

*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

OCTOBER 2019

THE MESSENGER

GOD'S SPECIAL CARE

HARVEST

CARING FOR THE WORLD IN NEED

50p

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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...

AS many of you know, I have been appointed as priest in charge of the Onny Camlad Benefice in Hereford Diocese. It is a very rural benefice spanning the border between Shropshire and Wales and is in an area that has been designated as “an area of natural beauty”. The population of the benefice is only about 3,000 but there are 9 churches.

This sounds a lot but some do not have regular services and the others only have worship once or twice a month with the exception of one that has its own stipendiary priest. I will have the support of that priest, retired priests, readers, a lay ministry team and an administrator so it is manageable.

I shall be sorry to leave as I have made many friends but God calls vicars to a church or churches for a season. My time here is over and I need to move to the place where God has called me for the next step in my ministry. I am looking forward to seeing how he will use me there.

The date of my departure will be announced as soon as it is known. In the meantime, please pray for the three churches as they get ready to start their interregnum and also for me and my family as we prepare to move.

Blessings, Vivienne

Leadership Away Day

Saturday 5th October

Every year the PCC members, their spouses and anyone who takes a leadership role within the plurality meet up for an away day. It is an opportunity for us to get together for prayer, fellowship and discussion. Those attending previous away days have found them fruitful and I am hoping this year will be the same.

Sadly the away day we had planned earlier in the year had to be postponed and this is now rearranged at Worsall Village Hall on Saturday 5th October starting with refreshments about 9.30am and finishing with an act of worship about 2.30pm. The main theme of the day will be discussing how we can work better together for the common good.

I would be grateful if everyone could pray for our away day. It will of course be in our prayer diary but we need prayers in the lead up too. Please pray for everyone who will be there, the fellowship we will share, for each church represented and for our future.

Vivienne

Services October 2019

Date	Brookfield 9.15am unless otherwise stated	Stainton 10.45am unless otherwise stated	Hilton Timings vary
6 October Green Trinity 16 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	No service today	Joint Eucharist 10.30am	No service today
13 October Green Trinity 17 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Holy Communion	All Age Communion	8am Holy Communion
20 th October Green Trinity 18 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Holy Communion Ray Morris	Holy Communion Malcolm Spenceley	9.30am Morning Praise Noel Harker
27 October Green Trinity 19 2 Timothy 4: 6-8; 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
3 November White All Saints Day Psalm 149 Luke 6:20-31	No service today	No service today	Joint Eucharist 10.30am

Wednesdays at 10am at Brookfield:

Holy Communion
(16th October with Ray Morris covering)
– all readings are those for the previous Sunday

Statement from Bishop Paul

‘I shall wish to have a meeting soon with the PCCs of each parish that is becoming vacant. As well as Stainton, Brookfield and Hilton, that applies also to St Martin’s Whinney Banks.

I look forward to having an initial conversation with you about the future provision of ministry in this area. At any vacancy, we always have to bear in mind what is sustainable and affordable and, in addition, we will need to think about the way in which new building has changed the distribution of population in west and south Middlesbrough.

That means that a decision will be taken in due course, of how we can make best and most strategic use of the resources that the Archbishop’s Leadership Team can allocate for the future.’



The 20 Best Cathedrals in England

4. Christ Church Cathedral of Oxford – Founded in 1546 by King Henry VIII, it is one of the larger colleges of the University of Oxford with 629 students in 2016. It is also the second wealthiest college (after St John's) with an endowment of £550.3m as of 2018. Christ Church has a number of architecturally significant buildings including Tom Tower (designed by Sir Christopher Wren), Tom Quad (the largest quadrangle in Oxford), and the Great Dining Hall which was also the seat of the parliament assembled by King Charles I during the English Civil War. The buildings have inspired replicas throughout the world in addition to being featured in films such as Harry Potter and The Golden Compass. This has helped Christ Church become the most popular Oxford College for tourists with almost half a million visitors annually.

