



*The Parish Churches of  
Brookfield, Stainton &  
Hilton*

DECEMBER 2018

# THE MESSENGER



**STEPHANIE BARRATT OUR  
NEW ADMINISTRATOR**



**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**



**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**



50p

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**Wednesdays at Brookfield**

10.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Coffee Morning

**Stainton – 15th**

11.30am Holy Communion

**CHURCH OFFICE**

**Office closed until further notice!**

**HALL BOOKINGS**

**For St Margaret's Church  
Brookfield**

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# Dear friends

## To all my friends

Every year the Church of England has an advertising campaign to reach out to people at Christmas. This year the campaign is "Follow the Star". The website introduction to the campaign says:

For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases.

"For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time – nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media.

"But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey."

<https://www.churchofengland.org/christmas>

The website offers access to prayers and reflection but there is also a free app available for IOS and android devices which make it all so much more accessible. There is also a book available for those who prefer to use a hard copy.

This is a way for each one of us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and I hope that everyone will take the opportunity. I pray that you will all have a wonderful Christmas time and that you will all know God's blessings in the New Year.

## Training to Minister

All Christians have a ministry. The diocese recognises this and offers training programmes to help equip everyone to undertake their ministry whatever that might be. This training includes courses on listening and dementia awareness, children's work, prayer ministry, leading worship, mission, church warden's duties and many more.

Whether you attend a course or simply a one-off session, training is not just a good way of learning to minister better, it can be a good opportunity to discuss and share with Christians from other churches. Some people say that this is the most valuable aspect!

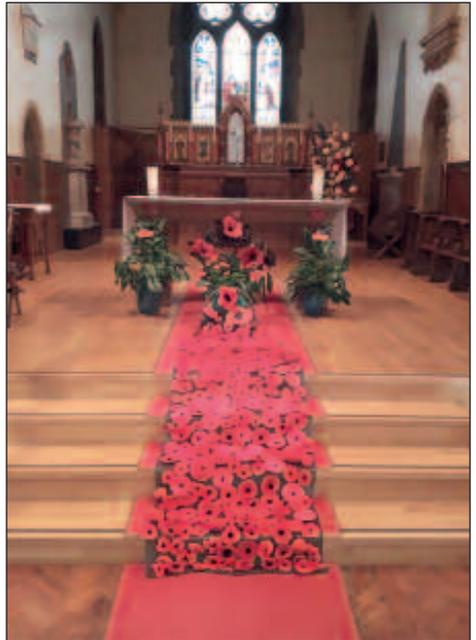
If you would like to learn more about training that you might find helpful please come along to an open evening at 7pm on 8 January 2019 at Stainton church when Rev Angela Bailey, the training adviser for this area, will be coming. to explain what is available through the general training programme and for us as a plurality.

# Remembrance Sunday

Many thanks to Brookfield Line dancers and Social Group for the kind donations for the Remembrance flowers and Christmas flowers, from St Margaret's Flower Guild.

Also many thanks to the Flower Guild from all the church members for such a wonderful display.

