



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

JULY 2019

THE MESSENGER



DEAR FRIENDS



LIVING FOR OTHERS



THE BIG SING

50p

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St Peter Hilton

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Wednesdays at Brookfield

10.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Coffee Morning

Stainton – 15th

11.30am Holy Communion

HALL BOOKINGS

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Dear friends

To all my friends

THIS July my grand-daughter leaves primary school to start secondary school in the Autumn. I am reminded that, for many, the start of the school holidays marks the end of an era. They also confirm that summer is in full-swing.

It is a time when we like to be outdoors and all three churches are participating in events that will bring us out of our buildings. Hilton has its gala on Saturday 20th July and Stainton has its gala on Sunday 28th. Hilton church is also having a pet service and Stainton has "The Big Sing" (see details elsewhere). Brookfield is currently planning an event on 4th August with more details becoming available soon.

These events are good fun for those who participate but being outside makes us more visible to our communities. I hope that everyone will try to attend their outside events to show our communities that our churches are not just alive but are open to newcomers.

So please pray for the outside events. And then pray some more.

Let's make this a summer that everyone remembers for a good reason.

Vivienne

A Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing For our Pets

**14th July at 2.30pm
St Peter's, Hilton**

All Pets and their Owners are Welcome



Services July 2019

Date	Brookfield 9.15am unless otherwise stated	Stainton 10.45am unless otherwise stated	Hilton Timings vary
7 July Green Trinity 3 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11;16-20	No Service	10.30am Joint service of Holy Communion	No Service
14 July Green Trinity 4 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Holy Communion VH	All age Communion VH	2.30pm Pet Service with Blessing
21 July Green Trinity 5 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-end	Communion for all Ages VH	Holy Communion VH	9.30am Morning praise NH
28 July Green Trinity 6 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13	Holy communion VH	Holy Communion VH	8am Holy Communion VH

Wednesdays at Brookfield Holy Communion 10am (use the readings for the previous Sunday).

Weekend events:

Sunday 14th July – Pet Service at Hilton

Saturday 20th July – Hilton Gala

Sunday 21st July – Big Sing at 4pm

Sunday 28th July – Stainton Gala

The 20 Best Cathedrals in England



1. York Minster: The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Saint Peter in York, commonly known as York Minster, is the cathedral of York,

England, and is one of the largest of its kind in Northern Europe. The minster is the seat of the Archbishop of York, the third-highest office of the Church of England (after the monarch as Supreme Governor and the Archbishop of Canterbury), and is the church for the Diocese of York and the Province of York. It is run by a dean and chapter, under the Dean of York. The title "minster" is attributed to churches established in the Anglo-Saxon period as missionary teaching churches, and serves now as an honorific title. Services in the minster are sometimes regarded as on the High Church or Anglo-Catholic end of the Anglican continuum.

The site of the magnificent medieval building has always been an important one for the city. The remains of the Basilica, the ceremonial centre of the Roman fortress, have been found beneath the Minster building.

The first Christian church on the site has been dated to 627 and the first Archbishop of York was recognised by the Pope in 732.

A stone Saxon church survived Viking invasion in 866 but was ransacked by William the Conqueror's forces in 1069. William appointed his own Archbishop, Thomas, who by the end of the century had built a great Norman cathedral on the site.

The present Gothic-style church was designed to be the greatest cathedral in the kingdom. It was built over 250 years, between 1220 and 1472.

As the natural centre of the Church in the North, the Minster has often played an important role in great national affairs - not least during the turbulent years of the Reformation and the Civil War.

The minster, devoted to Saint Peter, has a very wide Decorated Gothic nave and chapter house, a Perpendicular Gothic quire and east end and Early English North and South transepts. The nave contains the West Window, constructed in 1338, and over the Lady Chapel in the east end is the Great East Window (finished in 1408), the largest expanse of medieval stained glass in the world. In the north transept is the Five Sisters Window, each lancet being over 53 feet (16.3 m) high. The south transept contains a rose window, while the West Window contains a heart-shaped design colloquially known as The Heart of Yorkshire.

David Gatenby

What's on ...

July 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

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.

COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids always surprises the leaders, we always have a good attendance every week, with usually one or two new members every month!!!! And as you will see from one of the pictures big people also have a good time!!!

Vernon Clare



HILTON FILLING STATION



OUR last Filling Station Event was held on Tuesday 4th June in Hilton Village Hall. We welcomed two members of the Alberti family from St Barnabas' Church, Linthorpe.

