



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

AUGUST 2018

THE MESSENGER



**SHARING WITH A WORLD
IN NEED**

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

FILLING STATION

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

Office closed until further notice!

HALL BOOKINGS

For St Margaret's Church
Brookfield

Church Office 01642 597454

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(as we have no Administrator in
place yet)**

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Dear friends

To all my friends

It is good to be back with you all again. People have been asking what I have learned whilst I was away. I was researching God's priorities for a vicar with more than one church in their care and I learned a lot which I want to share with you. The church wardens and I are currently discussing the best way to go about doing this.

August is difficult for making plans because people are often busy with holidays and child care but I hope to be able to tell you more in the September magazine. In the meantime, thank you to everyone who held the fort whilst I was away and to everyone who has welcomed me back.

I also thank everyone who has been praying for me and my family. I was praying for you too. Now let's all pray for the work ahead as we implement what I have learned.

Vivienne

Interesting stories

5 year old Johnny had been listening with interest as the Vicar told the story of Creation. He was especially impressed when he heard how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. "Johnny, what's the matter?" she asked. "I don't feel well", said Johnny "I think I'm having a wife."

A little boy watched, fascinated, as his mother gently rubbed cold cream on her face. "Why are you rubbing that cream on your face, Mum?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother. A few minutes later, she began removing the cream with a tissue. The boy watched for a while then he asked. "Are you giving up?"

A Trappist monk was allowed to say only two words every three years. After the first three years, he said to the Brother Superior, "Bad bed." Three years later he came back to say, "Bad food." After three more years of silence the monk said, "No TV." Another three years passed. This time the monk appeared with robes and sandals in hand and announced, "I quit." The Brother Superior answered, "It's no wonder. You've done nothing but complain since you got here!"

Joan Mason

HILTON FILLING STATION

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



Please note Hilton Filling Station will be having a summer break, therefore there will not be an event in August. However, we will be happy to host our September meeting on the 4th with Julia Powell, of Just Believe Prophetic Art.

Theme: "My Testimony, Just Believe". This promises to be a great evening with the worship being led by Katie Stanton.

Find out 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 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 ...

August 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.

Services

29th July to 26th August inclusive

<i>Date</i>	<i>Brookfield</i>	<i>Stainton</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
29 th July Trinity 9 Ephesians 3:14-end John 6:1-21	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH
5 Aug Trinity 10 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:24-35 12 th Aug	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Evensong VH
12 th Aug Trinity 11 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35:40-51 19 th Aug	Holy Communion VH	Family Communion VH	Holy Communion VH
19 th Aug Trinity 12 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Communion for all ages VH	Holy Communion VH	Morning Praise Noel Harker
26 th Aug Trinity 13 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:59-69	Songs of Praise David Clark	Holy Communion Rob Desics	TBC (there wasn't one on the bank holiday last year)

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

4 July	Rob Desics
11 th July	Rob Desics

Thereafter Viv Hatton

Thursday 19th July at Stainton will be Viv Hatton



As seen
on a
construction
site for a
Church in
Dalkeith

June Warin

The Mouse



A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered.

He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning:

"There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said

"Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him

"There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said

"There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house – like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

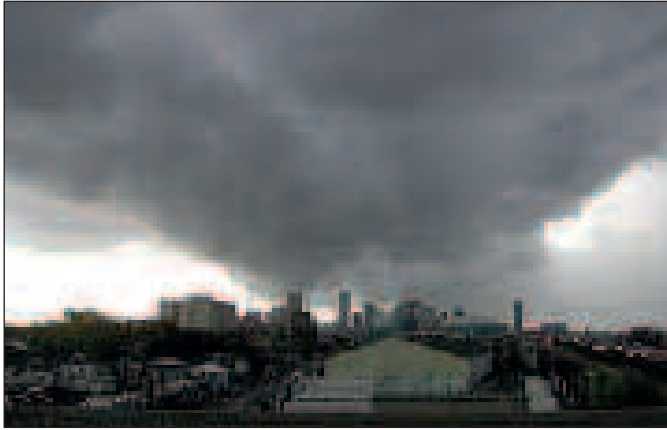
Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember: when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. Each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry.