This unusual cathedral is also part Christchurch college founded by Cardinal Wolsey back in Henry VIII's reign. It's one of the 40 or so Oxford colleges, but the only one to house a cathedral.

The nave, choir, main tower, and transepts are of late Norman architecture.

The cathedral also features Perpendicular style architecture and a large rose window.

Christ Church has many notable alumni including thirteen British prime ministers (more than any other Oxbridge college), King Edward VII, King William II of the Netherlands, seventeen Archbishops, writers Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland) and W. H. Auden, philosopher John Locke, and scientist Robert Hooke. Christ Church is also partly responsible for the creation of University College Reading, which later gained its own Royal Charter and became the University of Reading. The first female undergraduates matriculated at Christ Church in 1980.

What's on ...

October dates for your diary

Also – always check the weekly pewsheet

Weekly Events in our Group of Churches

Bible Fellowship Groups

Mondays at 2pm in the Church Office

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

COFFEE AND KIDS END OF TERM

Coffee and Kids is back, we have around 15-20 children each week, about three quarters are about 18 months and under. Most of the children who came at the start of coffee and kids have now progressed onto school, its nearly 4 years since we started! Time flies when you are having fun.

If anyone knows of children and carers who might enjoy a morning of playing, snacks, chatting, a cup of tea or coffee with a singsong to finish please let them know that we are open on a Wednesday 10am to 12 noon in the parish room at Stainton.

If you would like to help in any way please free to come along and chat to Bob, Judith, Joan and Vernon.

DROP IN

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

Since we started we are doing very well and everybody enjoys chatting over a cup of tea or coffee. It would be lovely if more people could pop in.

People stay for as long as they wish (refills are plenty!) and its a chance to meet people and make new friends. It is also 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

HILTON FILLING STATION



BOB, Julia, Graham, Carolyn, Sally, Barbara, Vivienne and Angela all hope that you have had a great summer and enjoyed getting out and about in the glorious sunshine that we were blessed with in abundance.

Our autumn schedule of events began on Tuesday 3rd September and we welcomed a very talented young man, Joe Winterschladen, from TVCC to give a short talk on his chosen theme, "Respect ME". Joe was very good speaker indeed and enjoyed by all who heard him.

Please note that at our next Filling Station Event we have a change of Guest Speaker; we shall be welcoming Vivienne Hatten and not Kate Morris as previously stated. Vivienne will share what God has put on her heart with her theme of "God's Plans". It has yet to be confirmed but we many also have (back by popular demand) Helen Malbon to lead our live worship on the evening.

We will be celebrating our fourth anniversary with a 'Special Cake' and would love as many people as possible to be with us as we 'thank God' for his continued faithfulness in order for us to deliver such a dynamic programme of speakers and worship leaders. Each event is special and enriches us all in our daily walk with Christ which in turn equips each of us to offer prayer ministry and a time of reflection with prayer at each event.

For local informal praise/worship, good coffee, always homemade cakes, great fellowship and prayer; Hilton Filling Station Host Team extend a very warm welcome to all when we next meet in Hilton Village Hall on Tuesday 1st October commencing 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

Angela Sayer

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

Brookfield Churches together – Summer celebration photos continued





THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Statue in Winnipeg of Harry Colebourn and Winnie.

WINNIE-THE-POOH, also called Pooh Bear, is a fictional teddy bear created by English author A. A. Milne.

A. A. Milne named the character Winnie-the-Pooh after a teddy bear owned by his son, Christopher Robin Milne, on whom the character Christopher Robin was based. The rest of Christopher Robin Milne's toys – Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, Roo, and Tigger – were incorporated into Milne's stories. Two more characters, Owl and Rabbit, were created by Milne's imagination, while Gopher was added to the Disney version. Christopher Robin's toy bear is on display at the Main Branch of the New York Public Library in New York City.