Miss Evie Alberti, who delivered wonderful worship with her guitar and lovely voice, and her father Hugh as our speaker for the evening. The topic Hugh chose to deliver an inspirational talk was on "Lessons from Tunisia" (Hugh and Emma and their family spent several years living in Tunisia and have a very interesting story to tell).

Our next event will feature a 'Summer Party' on Tuesday 2nd July.

We will be holding a (simple) summer barbecue; we are pleased that Dave Marley from Tees Valley Community Church will be our Guest Speaker sharing with us about the TVCC Daniel Challenge. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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

Angela Sayer

Drop In

The Drop In at St Margaret's Church, Brookfield which 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

Living for others

AS we approach the latter years of our life we realise that it is not what we do that matters but what we do for others. The most miserable people on earth are those who hate, hinder and hurt others, while the happiest are those who spend their lives helping others. The degree to which you are helpful is the degree to which you are happy, it's that simple.

The poet John Albert Holmes said "it's well to remember that the entire population of the universe, with one trifling exception is composed of others." So what are you doing for the others? How good are you at letting someone else take credit for what gets accomplished? Saint Paul wrote "honour one another above yourselves." Next time somebody shares their accomplishments, pay attention to your need to jump in and tell them something as good or better about yourself. When you do that, you minimise their joy, create distance between you, and so everybody loses. Instead bite your tongue, look at them and say "that's wonderful, tell me more," and mean it!

When you treat people this way two things happen:-

1. The other person enjoys your company because they sense that you're really there for them instead of sitting on the edge of your seat waiting your turn to speak.
 2. They feel that instead of competing with them you care about their success.
- Consequently your relationships grow stronger because you no longer need to grab all the attention and glory. It's called "living for others."

David Gatenby

Mans three needs

MUCH confusion exists in our world regarding the purpose of life. Many people are confused and uncertain about what to do with their lives. This passage, regarding Isaac, shows us the three basic needs of each person.

Worship—Isaac built an altar; he provided a place of worship; All who will experience a fulfilled life today must enjoy a peaceful relationship with God (John 4:24).

Home—Isaac pitched his tent; he made provision for his family. The family has always been a part of God's plan for man. To be happy one must strive to establish and maintain a happy home (Ephesians 5:21-33).

Work—Isaac also was concerned about his occupation. Because he was a shepherd, it was necessary for him to dig a well to provide for his sheep. God does not approve of "free loaders." He requires that people work and make a positive contribution to society (Ephesians 4:28).

The three basic needs of man have never changed. He needs to worship, and serve God, his creator. He needs the blessings that come from a happy home. He also needs to earn a livelihood for himself and for those dependent upon him. Also of importance is the order in which these three items appear in the text: religion comes first, followed by his family, and then the occupation. When these three items are in place the correct order, then God's plan for your life is complete.

Why go to Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

David Gatenby

Stainton Church Lady Chapel Roof Update

We have now received notification from the Diocese, that all the various groups (including Historic England) have completed their deliberations and have decided that we can use the alternative to lead on the roof.

Currently we have to display a notice for 28 days stating that we intend to seek final permission from York to carry out the work.

All being well hopefully we will have the roof repaired before the winter.

Vernon and Colin
Churchwardens St Peter and St Paul's Stainton

OPEN AIR SING

Bind Us Together

Led by

Rev Sue Greenwood and Rev Vivienne Hatton

with

LOCKWOOD BRASS BAND

MELDYKE SQUARE, STAINTON

Sunday, July 21st – 4pm

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Caesar Augustus is remembered as the first and greatest of the Roman Emperors. He replaced the Roman republic with an effective monarchy and during his long reign brought peace and stability.

Augustus was born Gaius Octavius on 23 September 63 BC in Rome. In 43 BC his great-uncle, Julius Caesar, was assassinated and in his will, Octavian, known as Octavian, was named as his heir. He fought to avenge Caesar and in 31 BC defeated Antony and Cleopatra at the Battle of Actium. He was now undisputed ruler of Rome.

Instead of following Caesar's example and making himself dictator, Octavian in 27 BC

founded the principate, a system of monarchy headed by an emperor holding power for life. His powers were hidden behind constitutional forms, and he took the name Augustus meaning 'lofty' or 'serene'. Nevertheless, he retained ultimate control of all aspects of the Roman state, with the army under his direct command.