**Judy Cook.**



## Services 2nd December to 27th January 2019 inclusive

<b>Date</b>	<b>Brookfield</b> 9.15am unless otherwise stated	<b>Stainton</b> 10.45am unless otherwise stated	<b>Hilton</b> Timings vary
<b>9th December</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>Advent 2</b> <b>Malachi 3:1-4</b> <b>Luke 3:1-6</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>VH</b>  <b>4pm Christingle</b> <b>team</b>	<b>Advent Praise</b> <b>Family Communion</b> <b>VH</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>8am</b> <b>VH</b>
<b>16th December</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>Advent 3</b> <b>Zephaniah 3:14-end</b> <b>Luke 3:7-18</b>	<b>10am Nativity with</b> <b>Blessing of Crib and</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>VH</b> <b>Joint Carol Service</b> <b>at St Clare's Time</b> <b>3pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Angela Bailey</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Noel Harker</b>
<b>23rd December</b> <b>Purple</b> <b>Advent 4</b> <b>Micah 5:2-5a</b> <b>Luke 1:39-45</b>	<b>Blessing of Crib and</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>VH</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>VH</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>8am</b> <b>VH</b>
<b>24th December</b> <b>White</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Isaiah 52:7-10</b> <b>John 1:1-14</b>		<b>Crib Service 4pm</b> <b>team</b>  <b>1st Communion of</b> <b>Christmas 8pm VH</b>	<b>2pm Service of</b> <b>Hope and</b> <b>Remembrance VH</b>
<b>25th December</b> <b>White</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Isaiah 9:2-7</b> <b>Luke 2:1-14</b>	<b>Christmas Day Holy</b> <b>Communion at</b> <b>10am VH</b>		
<b>30th December</b> <b>White</b> <b>Christmas 1</b> <b>Psalms 148</b> <b>Luke 2:41-end</b>	<b>Joint Service of</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>10am</b> <b>Bishop Paul</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>6th January White</b> <b>Epiphany</b> <b>Isaiah 60:1-6</b> <b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>	<b>No Service</b>	<b>Joint Service of</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>VH</b>	<b>No Service</b>
<b>13th January White</b> <b>Baptism of Jesus</b> <b>Isaiah 43:1-7</b> <b>Luke 3:15—22</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>VH</b>	<b>Family Holy</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>10.45am VH</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>8am VH</b>
<b>20th January White</b> <b>Epiphany 3</b> <b>1 Corinthians 12:1-</b> <b>11</b> <b>John 2:1-11</b>	<b>Communion for all</b> <b>ages VH</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>10.45am VH</b>	<b>Morning praise</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Noel Harker</b>
<b>27th January Red</b> <b>Conversion of St</b> <b>Paul</b> <b>Acts 9:1-22</b> <b>Matthew 19:27-end</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>10.45am Rob Desics</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>8am VH</b>

Wednesdays at Brookfield Holy Communion 10am (use the readings for the previous Sunday) but no services on 26th December and 2nd January.

Mid-week Carol Services: Wed 19th December at 7pm – Stainton Memorial Hall (joint with Methodists)

Fri 21st December at 7pm – Hilton Church

**Other Services in month:** Stainton MU Advent Devotion Mon 3rd Dec at 7pm

Hilton Village Hall Christmas Filling Station 7th Dec at 7.30pm

Brookfield MU Advent Devotion Tue 11th Dec at 2pm

# An introduction to our new Church Administrator

My name is Stephanie Barratt and I completed my BA(Hons) Open Degree through The Open University, studying part-time over 6 years whilst myself and my husband raised our 2 children Jack and Connie Rose, and my husband ran our family farm. The subjects that I studied were: English, German, Creative Writing, Psychology, Religious Studies and Renaissance Art.

I had a wonderful day at my Graduation Ceremony at The Sage, in Gateshead on Thursday 8th November, accompanied by my Husband, Matthew and my Dad, Tony.



Warm wishes,  
Stephanie Barratt – Church Administrator  
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## Drop In

The Drop In at St Margaret's Church, Brookfield, is every Thursday afternoon from 2pm till 4pm.

Since we started last October we have seen a steady stream of people wanting to come and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. People stay for as long as they wish (refills are plenty!) It is a chance to meet people and make new friends. It is very friendly and informal.

We also have a book exchange which is proving very popular. Thanks to everyone who has provided books for us along with all the volunteers  
Unwanted books are taken to a charity shop for other people to enjoy.

Please pass the word to friends and neighbours as we would love to welcome more people.

Stainton Parish Church have their Drop In on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm till 4pm. All very welcome.

**Janet Granville**

# What's on ...

## December 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.

### 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.



## HILTON FILLING STATION

### The Filling Station Christmas Meeting

4th December at 7.30pm – Hilton Village Hall

The filling station is a monthly mid-week opportunity for Christians to worship together. We enjoy good coffee and cakes, informal worship, teaching and prayer. This evening we are having an Advent / Christmas party and will sing a selection of our favourite songs. Newcomers always welcome.

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

Angela Sayer

# The Magi



**I**N many churches there are windows depicting the presentation of gifts by the 3 wise men, kings, or Magi, depending on your view. The visit of the Magi is commemorated by the observance of Epiphany on the 6th January.

But who are these people who have given us such a magnificent example of faith, just imagine what it would take for you to pack

up and follow your belief. Think of how long they must have been travelling. Just looking at the map we can see that the distance between from Babylon to Bethlehem is about 600 miles. Such a distance by camel must have taken many months, and that's without any preparation, and pondering on the reason for the star appearing.

