



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

MAY 2018

THE MESSENGER



 **THE FROG**

 **THE COST**

 **14TH MAY – ST MATTHIAS – APOSTLE**

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

For all enquiries

Open Tuesday and Thursday

10.30am – 12:30pm

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10.00am – 12 noon

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HALL BOOKINGS

**For St Margaret's Church
Brookfield**

Church Office 01642 597454

MESSENGER DISTRIBUTION

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**Contributions for Messenger to
Church Office via email please**

Dear friends

The Reverend Ron Smith (A letter from his widow)

ON behalf of Victoria, Nathan, Robbie and myself I would like to say a huge thank you to one and all who have shown such love care and kindness, both before and following the death of my husband.

Down the years he touched many lives and it has been both heartwarming and humbling to hear and read the lovely comments and memories that so many have wanted to share with us.

He loved to sing and at his funeral, you did him proud!

It was Ron's big sing.

Again, many thanks for your prayers, support and hugs.

Lesley Smith

(The Vicar is on her Extended Study Leave hence no letter of introduction)



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.



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.

At our last event on 3rd April we felt truly blessed with a 'trio of talent'. We had Hugh and Emma Alberti along with their 3rd child Ellie to enrich our evening of teaching and worship.

The room had a good vibe and everyone enjoyed Sally's wonderful chocolate cake.

The cake was homemade, especially for Easter with lots of miniature chocolate eggs on the top.

Barbara also brought to the table, buttered hot cross buns which were also very apt for this season of hope and celebration.

Please note that our next event will be held in Hilton Village hall on Tuesday 1st May commencing 7.30pm.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Becky Tyndall from St. Barnabas', Linthorpe.

We look forward to hearing what God has put on her heart as she shares with us.

Everyone is welcome.

Find out more at our Filling Station Webpage:

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

Angela Sayer

What's on ...

May 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.

Services

April 16th to July 15th inclusive

Date	Brookfield 9.15am unless otherwise stated	Stainton 10.45am unless otherwise stated	Hilton 6pm unless otherwise stated
22 nd April 3 rd Sunday after Easter Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18	Holy Communion Howard Smith	Holy Communion (Rob Desics)	Holy Communion + Paul
29 th April 4 th Sunday after Easter Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8	Holy Communion Howard Smith	Holy Communion Howard Smith	Morning Praise Noel Harker
6 th May 5 th Sunday after Easter Acts 10:44-end John 15:9-17	Holy Communion Pauline Percy	Holy Communion Pauline Percy	Evensong + Paul
13 th May Sunday after Ascension Acts 1:15-17,21-end John 17:6-19	Holy Communion + Paul	Family Communion + Paul	Holy Communion + Paul
20 May Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Communion for all ages Archdeacon	Holy Communion Archdeacon	Morning Praise 9.30am Noel Harker
27 th May Trinity Sunday Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	Holy Communion Howard Smith	Holy Communion Rob Desics	Holy Communion Rob Desics
3 rd June Trinity 1 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Mark 2:23-3:6	Holy Communion Archdeacon	Holy Communion Archdeacon	Evensong Stuart Turner
10 th June Trinity 2 1 Samuel 8:4-11 Mark 3:20-end	Holy Communion Great Ayton Team	Family Communion Great Ayton Team	Holy Communion Rob Desics
17 th June Trinity 3 1 Samuel 15:36-16:13 Mark 4:26-34	Communion for all ages Great Ayton Team	Holy Communion Great Ayton Team	Morning Praise 9.30am Noel Harker
24 th June The birth of John the Baptist Acts 13:14b-26 Luke 1 25-66; 80	Holy Communion + Paul	Holy Communion (Rob Desics)	Holy Communion Archdeacon

Wednesdays at Brookfield Holy Communion at 9.30am (use the readings for the previous Sunday)

18 th April	+ Paul
25 th April	Rev Anne Heading
2 May	Rev Howard Smith
9 May	+ Paul
16 th May	Rob Desics
23 May	Rob Desics
30 May	Rev Anne Heading
6 June	Rob Desics
13 th June	Archdeacon
20 th June	Rob Desics
27 June	Rob Desics

Thursdays at Stainton at Holy Communion at 11.30am (use the readings for the previous Sunday)

19 th April	Angela Bailey
17 th May	Angela Bailey
21 st June	Angela Bailey

10th May – Ascension Day – 7pm at Hilton Rev Howard Smith

Acts 1:1-11; John 17:6-9

14th May – St Matthias – Apostle

ON the 14th May the church remembers St Matthias the man chosen as the 12th disciple to replace Judas. In Acts of the Apostles we hear that Matthias had followed Jesus from the time of his Baptism until his Ascension. Early Christian writers Clement of Alexandria and Eusebius of Caesarea recorded that Matthias was among the 72 disciples who were sent out in pairs by Jesus. He was with the disciples on the day of Pentecost but is not mentioned again in the New Testament but it is generally believed that Matthias ministered in Judaea and then carried out missions to foreign places. Greek tradition states that he Christianized Cappadocia, a mountainous district now in central Turkey, later journeying to the region about the Caspian Sea, where he was martyred by crucifixion and, according to other legends, chopped apart.