Storm Chaser

CALL them what you may...the storms in your life, the challenges you face, the “ups and downs,” pitfalls or simply bad days. Some are unexpected, shock and surprise us. We don't know how well we will do until they happen. While others we can see coming on the horizon like an approaching storm.

Does the distant rumble scare you before you see the first cloud?

Does the very warning of such an event put your life in turmoil even when you don't know all the details?

I ask this because I witnessed the most remarkable thing this morning. First of all, when the weather person tells me we will have a thunder storm I know that my dog might have a difficult time. Long before it arrives he begins to sense its approach.

So, right on script he woke me up early this morning. Ever notice, these things happen in the darkest hour most generally? As I gathered myself and went downstairs with Fudge right on my heels. I started speaking words of comfort letting him know that I wouldn't leave him. Soon the storm that was brewing didn't seem as big and as we went to the front porch to get the paper he was ready with the sounding alarm of a “woof” to chase that intruder away.

It was dark. In the distance the skies flashed and the thunder rumbled across the mountainside. But all around me the birds sang. I mean there was a glorious chorus of chirping echoing throughout the darkness. I couldn't even see one bird, but it sounded like thousands.

Out of all the creatures God created wouldn't you think that the bird would have the most to fear? Yet, they never stopped singing. I've noticed that every morning around dawn they are singing. Storm or no storm.

We should wake up every day grateful for it, and yet, if it's a day of a "storm" in our life, or an approaching storm, we aren't singing. Sadly, our singing has been reserved for the good days. If we would sing during the storms, like the birds, the rumble of all fear around us would add depth to our voice and carry it further. Perhaps even to inspire others and calm those who care about us.

"But I will sing of thy power; I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble." Psalm 59:16

David Gatenby



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



20 Fenchurch Street is a commercial skyscraper in London that takes its name from its address on Fenchurch Street, in the historic London's financial district. It has been nicknamed 'The Walkie-Talkie' because of its distinctive shape. Construction was completed in spring 2014, and the three-floor 'sky garden' was opened in January 2015. The 38-storey building is 160 m (525 ft) tall, making it the sixth-tallest building in the City of London and the 12th tallest in greater London.

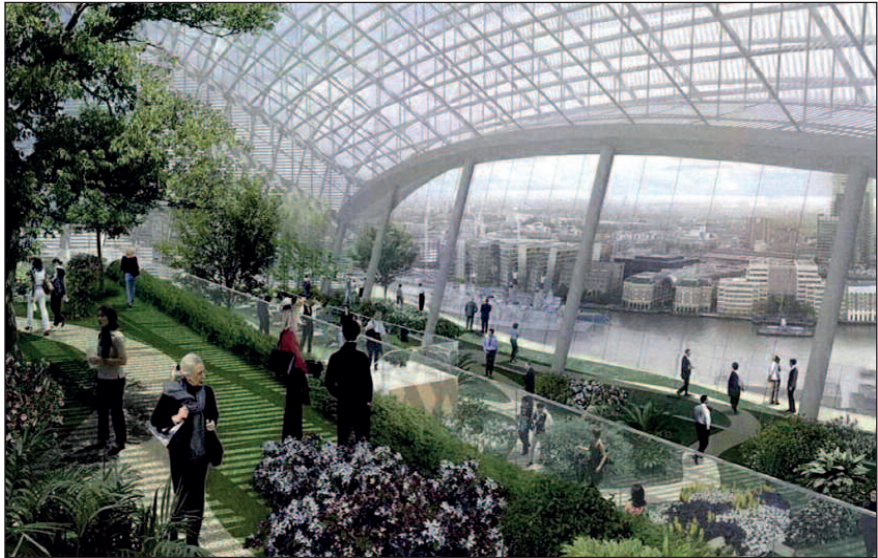
Designed by architect Rafael Viñoly and costing over £200 million, 20 Fenchurch Street features a highly distinctive top-heavy form which appears to burst upward and outward. The entrance floor and 34 floors of office space are topped by a large viewing

deck, bar and restaurants are included on the 35th, 36th and 37th floors; these are, with restrictions, open to the public.

