



*The Parish Churches of
Brookfield, Stainton &
Hilton*

MARCH 2019

THE MESSENGER



COFFEE AND KIDS

DROP IN

MOTHERS' UNION

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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Brookfield

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Dear friends

To all my friends

I hope you all enjoy your pancakes on 5 March. Traditionally they were eaten to rid the house of the all good things that were not eaten during the 40 days of Lent which starts the next day, Ash Wednesday.

Harking back to the time when Christians did serious fasting in Lent, many people give something up for Lent like chocolate or something else they really enjoy. Others start something for Lent– like attending a Lent course.

This year our Lent course will be USPG's "The prophetic voice of the Church" which looks at the radical nature of the gospel with a special focus on the church in India. We all enjoyed the last USPG course we did and I am hoping that this will be popular too.

It will be running on Mondays at 2pm at St Margaret's and on Wednesdays at 7pm at St Peter and St Paul's. You are very welcome to attend either irrespective of the church you normally attend (or even if you don't attend one).

A couple of years ago a new initiative was started for Lent called "40 Acts". It has various forms but the idea is that you do something every day throughout Lent (such as 40 acts of generosity or 40 acts of kindness). This is a good way to reflect on our relationship with God in preparation for Easter which is what Lent is all about.

Whatever you decide to do for Lent, I pray that you will grow closer to Jesus and be ready to celebrate the best news of all – that Jesus, who died, is alive for ever more.

Let's Celebrate Mothering Sunday

This year Mothering Sunday is on 31st March. Although each of the churches will distribute flowers in their usual way, they will all be celebrating the day differently.

- St Margaret's in Brookfield will be hosting the only service of Holy Communion that day at 9.15am. It will be a special service using our audio-visual system.
- Mothering Sunday Praise will be at 10.45am at St Peter and St Paul in Stainton. This will be a short, informal, family service which will include the participation of the children of the church and the little ones from Coffee and Kids.
- At 6pm in St Peter's, Hilton we will be having our Mothering Sunday Worship when we thank God for our mothers and those who have mothered us with an opportunity to light a candle as a mark of our gratitude.

Everyone is welcome to any or all of these services and I hope that you will invite others to come and join us too.

Services 3rd March to 28th April 2019 inclusive

Date	Brookfield 9.15am unless otherwise stated	Stainton 10.45am unless otherwise stated	Hilton Timings vary
3 Mar Sunday before Lent Green Exodus 34:29-end Luke 9:28-36	10.30am Joint Holy Communion VH	No service	No service
10 mar 1 st Sunday of Lent Purple Romans 8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Holy Communion VH	Family Communion VH	8am Holy Communion VH
17 Mar 2 nd Sunday of Lent Purple Psalm 27 Luke 13:31-end	Communion for all ages VH	Holy Communion VH	9.30am Morning Praise NH
24 Mar 3 rd Sunday of Lent Purple 1 Corinthians 10:1-18 Luke 13:1-9	Holy Communion VH	Confirmation with Holy Communion +Paul	8am Holy Communion VH
31 Mar Mothering Sunday Purple 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 John 19:25b-27	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion VH	Mothering Sunday Family Worship VH	6pm Mothering Sunday Evensong VH
7 April Passion Sunday Purple Phil 3:4b-30 John 12:1-8	No service	10.30 Joint Holy Communion	No service
14 th April Palm Sunday Palm 118:19-24 Luke 19:28-40	Palm Sunday Holy Communion VH	Palm Sunday all age worship	8am Palm Sunday Holy Communion
21 st April	Easter Holy Communion	Easter Holy Communion	8am Easter Holy

Easter Day Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12			Communion
28 th April 1 st Sunday after Easter Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-end	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH	Holy Communion VH

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

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

10am at Brookfield
7pm at Stainton

Holy Week:

Monday – MU Holy Week Devotion at Stainton at 7pm
 Tuesday – Stations of the Cross at Hilton at 7pm
 Wednesday – Holy Week Holy Communion at Brookfield at 10am
 Maundy Thursday – Commemoration of the Last Supper at Stainton at 7pm
 Good Friday – 11am Ecumenical Good Friday Service at 11am
 2pm Good Friday Reflection at 2pm
 Easter Weekend – prayer stations in Hilton Church from Good Friday during daylight hours.