Christopher Milne had named his toy bear after Winnie, a Canadian black bear he often

saw at London Zoo, and "Pooh", a swan they had met while on holiday. The bear cub was purchased from a hunter for \$20 by Canadian Lieutenant Harry Colebourn in White River, Ontario, Canada, while en route to England during the First World War. He named the bear "Winnie" after his adopted hometown in Winnipeg, Manitoba. "Winnie" was surreptitiously brought to England with her owner, and gained unofficial recognition as The Fort Garry Horse regimental mascot. Colebourn left Winnie at the London Zoo while he and his unit were in France; after the war she was officially donated to the zoo, as she had become a much-loved attraction there. Pooh the swan appears as a character in its own right in *When We Were Very Young*.

In the first chapter of *Winnie-the-Pooh*, Milne offers this explanation of why Winnie-the-

Pooh is often called simply "Pooh"

Winnie the Pooh famously said "if the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient, it may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear"

When you think about it Winnie might be on to something. When, someone won't listen to you even though following your counsel would be to their advantage, it may be that their reticence is nothing more than a small piece of fluff in their ear. Or they may be another hindrance; some people find it hard to listen because they are broken and

discouraged.

Moses spoke to the people of Israel, but they didn't listen because their spirits were broken and their lives were hard.

What should we do when others won't listen? Winnie the Pooh's words enshrine wisdom; "Be patient." God says, "Love is patient, love is kind" it's willing to wait. He's not finished with that individual. He's working through their sorrow, our love and prayers. Perhaps in his time, He'll open their ears to hear, just be patient.

David Gatenby



Autumn 2019

“We plough the fields and scatter - The good seed on the land...” so goes the well-known Hymn sung at Harvest Festivals all over the country. From Wikipedia, words say that is a Hymn written by the German poet Matthias Claudius. Published in 1782 it was set to music in 1800 by Johann A.P. Schultz and translated into English in 1861 by Jane Montgomery Campbell who also wrote several other well-known hymns and carols.



Harvest is such a wonderful and extraordinary phase at this time of the year. A few weeks before Advent there is something distinctive in the air that we breathe on an early autumn day.

As a very young school girl, I can remember walking down a long tree-lined avenue, golden brown, fallen leaves crunching beneath my feet. The teacher had asked us to collect some different autumn leaves and seeds to make an autumn collage and in our best writing, identification labels underneath. Sycamore “wings”, acorns and fir cones were abundant. To our disgust, the school boys had often used any available conkers threaded and tied on string to use as weapons of battle. However, these days one is supposed to ask permission before removing said items in areas where there is a rule against collecting them. A friend told me her husband had been mortified when told to replace a large fir cone found lying in the grounds of a local garden centre. His wife was intending to spray and use it as part of their Christmas decorations. Perhaps he should have offered to pay for it!

To God we give our thanks for good weather and to the farmers who have ploughed the fields, planted the seeds, gathered in the hay,

collected the wheat grain for our flour to make our bread and the vegetables to use for our food tables. They have provided the feed and cared for their flocks of sheep and the cattle through the snows of cold winter months and the mixed weather of summer days. In church, some harvest produce will be on view but these days, various items are preserved in tins, boxes and conveyed in

carrier bags to our local Church Harvest Festivals which take place on September 29th.

On recent days in our garden, our local bird population is in evidence consuming quantities of nuts and seeds in preparation for the winter ahead. We are very lucky to have a pear tree just a few feet from our rear patio window.

Sleepy wasps appear inebriated on supping the rotten remains of our pear windfalls. However, we dare not touch them in case they sting. On the branches, hanging bird feeders are kept stuffed with pea-nuts, fat balls and seeds so we are entertained by observing tree sparrows, blackbirds, blue, great and coal tits, pigeons and thieving magpies preparing for winter. Occasionally we are privileged to see very shy woodpeckers and fleeting glances of timid jays with their strong facial features, strikingly beautiful buff coloured chests, black, white and blue striped wing plumage.