The things children say...

- Carla, age 10 asked “Are there any devils on earth?” “Because I think there may be one in my class”.—
- Arnold, age 8, said “I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister.”
- “My mum is very religious,” said Annette, age 9. “She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold”.
- Stephen, age 8, says “I would like to go to Heaven someday because I know my brother won’t be there.”
- “My dad says I should learn the Ten Commandments,” said Joshua, age 10. “But I don’t think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house.”
- Marie, age 9 asked “How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers?”

Joan Mason

Picture Gallery

Pictures from the good Friday children's Craft morning, where they enjoyed a couple of Easter DVD'S, had snacks and crafted all morning, a good time was had by all.





THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



THE international distress signal “Mayday” is used internationally as a distress signal in voice-procedure radio communications.

It is used to signal a life-threatening emergency primarily by aviators and mariners, but in some countries local organizations such as fire-fighters, police forces, and transportation organizations also use the term. The call is always given three times in a row (“Mayday Mayday Mayday”) to prevent its being mistaken for some similar-sounding phrase under noisy conditions, and to distinguish an actual mayday call from a message about a mayday call. If a Mayday call cannot be sent because a radio is not available, a variety of other distress signals and calls for help can be used. Additionally, a mayday call can be sent on behalf of one vessel by another; this

is known as a mayday relay.

Civilian aircraft making a mayday call in United States airspace are encouraged by the Federal Aviation Administration to use the following.

Mayday, Mayday, Mayday; (Name of station addressed); Aircraft call sign and type; Nature of emergency; Weather; Pilot's intentions and/or requests; Present position and heading, or if lost then last known position and heading and time when aircraft was at that position; Altitude or Flight level; Fuel remaining in minutes; Number of souls on board; Any other useful information

Making a false distress call is a criminal offence in many countries, punishable by fine restitution or possible imprisonment

The word Mayday was created in 1923 by Frederick Stanley Mockford, a senior

radio officer at London's Croydon Airport. That now closed facility once had many flights to and from Le Bourget airport in Paris.

According to the National Maritime Museum, Mockford coined Mayday from the French word *m'aider*, which means "help me," a shortened form of *venez m'aider* ('come and help me')

For situations that are less than life-threatening, one of several other urgent messages can be conveyed. For example, "Pan-Pan" — from the French word *panne*, which means "breakdown" — can be used to signal an urgent situation involving a mechanical or medical issue. Another signal is "Securite"—from the French word *sécurité*, which means "safety." Securite is often used to convey a message about safety, such as bad weather or navigation hazards. Like mayday, these phrases are usually repeated three times to

avoid confusion.

Throughout King David's life, he faced life threatening situations for which there seemed to be no way out. Yet we read in psalm 86 that during his darkest hours, David's confidence was in the Lord, "Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

David also saw beyond the immediate danger by asking God to lead his steps. "Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name." When the crisis was past, he wanted to keep walking with God. The most difficult situations we face can become doorways to a deeper relationship with the Lord. This begins when we call him to help us in our trouble, and also lead us each day in his way.

David Gatenby



The Frog

ONCE upon a time there was a bunch of tiny frogs...who arranged a climbing competition.

Their goal was to reach the top of a very high tower, and so a big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on all the contestants.

The race then began!

But quite honestly no one in the crowd really believed that such tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. They were saying "its far to difficult they will never make it to the top," and "not a chance that they will succeed as the tower is to high."

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one....Except for those who were a bit stronger and kept climbing higher and higher..

The crowd continued to yell, "It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!" More tiny frogs got tired and gave up....

But one continued higher and higher and higher long after all of the others had given up and dropped back down to the bottom and he, after a big effort, actually made it to the top!

All of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it.

One contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach his goal! But he didn't hear him, and he shouted the question again but he still didn't hear, so he shouted at the top of his voice, which was really loud for such a tiny frog. But he still couldn't hear him, why? Because he was deaf!



How much more could we do if we, like the frog turned a deaf ear to all those who say we can't.

David Gatenby



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

At our April meeting, we were pleased to welcome
Mrs Pauline Rowell, (who is a member of Stainton branch) who spoke to us
about "Women who Inspire".

After an enjoyable talk, we sang couple of hymns, (we don't normally
have music at our meetings, so this was also enjoyable).

On May 12th, we are holding a coffee morning, in aid of
charity; tickets are now on sale. (Price £1).

We would appreciate any tombola prizes before the event please.

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, Stainton

This month we welcome Lorraine Belsey, from the Herriot Hospice as our
speaker on Monday May 21st At 7.00pm in the Parish room.
All are welcome to come along.

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

The cash collected for our charity from St Margaret's Service on the last Sunday in February went to:



We raised a total of £95

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



Teesside Hospice exists to enhance the quality of life for those suffering from advanced cancer and other life limiting illnesses.