There is also an Easter Family Workshop planned for 13 April at Stainton.

Baptisms – Brookfield 28 April – conducted by Rob Desics; other services at Brookfield may take place on 17 March and 7 April.

What's on ...

March 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.



HILTON FILLING STATION

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.

Newcomers always welcome.

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

Angela Sayer

Leadership Away Day

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

We shall be meeting at Worsall Village Hall on Saturday 9th March starting with refreshments about 9.30am and finishing with an act of worship about 2.30pm. During the day we shall review what we have been doing and discuss what plans each church has for the future. However, 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 Awayday. 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

CHRISTIANS IN HILTON

Christians in Hilton is an ecumenical group of Christians who meet fortnightly on Thursdays at 10.00am for bible study and prayer. You are very welcome to come and join us. All meetings start at 10am with coffee and a chat and the dates/venues for the next few months are as follows: 14 March at Sally's
28 March at Margaret's.

For the full address of each venue please contact the church office.

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

Why would God want me?

Im not perfect. I have all kinds of problems. I have no ability.
I have no gifts. I'm just not worthy.

Why would God want me

Well, did you know that

Moses stuttered.
David's armour didn't fit.
John Mark deserted Paul.
Timothy had ulcers.
Hosea's wife was a prostitute.
Amos' only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning.
Jacob was a liar.
David had an affair.
Solomon was too rich.
Jesus was too poor.
Abraham was too old.
David was too young.
Peter was afraid of death.
Lazarus was dead.
John was self-righteous.
Naomi was a widow.
Paul was a persecutor of the church.
Moses was a murderer.
Jonah ran from God's will.
Miriam was a gossip.
Gideon and Thomas both doubted.
Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.
Elijah was burned out.
John the Baptist was a loudmouth.
Martha was a worry-wart.
Noah got drunk.
Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse?
So did Peter, Paul - well, lots of folks did.

But God doesn't require a job interview for salvation. He's our Heavenly Father.
He doesn't look at financial gain or loss. He's not prejudiced or partial, not
judging, grudging, not deaf to our cry, not blind to our needs.
He knows who we are and what we are and loves us in spite of ourselves.

Hymn Stories (1 of 3)

Dorothy Frances Gurney

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,
that theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
whom thou in sacred vow dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance
of tender charity and steadfast faith,
of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,
with childlike trust that fears no pain or death.

Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;
grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;
grant them the vision of the glorious morrow
that will reveal eternal love and life.

Dorothy Frances Gurney was an English poet and hymn writer. Born in London in 1858, Dorothy and her Anglican clergyman husband, Gerald Gurney, converted to Catholicism in 1919.

Although best known for her poem God's Garden which is the source of the verse often seen on garden plaques, bird baths and sundials: One is nearer God's heart in a garden/Than anywhere else on earth, she also wrote the hymn Oh Perfect Love, all Human Thought Transcending for her sister's wedding in 1883. It soon became popular, especially in London, where it was used at many fashionable weddings, including those of royalty.

Spiritual insight into the meaning of hymns isn't always easy. However, in his book *The Gospel in Hymns*, Albert Bailey points out that in this hymn, 'the Lord Jesus Christ is given two titles that are of special significance in marriage – 'perfect love' and 'perfect life'. He concludes that these titles speak of two great ideals which are important in every marriage; motive and performance. If these ideals are honoured and obeyed they will yield joy and peace in any marriage.

Perhaps it's also worth noting that Mrs Gurney certainly brought out the truth that human love cannot begin to compare with God's love; which 'transcends all human thought'.

She died in 1932 and the London Times printed the following tribute:
'Thousands of people at thousands of weddings must have sung, or heard sung, O Perfect Love, without ever knowing that Mrs. Gurney was the writer.