Matthew (2:1-12) is the only writer that tells us of the visit of the Magi, although he doesn't tell how many they were, we assume the number three from the gifts. The Magi are popularly referred to as wise men and kings. As part of their religion, these priests paid particular attention to the stars, and gained an international reputation for astrology, which was at that time highly regarded as a science. Their religious practices and use of astrology caused derivatives of the term Magi to be applied to the occult in general and led to the English term magic. The King James Version of the Bible names them as wise men. Their identification as kings is often linked to the Old Testament prophecies such as that in Isaiah 60:3, which describe the Messiah being worshipped by kings.

Traditions identify a variety of different names for the Magi. We commonly know them as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar, from the carol. These names are apparently derived from a Greek manuscript probably composed in Alexandria around 500 A.D.,

But what of those strange gifts also so explicitly identified in Matthew: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As you may expect there are many different theories of the meaning and symbolism of these gifts. Probably gold is the easiest to

accept and explain, frankincense, and particularly myrrh, are much more obscure.

Though Bible historians over the years have presented many theories they appear to fall into two groups: The first is that all three of the gifts are ordinary offerings and gifts given to a king. Myrrh being commonly used as anointing oil, frankincense as a perfume, and gold as a valuable. However alternative theories give the three gifts a more spiritual meaning: gold is stated as a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (which is incense) as a symbol of priestship, and myrrh embalming oil) as a symbol of death. An alternative eluded to in the carol "We Three Kings" in which the magi describe their gifts, is that gold symbolises virtue, frankincense symbolises prayer, and myrrh symbolises suffering.

Mathew tells us that they came from the East, traditionally the view is that they were Babylonian or Persians or Jews from Yemen, The majority belief was they were from Babylon, which was the centre of Zurvanism, and hence astrology, at the time.

Mathew tells us that they found Jesus by following his star, the Star of Bethlehem. As you may expect there are a number of theories as to the nature of this star. Johannes Kepler (imperial astronomer for Rudolph II of Germany), appears to be the first to speculate, just before Christmas 1603 he observed a pairing of Jupiter with Saturn from his observatory in Prague, and speculated that this or a supernova could have happened at the time of Jesus' birth. Mark Kidger an astronomer at Spain's Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias, in the Canary Islands agrees and put forward a scenario some years ago that the Star, which the Magi first saw in the east at dawn, would have risen an hour earlier every two weeks until it was almost exactly due south at dawn. So when the Magi set out for Bethlehem, travelling south from Jerusalem, they would have once again seen the Star before them, appearing like it "hovered" right above Jesus' birthplace, and by the time the Magi reached there the nova might have started to fade.

We can only marvel at the Magi's faith and at the sight that they travelled so far to see. May we see that faith this Christmas.

# “Home Comforts”

## **A follow up to last month’s article which Julia Ardley wrote about Red Cross Hospitals**

This is the title of a book written by Eileen Brereton and Anne Wall who have been and still are researching details of the local Red Cross Auxiliary Hospitals in the North Riding of Yorkshire during the 1914 - 18 war.

We had the pleasure of them speaking to Stainton Mothers’ Union in October together with many interesting articles from the First World War They had a great selection of 1st World War medals...I spotted one which is similar to my paternal great aunt’s thanking her for her Volunteer Aid Detachment (VAD) work during the war.

Miss Ethel Oliver lived in Grange Road and would serve at Holgate Hospital, Middlesbrough - at the time of writing cannot find her name listed but a lot of records were lost or not written up.

Looking on the site [www.northridingvadhospitals.co.uk](http://www.northridingvadhospitals.co.uk) this makes fascinating reading following Northern Echo and various links.

I proudly wore this medal at the Remembrance Services in the Memorial Hall on the Saturday and Stainton Church on the Sunday. I am going to donate these items to Eileen and Anne to add to their display as it is in it’s original box together with a letter from London from the Army Council. “The success of the Red Cross Society and the order of St John has been due to the faithful work of their members.” Also a letter from Lady Bell ( Gertrude Bell’s mother) President of the North Riding of Yorkshire Branch of Red Cross and Order of St John of Jerusalem

It was mentioned that I was going to Wydale with Mothers’ Union and was asked to find out what information they had as Wydale had also been a hospital. I took photos out of the Home Comforts book of the Wydale book and some photos taken there. There were also details when it opened in December 1914 and closed in June 1915 having 15 beds and treated 60 patients. The Commandant was Mrs Illingworth who was the owner of the house.

There was no sign of this book at Wydale possibly the owner kept it! My photos and information were received well. I took another photo and text hanging in the library for Eileen and Anne, that was all they had at Wydale!