At home, he embarked on a large programme of reconstruction and social reform. Rome was transformed from the clutter of rundown neighbourhoods into a city of marble statues and temples. Adoring Roman citizens referred to Augustus as the divine father and saviour of the human race. Augustus was also ensured that his image was promoted throughout his empire by

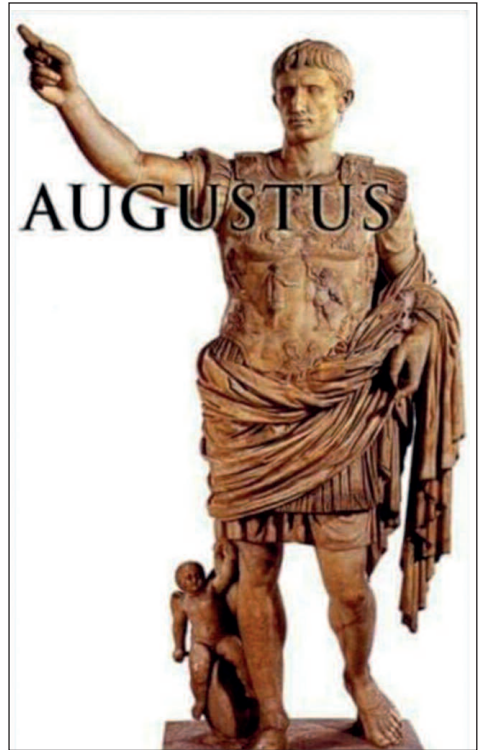
means of statues and coins.

Abroad, he created a standing army for the first time, and embarked upon a vigorous campaign of expansion designed to make Rome safe from the 'barbarians' beyond the frontiers, and to secure the Augustan peace.

As his 40 year reign came to an end, his official last words were "I found Rome a city of clay but left it a city of marble." According to his wife however his last words were actually, "have I played the part well then applaud as I exit".

Augustus was determined to be succeeded by someone of his own blood, but he had no sons, only a daughter, Julia, the child of his first wife. His nephew Marcellus and his beloved grandsons Gaius and Lucius predeceased him, so he reluctantly made Tiberius his heir.

What Augustus didn't know is that he'd been given a supporting role in a bigger story. In the shadow of his reign, the son of



a carpenter was born to reveal something far greater than any Roman military victory, temple, stadium or palace.

But who could have understood the glory Jesus prayed for on the night. His countrymen demanded his crucifixion by Roman executioners. Who could have foreseen the hidden wonder of a sacrifice that would be forever applauded in heaven and earth?

It's quite a story, our God found us chasing foolish dreams and fighting among ourselves. He left us singing together about an old rugged cross.

David Gatenby

Be all that you can be

“Be all that you can be!” “Aim high!” “You can be anything you set your mind to be! These are but a few examples of nice-sounding slogans intended to build up our self-esteem, or self-concept.

While it is true that we live in a nation of vast opportunities, it is not factual to say we can always be anything we want to be.

We all have limitations with which we must learn to deal. These limitations can be physical and/or mental. What each of us needs to do is come to grips with our own personal situation. This does not, in any way, mean that we cannot overcome obstacles by striving to improve our life, but in all our efforts we must remember who is providing our abilities, and watching over our lives.

We do not have to ride the wave to the top in order to find happiness. Very often happiness is right under our noses, yet we fail to smell the roses.

We may have the highest of ambitions, but if God has other plans (see Proverbs 16:9) we must find happiness where we are, and give it our all, and our all to the Lord.

If we place our trust in God, nothing else is of much consequence.

We can make the most of what we have been given. In this way, we will learn many valuable lessons, including patience.

So frequently, we look around and see what others have acquired or accomplished, and wonder why the same has not fallen into our lives. We must be willing to grow at our own pace, the pace God has set for us.

At the same time, we must not fail to do our part.

We are in this race together with God, and He will be there for us, if we are there for Him. Be all you can be for Him!

Schedules and Rotas for July 2019 St. Margaret's, Brookfield

Sidespersons

- 7 Joint service at Stainton
- 14 Florence & Ray Harris
- 21 Janet & Malcolm Granville
- 28 Margaret Routledge & Olwyn Hopkins

Lectors

- 7 Joint service at Stainton
- 14 Jill Fox
- 21 Victor Spencer
- 28 Ray Harris

Offertory

- 7 Joint service at Stainton
- 14 Flower Guild
- 21 Mothers' Union
- 28 Judy Cook & Margaret Shippey

Flower Donors

- 7 Jill Fox
- 14 Phyllis Wood
- 21

- 28 Roy Rowell & Dorothy Laville

Sunday morning Coffee

- 7 Joint service at Stainton
- 14 Janet Granville & Jean Kiddell
- 21 Margaret Andrew & Olwyn Hopkins
- 28 Linda Nixon & Margaret Routledge



The word for Multitaskers

ONE of the great buzzwords of this generation is multitasking. Used properly it can make you more productive, used wrongly such as trying to text someone whilst driving, it can kill you. You will not enjoy today, or the gifts it contains if you don't have a balanced attitude towards work.