This year, our song thrushes have returned and the two robins are as territorial as ever, trying hard but to scare off unsuccessfully, the blue, great and coal tit population thus proving the theory of safety in numbers. Early each morning our resident greys, Sam Squirrel and family amuse us by attempting to muscle in on the bird feeders in the tree but the sight of my husband clad in his

pyjamas (and if there is time, his dressing gown) dashing outside clapping his hands, is enough to scare any likely thieves away! The gulls are also much in evidence since my husband will throw out the remains of yesterday's lasagne or stale bread on to the lawn. The lead gull reconnoitres from above then with a swoop, screeching and mewling, a team of ten huge, white and some black headed gulls descend like vultures and vacuum up the remains with their greedy beaks. That saves me any concerns about attracting unwanted vermin to our garden. Perhaps this does not seem to bear much connection with the article relating to harvest but it is a reminder that winter is only around the corner. Human beings and birds all need food so please do not forget your contributions to the food bank and the harvest festival.

In a quotation taken from the book of God's Daily Promises for Women (page entitled

July 17th) referring to fruitfulness; Jesus said "My Father prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me". John 15: 2-4.

So in the words of the chorus of the hymn above mentioned: "All good gifts around us – are sent from heaven above; Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord – for all his love."

Betty Spragg



Interesting trivia

- Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and it can be recycled an infinite number of times.
- Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust even if its buried in the ground for thousands of years.
- Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
- If you stop getting thirsty you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.
- Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by roman numerals.
- Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 60%

Creative puns

- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Circumference. He acquired his size from too much Pi.
- She was only a whisky maker but he loved her still.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- No matter how much you push the envelope its still stationary.
- A dog gave birth to puppies on the pavement and was cited for littering.
- A hole was found in a nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat stand in the hallway. One hat said to the other, you stay here I'll go ahead.

God's Special Care

DO you believe in God's Special Care for His children? In the book of Exodus, He miraculously provided food, water, clothing, and shelter on a daily basis for the Children of Israel. He parted the waters of the Red Sea allowing them to cross then closed the waters behind them thereby destroying their enemies.

In Josh 6:20, the nation of Israel received God's Special Care when God broke down the 'walls of Jericho'; In Josh 10:12-14 when He caused the sun to set still for nearly a whole day as his people won the battle over their enemies.

Christians sometimes mistakenly assume they will receive God's special care only after reaching Heaven, but Jesus said that God would look after the needs and safety of His children here on earth. Jesus said, "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things." (Matt 6:31-32, NKJV).

In Matt 6:33, Amp, Jesus said. "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His Kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and all these things taken together will be given you besides."

This promise was not for the world as a whole, but for His people, the ones who accept His Plan of Salvation.

When speaking of the world, He said they wish and crave for things such as food, clothing and other things; however, Christians are to place their trust in God. And "your Heavenly Father knows well that you need them all "(Matt 6:32).

There may be many tough and unpredictable times during this earthly life, and we are not to neglect the things He has directed us to do. Nevertheless, when we work, pray and put Him first, we will receive God's Special Care.

There are books on end telling of God's miracles. People have been miraculously fed, clothed, and delivered from all sorts of disasters. God's angels often deliver His born-again children from life and death situations.

Protection, provision, peace, and joy are a result of the grace of God, God's special care, (His love and favor for His children). Just as He cared for the "Children of Israel," He takes care of you, because you are His child.



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

We were very sad to hear about Dorothy Harding, who died in August. Although she left our branch a few years ago, due to health problems, she had been a member for a lot of years.

We missed her, because she chose our hymns, and played the piano at each of our meetings.

It was lovely that church members helped with serving tea and food after the funeral.

We send our deepest sympathy and love to her son, Peter.

Branch Leader: Florence Harris (Tel: 01642 594272)

STAINTON BRANCH

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

We welcome to our meeting on Monday October 21st, Maggie Camp talking about "Life among the Lancashire Mills".

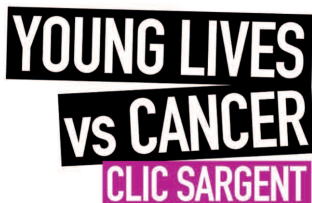
Members and non members are very welcome to come along.

