will be taking place around the country.

I am hoping that my research will inform my own ministry and those in a similar situation. When I return I shall of course be happy to share my findings with anyone who is interested.

Whilst I am away you will have visiting clergy and ministers conducting your services. I know that you will all make them very welcome and I am sure that their ministry will be a blessing to everyone. The administrator and the church wardens will be taking care of the day to day running of the three churches so please give them as much support as you can.

Please pray for all the visiting ministers, the church wardens and the other church leaders who will be taking on extra duties whilst I am away. Please also pray for me as I study.

*Blessings*

**Vivienne Hatton**



# HILTON FILLING STATION

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

**W**E 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 3rd April commencing 7.30pm. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Hugh and Emma from St. Barnabas', Linthorpe.

Find out more at our Filling Station Webpage:  
<http://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/hilton/>

**Angela Sayer**



## **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.

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

## **April 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.

# **The Rev. Billy Graham passed away at the age of 99 on February 21, 2018**

## **In his last interview in 2016 he said:-**

“Someone asked me recently if I didn’t think God was unfair, allowing me to have Parkinson’s and other medical problems when I have tried to serve him faithfully.

I replied that I did not see it that way at all.

Suffering is part of the human condition, and it comes to us all. The key is how we react to it, either turning away from God in anger and bitterness or growing closer to him in trust and confidence.”

## **A quote from his 9/11 Message at the Washington National Cathedral:**

I’ve become an old man now. And I’ve preached all over the world. And the older I get, the more I cling to that hope that I started with many years ago, and proclaimed it in many languages to many parts of the world.”

## **The hope he speaks of so passionately, is the powerful message of Christ and the cross.**

“The cross tells us that God understands our sin and our suffering, for he took them upon himself in the Person of Jesus Christ.

From the cross God declares, 'I love you.

I know the heartaches and the sorrows and the pain that you feel. But I love you. The story does not end with the cross, for Easter points us beyond the tragedy of the cross to the empty tomb.

It tells us that there is hope for eternal life, for Christ has conquered evil and death and hell.

Yes, there is hope. When we come to the end of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God.”

- “Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion – it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.”
  
- “We are the Bibles the world is reading; we are the creeds the world is needing; we are the sermons the world is heeding.”
  
- “There is nothing wrong with men possessing riches. The wrong comes when riches possess men.”
  
- “Take one day at a time. Today, after all, is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.”
  
- "God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."
  
- “Believers, look up – take courage. The angels are nearer than you think.”

**Joan Mason**

## **William Shakespeare**

- 1564 – 1616
- English poet & playwright
- 38 plays, 154 sonnets
- Plays performed more often than those of any other playwright
  - Romeo & Juliet
  - The Tempest
  - A Midsummer Night’s Dream



# Picture Gallery



**Left:**

Deborah Perks (Stainton church member)  
at York Minster.

**Below:**

A Big

**Thank you**

to Brookfield Ladies  
for their kind donation of plants for  
Mothering Sunday

**From Judy Cook and Members  
of the Flower Guild**



# Sunday Services

## 1st – 15th April

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)

# THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



*Amen corner at Augusta National.*

**T**he Masters Tournament, also known as The Masters or The US Masters, is one of the four major championships in professional golf. Scheduled for the first full week of April, the Masters is the first major of the year, and unlike the others, it is held at the same location, Augusta National Golf Club, a private course in the South Eastern United States, in city of Augusta, Georgia.

The Masters was started by noted amateur champion Bobby Jones and investment banker Clifford Roberts. After his grand slam in 1930, Jones acquired the former plant nursery and co-designed Augusta National with course architect Alistair Mackenzie. First played 84 years ago in 1934, the tournament is an official money event on the PGA Tour, the European Tour, and the Japan Golf Tour. The field of players is smaller than those of the other major championships because it is an invitational event, held by the Augusta

National Golf Club.

The tournament has a number of traditions. Since 1949, a green jacket has been awarded to the champion, who must return it to the clubhouse one year after his victory, although it remains his personal property and is stored with other champions' jackets in a specially designated cloakroom. In most instances, only a first-time and currently reigning champion may remove his jacket from the club grounds. A golfer who wins the event multiple times uses the same green jacket awarded upon his initial win (unless he needs to be re-fitted with a new jacket).

Since 1960, a semi-social contest at the par-3 course has been played on Wednesday, the day before the first round.

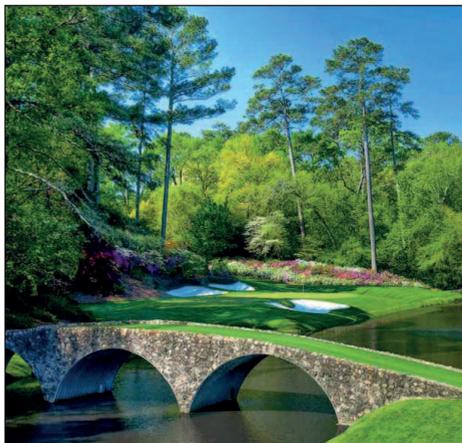
Nicklaus has the most Masters wins, with six between 1963 and 1986. Palmer and Tiger Woods won four each, and five have won three titles at Augusta: Jimmy Demaret, Sam Snead,



*Bobby Jones with his golf bag.*

Gary Player, Nick Faldo, and Phil Mickelson. Player, from South Africa, was the first non-American player to win the tournament, in 1961; the second was Seve Ballesteros of Spain, the champion in 1980 and 1983.