The tower was originally proposed at nearly 200 m (656 ft) tall but its design was scaled down after concerns about its visual impact on the nearby St Paul's Cathedral and Tower of London. It was subsequently approved in 2006 with the revised height. Even after the height reduction there were continued concerns from heritage groups about its impact on the surrounding area.

The project was consequently the subject of a public inquiry; in 2007 this ruled in the developers' favour and the building was granted full planning permission. In 2015 it was awarded the Carbuncle Cup for the worst new building in the UK in the previous 12 months.

The 'sky garden' at the top of the building was claimed to be London's highest public park and is a glass enclosed platform filled with plants, trees and flowers. The garden spans the top three floors, which are accessible by two express lifts and include a large viewing area, terrace, bar and two restaurants. Fourteen double-deck lifts (seven low-rise up to the 20th floor, seven high-rise above the 20th floor) serve the main office floors of the building.



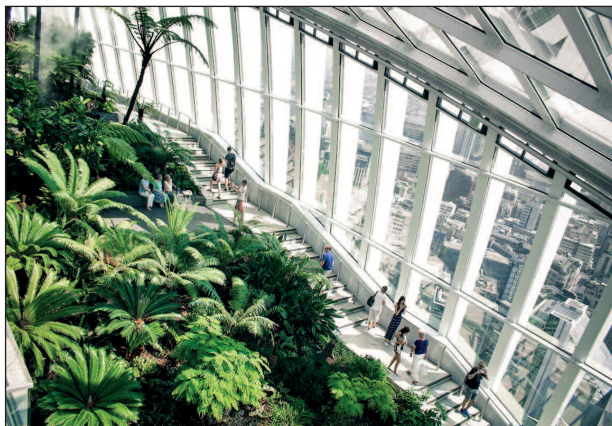
The sky part captures everybody's attention as you gaze down from a height of 525 feet, admiring St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London and much more. The views of the capital are breathtaking providing a helpful lesson in perspective.

God has a perfect perspective of everything we experience. The psalmist wrote "for he looked down from his holy height; from

heaven the lord gazed upon the earth to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to set free those who are doomed to death".

Like the hurting people in psalm 102 we are often locked into the present with its struggles, "groaning" with despair. But God sees our lives from the beginning to the end.

Our Lord is never caught off guard by the things that can blindsides us.



As the psalmist anticipated, his perfect perspective will lead to an ultimate rescue that sets free even those who are "doomed to death."

In difficult moments, remember: we may not know what is coming next, but our Lord does. We can trust him with every moment that stretches before us.

David Gatenby

Stainton & Thornton Family Gala Day

RESIDENTS and friends got together on Sunday 15th July to enjoy a summer celebration which included many stalls in the Stainton Inn car park including a barbecue and a karaoke. Also in the Memorial Hall, afternoon teas were served, a book stall and games and face painting took place. St. Peter and Paul's Church hosted a 'Heritage Trail' depicting the

history of the two villages.

Elsie, the Blue Youth bus (provided by Youth Focus: North East) was pride of place in the grounds of the pub and storytelling sessions conducted by popular children's author, Peter Brunton, captured the imagination of excited children. The bus also provided arts and crafts, smoothie making and circus skills.

A local resident 'Elsie' adopted because of her name, officially opened the Fete and the day buzzed with family fun, music and games.

Deborah Perks



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

Sidepersons

- 5 Margaret Routledge and
Olwen Hopkins
- 12 Janet Henwood and
Linda Nixon
- 19 Sheila and Victor Spencer
- 26 Kath and Jamie Webb

Lectors

- 5 Jill Fox
- 12 David Clark
- 19 Betty Spragg
- 26 Ray Harris

Offertory

- 5 Mary Sykes
- 12 Kath and Jamie Webb
- 19 Mother's Union
- 26 Sheila and Victor Spencer

Flower Donors

- 5 Cynthia Eyre
- 12
- 19 Margaret Shippey
- 26 Grace and Ivor Whitehead



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

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.