One day Jesus visited the house of two sisters, Mary and Martha. What a contrast, Martha was overly occupied and too busy, while Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and soaked up everything he had to say. She was determined not to miss this precious moment. Jesus said that Mary had made a better choice than Martha but he did not tell Martha not to work only to stop getting frustrated and having a bad attitude while she worked.

Jesus wants you to work hard but he also wants you to be wise enough to realise when you should stop all activity and not miss the miracle of his presence in the moment. The Bible says "give your mind to what you are doing (Ecclesiastes 5; 1)

In other words, train yourself to focus your full attention in what you are involved in at any given time, then finish it before starting something else.

This kind of concentration requires discipline, but it's worth it because being able to focus helps you enjoy the present moment.

Breaking the habit of excessive multitasking may sound easy, but it's actually quite difficult. So be determined to form new balanced habits in this area. When you do the quality of your life will improve.

David Gatenby

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 June meeting we held the Wave of Prayer (held over from May). Four members helped me with the readings, and lighting the candles. Thank you.

We discussed our outing, and planned a coffee morning for Saturday 28th September. We have also received our banner back, and it has been excellently repaired by Jane Pearson who is also an M U member at St Martin's, Whinney Banks.

On Pentecost Sunday, Vivienne did a blessing for us, and we are taking it to the Deanery Festival at St Mary's church, Nunthorpe, on Thursday 13th June.

Our next meeting will be in church on Tuesday 10 September 2019.

Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)

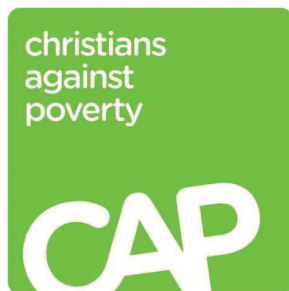
STANTON BRANCH

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

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 May went to:



We raised a total of £65.30

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

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Parkinson's is a progressive neurological condition, for which at the moment there is no cure. This is why they require the generosity and support of people like you to help fund their research to advance their understanding of Parkinson's and what causes it.

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Every hour, someone in the UK is told they have Parkinson's, a brain condition that turns their lives upside down, leaving a future full of uncertainty.

Their work is totally dependent on donations.

It's only with your help that they can continue their vital research projects, and provide support and information.

Help them to find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's, and bring forward the day when no one fears it.

If you need more information please visit:

www.parkinsons.org.uk

100 club winners April 2019

W/E 5th	(150) Mrs Jones	(26) Mrs M Elliott	(38) Mrs D Rodgers
W/E 12th	(35) Mrs Newbury	(112) Mrs O Hopkins	(49) Mrs. M Routledge
W/E 19th	(31) Mrs J Hewood	(74) Mrs J Kiddell	(80) Anne Gibb
W/E 26th	(14) Mrs M Walton	(39) Alison Palmer	(44) Mr P Harding



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**

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	Brenda Hockney 01642 487703

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TODDLER GROUP

9:30am to 11:30am Mondays*
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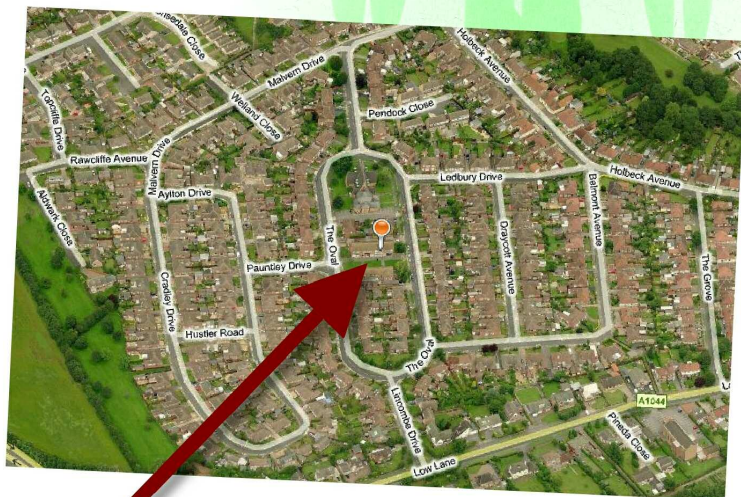
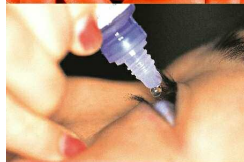


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