**Elizabeth Revett nee Oliver**

# THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

## The Real Story of Christmas

**T**O fully appreciate the story of Christmas we must look at three things:

1. Who God called to tell the story (Shepherds)

In first century Palestine they were considered to be the lowest in society, yet God selected them to tell the greatest story. Perhaps that is because some of us would have debated the story or even denied it, not them: They spread the word.

This answers the question, "could God use someone like me?" yes you don't need to be a scholar, just tell people what you have seen and heard and the change Jesus has made to your life.

2. The response to those who heard the story:

"All who heard it were amazed." The grace of God is amazing: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them, and he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

The gospel is not good advice its good news. Your sin debt is cancelled, your books are reconciled, and now you can have a personal relationship with God by putting your trust in Christ. It doesn't get any better.



3. Mary's part in the story.

The angel replied "the holy spirit will come upon you."

Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

She wanted to understand what God was doing and how it related to her, and we need to do that too.

God had a unique plan for Mary, and he has one for us too. We are privileged to see into the future and we don't know what God has in store for us, but he has a plan. After the



angel spoke to Mary, notice what she said! “be it unto me according to thy word” Not according to your social status, or your job description or your finances, or what you deserve. No “be it unto me according to thy word” was that easy to say or believe no, she was taking an extreme risk. To be pregnant and unmarried brought dire consequences in those days. Yet she gave



herself willingly to God and the results were miraculous and God can do the same for us.

**David Gatenby**



# *Christmas Coffee Morning*

*Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December*

*10am – 12pm*

*Brookfield Church Hall*

*Tea/Coffee & Christmas Cake £2*

*Raffle*

*Chocolate Tombola*

*Handmade Christmas Wreaths*

*Free Entry*



# Schedules and Rotas for December 2018 / January 2019 St. Margaret's, Brookfield

## Sidepersons

### December 2018

- 2 Janet & Malcolm Granville
- 9 Margaret Routledge & Olwen Hopkins
- 16 Janet Henwood & Linda Nixon
- 23 Sheila & Vic Spence
- 30 Kath & Jamie Webb

### January 2019

- 6 Florence & Ray Harris
- 13 Janet & Malcolm Granville
- 20 Margaret Routledge & Olwen Hopkins
- 27 Janet Henwood & Linda Nixon

## Lectors

### December 2018

- 2 Betty Spragg
- 9 Jill Fox
- 16 Vic Spence
- 23 Jamie Webb
- 30 Ray Harris

### January 2019

- 6 Betty Spragg
- 13 Jill Fox
- 20 Vic Spence
- 27 Jamie Webb

## Offertory / Flower Donors

### December 2018

- 2 Flower Guild (Advent)

- 9 Mary Sykes
- 16 Mothers Union
- 23 Kath & Jamie Webb  
Christmas Flowers
- 30 Sheila & Vic Spence  
Christmas Flowers

### January 2019

- 6 Flower Guild  
Len Brighty
- 13 Mary Sykes  
Margaret Andrew
- 20 Mothers Union
- 27 Kath & Jamie Webb  
Thompson Family

## Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

### December 2018

- 2 Karylin Saddington /  
Grace Whitehead
- 9 Florence Harris / Kath Webb
- 16 Janet Granville / Jean Kiddell
- 23 Margaret Andrew /  
Olwen Hopkins
- 30 Linda Nixon / Margaret Routledge

### January 2019

- 6 Janet Henwood /  
Heather Southam
- 13 Judy Cook /  
Mary Sykes
- 20 Karylin Saddington /  
Grace Whitehead
- 27 Florence Harris /  
Kath Webb



# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

## BROOKFIELD BRANCH

We meet on the second Tuesday each month at 2pm at St Margaret's Church Hall.

At our November meeting, we were pleased to have as our speaker, the Rev Bill Dewing, accompanied by his wife Ann. The subject of his talk, which was very enlightening, was about the history and the work of the USPG.

We followed this with a lovely Faith Tea, to belatedly celebrate Freda and Dennis Fords Golden Wedding Anniversary. We presented them with a Golden Wedding rosebush, and we were joined by the husbands of some of the members.