Mothers' Union for August

No activity for August, see September edition.

Note, no coffee and kids until September

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

100 club winners June 2018

W/E 3rd (92) Thomas Palmer (113) Mrs. B Spragg (125) Mr.'S Hazelwood

W/E 10th (35) Mrs. Newbury (101) Mr. D Clark (103) Mrs. T Pearce

W/E 17th (67) Mrs. F Harris (52) Mr.C Shippy (50) Mrs. M Andrew

W/E 24th (50) Mrs. M Andrew (93) Mrs L Cross (37) Mrs E Burnell

Fund Raising

I thought our church members along with Hilton and Brookfield would like to hear about my granddaughters Sophie age 6 and Olivia age 4. There are registered with the coffee and kids and Olivia used to attend quite regularly, Sophie has also attend on special occasions e.g. Easter (making crosses). The race for life was on the 3rd of June for cancer research, it started at Mima to Middlesbrough football club and back to Mima. Sophie completed the 3.5 miles and Olivia completed 1 mile. (they both walked it!! not ran it!!) Both received a medal, and between them they raised £80.00, quite an achievement for two little girls, we are very proud of them. Sophie and Olivia are hoping some of their friends will join them next year in raising money for cancer research, as most of them want a medal too!



Deborah Perks

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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



We raised a total of £109.20

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



Marie Curie is recognized throughout the world not only for her Ground breaking Nobel Prize-winning discoveries, but for also having boldly broken down many gender barriers during her life time.

Marie Curie is the leader in research into better ways of caring for people with terminal illnesses. They incorporate what they learn into the care and support they provide, and share it with others so they can make care better for everyone.

They believe everyone living with a terminal illness should be able to get the most from the time they have left, however hard that may sometimes feel. Our ageing population means more and more people are living with a terminal illness in the UK.

Marie Curie is a charity. They rely on kind donations from their supporters in order to continue to offer vital services for people living with a terminal illness and their families.

For further information visit:

www.mariecurie.org.uk



**The
Children's
Society**

July 2018 cake bake – St Margaret's

This year's cake bake was not as well-attended as usual, was it due to the world cup in which England were playing or just the wonderful weather we were experiencing?

Thank you to everyone who did attend and all those who contributed their time, pastries, biscuits and raffle/tombola prizes.

We should also like to thank the Oval Co-operative store for the donation of two bottles of wine for the raffle.

We did manage to raise £266.00 for the Children's Society which will help them carry out the good work they do caring for children.

Margaret Routledge



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*
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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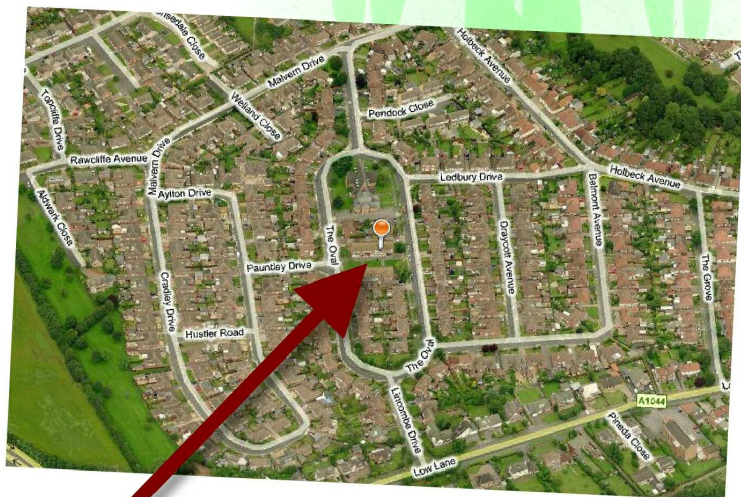
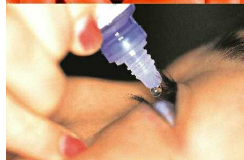


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