Mothers Union Members will have the opportunity early in November to meet and hear the New World Wide President at a service to be held in Leeds.

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 August went to:



We raised a total of £84.00

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



Their care is available for anyone suffering from a life limiting illness.

This includes conditions such as cancer, respiratory disease, heart disease, Parkinson's, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis and end stage dementia. Their holistic approach to care extends to relatives and friends both during their loved one's illness and through bereavement.

They work in close partnership with all health and social care professionals involved in a person's care, including GPs and district nurses.

Their aim is to make sure patients and their families have access to specialist palliative care, in the belief that each person is entitled to dignity and choice within the best provision of care.

Each year it costs £3.1 million to provide their services and support 3,000 people across Teesside. Grants and NHS funding cover around a third of this expenditure, which means the rest of their work is funded by individuals, organisations, businesses and foundation who support them.

All of their services are free of charge to their patients, their families and carers. Over 140 staff and 400 volunteers help to provide their specialist palliative care.

If you need more information please visit:

www.teessidehospice.org

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

Sidespersons

- 6 Joint service at Hilton
- 13 Margaret Routledge & Olwyn Cook
- 20 Janet Henwood & Linda Nixon
- 27 Sheila & Victor Spencer

Lectors

- 6 Joint service at Hilton
- 13 June Warin
- 20 Ray Harris
- 27 Victor Spencer

Offertory

- 6 Joint service at Hilton
- 13 Mothers' Union
- 20 Flower Guild
- 27 Sheila & Victor Spencer

Flower Donors

- 6 Jean Kiddell
- 13
- 20 Cynthia Eyre
- 27 Judy Cook/ Harvest

Sunday morning Coffee

- 6 Joint service at Hilton
- 13 Karylin Saddington & Grace Whitehead
- 20 Janet Granville & Jean Kiddell
- 27 Margaret Andrew & Olwyn Hopkins

Wednesday Coffee

- 2 Margaret Andrew
- 9 Valerie Bell
- 16 Kathleen Smales
- 23 Grace Whitehead
- 30 Sheila Spencer



100 club winners August 2019

W/E 4th	(49) Mrs M Routledge	(5) Mrs J Warin	(20) Mrs C Rhodes
W/E 11th	(10) Mrs D Laville	(2) Mrs D Laville	(48) Mrs H Davison
W/E 18th	(183) Mr L Brighty	(170) Mr A King	(88) Mr A Eyre
W/E 25th	(45) Mr N Smales	(49) Mrs M Routledge	(96) Mrs J Tinkler

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	10:30am 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



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.



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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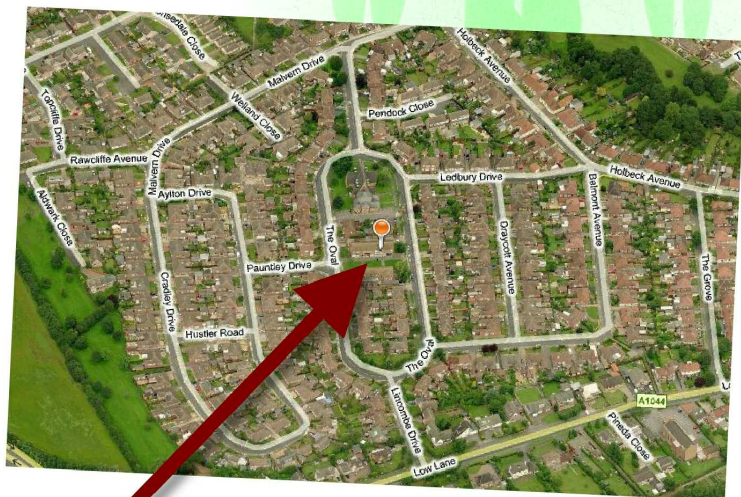
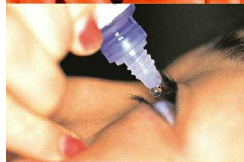


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