They provide a range of services for patients, families and carers, in the belief that each person is entitled to dignity and choice through a range of services including, palliative care, respite care, day care, bereavement counselling and more, to over 3000 people in the Teesside area.

Their annual running costs are in excess of £2.5 million.

They receive one third of these costs from the local NHS and must therefore raise approximately £5,500 each and every day to continue providing their care.

Please give generously.

If you need more information please visit:

www.teessidehospice.org

Schedules and Rotas for May 2018

St. Margaret's, Brookfield

Sidepersons

- 6 Janet and Malcolm Granville
- 13 Margaret Routledge and
Olwen Hopkins
- 20 Janet Henwood and
Linda Nixon
- 27 Sheila and Victor Spence

Lectors

- 6 Jamie Webb
- 13 David Clark
- 20 Jill Fox
- 27 Betty Spragg

Offertory

- 6 Mothers' Union
- 13 Sheila and Victor
Spencer
- 20 Flower Guild
- 27 Mary Sykes



Sunday/ Wednesday Coffee Morning and Church Cleaning

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

100 club winners March 2018

W/E 4th	(66) Mrs M Routledge	(105) Mrs K Chapman	(46) Mrs J Henwood
W/E 11th	(142) Mr M Granville	(37) Mrs E Burnell	(140) Mrs K Smales
W/E 18th	(68) Ms M Lewis	(55) Mrs M Shippy	(23) Mrs L Wright
W/E 25th	(31) Mrs J Henwood	(4) Mrs H Southam	(112) Mrs O Hopkins

KEVIN sat back in his leather chair after he hung up the phone with a surreal sense of completion. He was now a millionaire. He took a moment to think back on his journey to the top.

He remembered growing up in a small town in Kent. Kevin did not recall a day he was hungry or cold or barefoot, but he remembered being restless. His mind would wander as his dad would read the bible to him before going to bed. He often questioned his mother about her contentment with their small house and simple furniture. He had wanted so much more.

A twinge of guilt tugged at his conscience when he thought of how long it had been since he had spoken to his mother. He had called to tell her he would not be able to come home for dad's funeral last year. He had had an important business meeting that could not be rescheduled. His mother had sent his father's old bible to him, and he vaguely remembered the closet he had put it in.

He didn't like calling home anyway. His mother was always quoting the bible and she never failed to ask him if he was going to church. He had

tried to stay in church after he left home, but grew disillusioned and confused with the social networking, the overt hypocrisy, and the superficial relationships. His Vicar back home may have been boring, but he truly believed what he preached.

So did his dad. Till the day he died.

But all that stuff about being a servant to be a leader, and the last being first may be okay for eternity, but not in the real world. In these competitive economic times, being humble and selfless would get you nowhere. Where had it got his parents? According to the address on the last letter he had yet to open, his mother still lived in the same old house.

Maybe he would go home for Christmas. He would use his money to fix up the house and maybe donate some to the church down there. He would show them that though he loved money, he was not evil.

His ex-fiancée might disagree with him, he thought, as another stab of remorse made him frown.

Linda. He had met her at one of the churches he had attended for a while. She seemed to be the perfect

Cost

addition to his climb to success, but it was soon evident she wanted more than an occasional phone call. She wanted him to make more time for her and for the GOD. But time was money; and he only had time to make more money. She had warned him with tears that a good name is rather to be chosen than riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. He recalled laughing sarcastically as he walked out the door. She reminded him of his dad and that old preacher.

Sure he had lost a few things in his pursuit. He had sacrificed some relationships, and arguably he had compromised on some beliefs and values, but it's not like he had totally sold out. He had not robbed a bank and he hadn't murdered anyone. Hopefully it didn't count that he had thought about it more than once.

His mental walk down memory lane was interrupted by his secretary

letting him know she was leaving for the day. He should leave too. He'd go home and have a drink like he always did when his conscience bothered him. Wasn't there some verse in the bible that said a little wine was good for the stomach? So what if he drank more than a little sometime. Nothing was going to ruin this day for him. The deal was settled and by this time next week, he would be able to buy the company he now worked for.

The next morning Kevin Martin was found dead in his penthouse apartment. On the floor they found an unopened bottle of nitro-glycerine tablets. On the bed next to him was an old tattered bible. Ironically it was opened to the page with this verse underlined:

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

David Gatenby

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	Hazel McDonnell 01642 592248

Ward Councillors for all 3 Parishes

Stainton and Thornton Ward

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Stockton Council Hilton is in Ingleby Barwick East Ward

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Jordan Blyth Lab. 07818857783

Trimdon Ward

Dennis McCabe Ind. 07847305660

Jean Sharrocks Lab. 01642 591335



TODDLER GROUP

9:30am to 11:30am Mondays*
At St Margaret's Church Hall
The Oval, Brookfield

£1/first child & 50p/extra child
(Includes hot drink & juice)

NO CHARGE FOR ADULTS!

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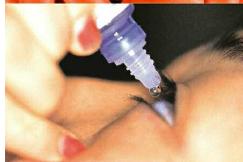


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