The Augusta National course first opened 85 years ago in 1933 and has been modified many times by different architects. Among the changes: greens have been reshaped and, on occasion, entirely re-designed, bunkers have been added, water hazards have been extended, new tee boxes have been built, hundreds of trees have been planted, and several mounds have been installed. Until 1983, all players in the Masters were required to use the services of an Augusta National Club caddie, who by club tradition was always an African American man. Indeed, club co-founder Clifford Roberts is reputed to have said, "As long as I'm alive, golfers will be white, and caddies will be black. Since 1983, players have been allowed the option of bringing their own caddie to the tournament Unlike other golf tournaments the Masters requires caddies to wear a uniform consisting of a white jumpsuit, a green Masters cap, and white tennis shoes. The surname, and sometimes first initial, of each player is found on the back of his caddie's uniform. The defending champion always receives caddie number "1": other golfers get their caddie numbers from the order in which they register for the tournament. The other majors and some PGA Tour events formerly had a similar policy concerning caddies well into the 1970s; the U.S. Open first allowed players to use their own caddies in 1976. Only three golfers have won the US Masters golf tournament two years in a row. On April 10th



2016 it appeared that

22 year old Jordan Spieth would become the fourth, but he faltered on the back nine holes and finished in a tie for second,

Despite this disappointing loss, Spieth was gracious towards the tournament champion, Danny Willett, congratulating him on his victory and the birth of his first child, something "more important than golf"

Writing in a national paper the columnist said "It takes grace to see the big picture so soon after having to sit through a trophy ceremony and watch someone else have his photograph taken,

Spieth's ball striking was off in that final round but his character remained unscathed."

Paul urged the followers of Jesus in Colossae to "be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, and seasoned with salt so that you may know how to answer everyone."

As those who have freely received God's grace, it is our privilege and calling to demonstrate it in every situation of life – win or lose.

**David Gatenby**



## **BROOKFIELD BRANCH**

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

We held our AGM in March, with Vivienne present,  
as required by the MU Diocesan Trustees.

After the business part of the afternoon, we were then led by Vivienne in a  
very thoughtful and spiritual Lent devotion.

Our speaker in April will be Mrs Pauline Rowell, whose talk is entitled  
'Ladies who inspire'.

On Saturday May 12th we are holding a coffee morning.

**Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)**

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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

This month we welcome Rev. Paul Peverell as our speaker on  
Monday 16th April.  
Everyone welcome.

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



# SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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

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[www.parkinsons.org.uk](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk)



# The Children's Society

## The Children's Society Box Opening

The Children's Society Box Opening was held at my home on 16th January 2018.

A number of people managed to attend on the day,  
which was good for the eight helpers to keep them busy.

I would like to thank the helpers and people who did attend.

We enjoyed a good get together for a chat and the scones, biscuits, tea and coffee.

### The Raffle winners were:

**Debbie Rogers** – large box of After Eight mints

**Mary Sykes** – bottle of perry wine

**Jean Kiddell** – Box of Belgian biscuits.

**June Warin** – Lindermans white wine.

**Kath Smales** – large box of Ferrero Rocher chocolates

**Karilyn Siddington** – a Whistles scarf

It took a few weeks to get all the boxes in but once counted,  
the total amount to be sent to the Children's Society was a magnificent £918.75,  
that is slightly less than last year.

Thank you so much to all who contributed and the helpers on the day.  
God Bless you ALL.

**Margaret Routledge**

# 100 club winners February 2018

W/E 4th	(171) Mr A King	(84) Susan Hopkins	(12) Mrs J Warin
W/E 11th	(171) Mr A King	(55) Mrs M Shippey	(15) Mrs S Stott
W/E 18th	(167) Mr H Wilkinson	(37) Mrs E Burnell	(100) Mrs V Harris
W/E 25th	(27) Mrs C Hewitson	(90) Mrs E Hewitson	(71) Miss L Hastings



## An inscription from a grave stone in a country churchyard

ERE lies a poor woman who was always tired,  
She lived in a house where help wasn't hired:  
Her last words on earth were:  
    'Dear friends, I am going  
To where there's no cooking, or washing, or sewing,  
    For everything there is exact to my wishes,  
For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes.  
I'll be where loud anthems will always be ringing,  
    But having no voice  
I'll be spared of the singing  
Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never,  
I am going to do nothing for ever and ever

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

## Sidepersons

- 1 Margaret Routledge and  
Olwen Hopkins
- 8 Janet Henwood and  
Linda Nixon
- 15 Sheila and Victor Spencer
- 22 Kath and Jamie Webb
- 29 Florence and Ray Harris

## Lectors

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

## Offertory

- 1 Kath and Jamie Webb
- 8 Mothers' Union
- 15 Sheila and Victor Spencer
- 22 Flower Guild
- 29 Mary Sykes

## Flower Guild

- 1 Easter Flowers
- 8 Easter Flowers
- 15 Easter Flowers
- 22 Easter Flowers
- 29 Margaret Routledge

**Sunday/ Wednesday  
Coffee Morning and  
Church Cleaning**

**Please see notice board  
at back of Church for rota –  
thank you.**



# St. Margaret's Church Centre User Groups

**For letting enquiries contact the Church Office on 01642 597454  
or email: [letting@stmargaretsbrookfield.org.uk](mailto:letting@stmargaretsbrookfield.org.uk)**

<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	Hazel McDonnell 01642 592248

## Ward Councillors for all 3 Parishes

### Stainton and Thornton Ward

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Kevin Faulks IBIS . . . . . 01642 764874

Sally Ann Watson Con. . . . . 0779 5012445

### Kader (Brookfield) Ward

Ronald Arundale Con. . . . . 01642 288504

Jordan Blyth Lab. . . . . 07818857783

### Trimdon Ward

Dennis McCabe Ind. . . . . 07847305660

Jean Sharrocks Lab. . . . . 01642 591335



# TODDLER GROUP

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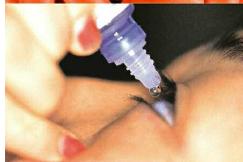


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