I would like to thank all the members for providing the food, especially Francis Andrew (Margaret's daughter-in-law) for a lovely cake, (which was also enjoyed by people after the Wednesday morning service the following day)

On Monday, 3rd December, at 7 pm, we are joining with Stainton church for an Advent Devotion Led by the vicar and followed by a Faith Supper. Please see me about lifts. **Florence.**

In November, our speaker will be the Rev. Bill Dewing  
**Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)**

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## STAINTON BRANCH

We meet on the third Monday each month at 7pm in the Parish Room of St Peter & St Paul Church, Stainton.

Our Advent Devotion will be on Monday December 3rd 7pm in the Parish Room, All are welcome to join us and it has been opened to all in Stokesley Deanery, it would be lovely to see many there.

Members and friends will be going for a Christmas Lunch on Thursday 6th of December at Strikes Stokesley.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday January 21st 2019, when we will need to elect new officers.

"PLEASE NOTE", Our Advent Devotion will be on the 3rd of December, followed by a Faith Supper, all welcome.

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

## **BROOKFIELD & STANTON MOTHERS' UNIONS**

### **Mothers' Union First Official Christmas Raffle**

We are all being asked to try something a little different, which will create a much-needed opportunity to reach out beyond Mothers' Union Members.

We are asked to get involved and sell some raffle tickets, with cash prizes. Whether you sell a lot of tickets or just a few, you will make a difference to fight poverty, empower women and help family relationships. Please see, Florence at Brookfield and Judith at Stainton.

## **Coffee and Kids**

Coffee & Kids!!!! Is going great and they are all poking forward to the Christmas party on 19th December.

It has been an eventful time over the summer, with a number of our long standing and original children moving on to Nursery School, and the leaders wondering how many children we would still be attending in December!!

We are currently averaging about 12-16 children with their carers.

If anyone would like to help or know children who would enjoy a mornings play, snacks and singing, please come along to the Parish Room at Stainton on a Wednesday morning between 10am and 12 noon and have a word with the leaders (Joan, Bob, Judith and Vernon).

**Vernon Clare**

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## **God With Us**

There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. An angel said to them "do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising god and saying "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

"The shepherds said to one another, let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in a manger.

# SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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



**We raised a total of £129.12**

WaterAid is an international non-profit organization that was set up in 1981 as a response to the UN International Drinking Water & Sanitation decade (1981–1990). The organization was first established by on 21 July 1981 as a charitable trust at their main office premises in London. As of 2013, WaterAid had fundraising offices located in Australia, Japan, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States while working in 28 countries worldwide. Activities involve providing people with clean water, safe sanitation and hygiene education.



**The  
Children's  
Society**

I would like to thank all those who bought the Childers's Society Christmas cards. The purchases this year raised £186.25 – well done.

Box holders for the Children's Society are invited to my home (2 Topcliffe Drive Brookfield) on Tuesday 22nd January between 10am and 12 noon or 2pm to 4pm to have their box opened and counted. You will be able to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or a soft drink with biscuits and scones whilst your box is being opened. If you cannot come on the day you can leave your box in church for me to collect, I will then empty it and deliver it back.

New supporters are welcome to come along on the 22nd of January to collect a box. Many sincere thanks to all our supporters who have collected for the society over the years. Blessing's to you all, Margaret Routledge – 01642 592943

**Please note there will be no Messenger in January**

**Margaret Routledge**

# 100 club winners October 2018

W/E 7th	(129) Mrs. J King	(9) Miss S Rowell	(85) Mr. M Bell
W/E 14th	(53) Miss N Green	(57) Mary Walton	(10) Mrs. D Laville
W/E 21st	(123) Mr. R Ely	(62) Mrs. C Eyre	(167) Mrs. H Wilkinson
W/E 28th	(9) Miss S Rowell	(126) Mrs. D Harding	(2) Mrs. D Laville

## Christmas – what’s it all about

Christmas ... What’s it all about?

It’s not about buying gifts; it’s about sharing your gifts;

It’s not about wrapping presents, it’s about being present  
and wrapping your arms around the ones you love;

It’s not about getting your Christmas cards out on time,

It’s about letting people know you care, anytime, at the right time;

It’s not about having the biggest and best Christmas lights display,

It’s displaying the light that comes from your heart to those around you,

It’s not about Santa coming down the chimney,

It’s about Jesus coming down from heaven and giving us the gift of eternal life.



## 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.

# 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
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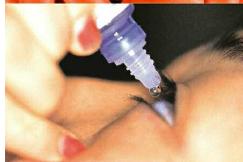


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