David Gatenby

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



MANY older readers of the Parish Magazine will remember this as only yesterday yet it happened way back in July 1969, the 20th of that month to be exact.

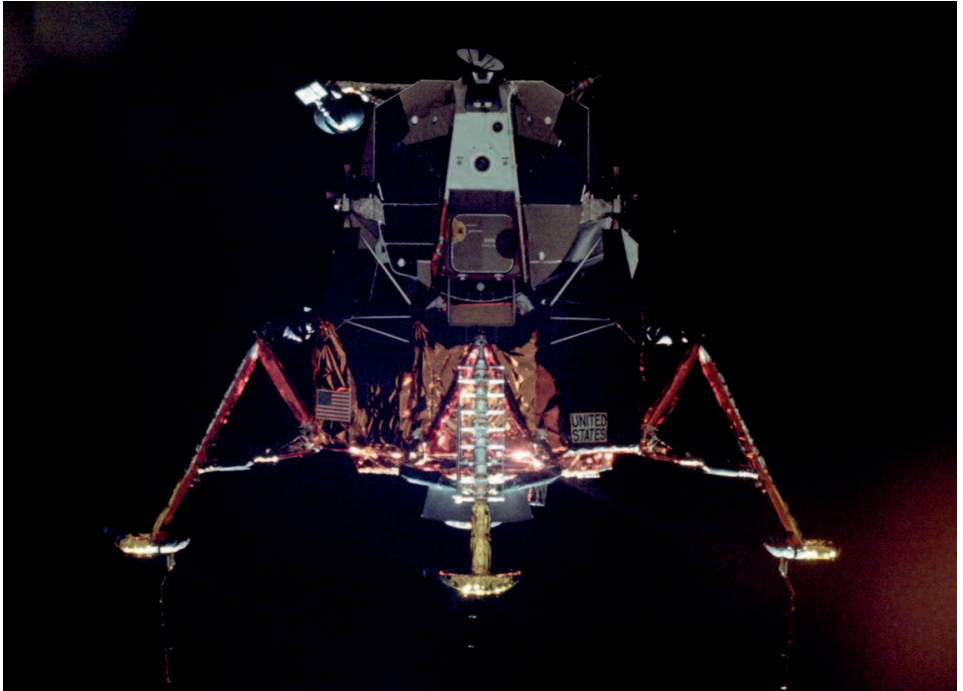
Guessed what the event was yet? Whether you have or not I'll tell you, it was the day that two people from Earth walked on the moon. We all heard about this exciting news with the very comprehensive coverage on our televisions and radios. But there is one particular aspect of this landing that we never heard about at the time and only came to light many years later for on the surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from the nearest Christian church a communion was held, Buzz Aldrin was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Knowing that he would soon be doing something completely unprecedented, he felt he needed to do

something really special to mark the occasion and asked his minister to help him. His minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine to be taken into space with him.

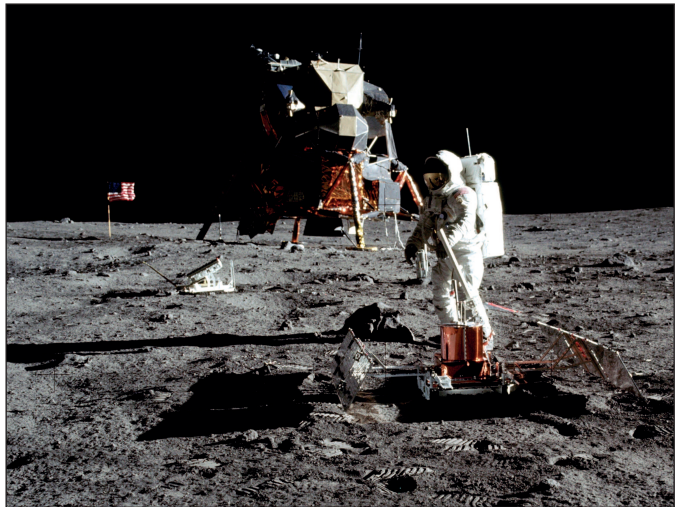
A few minutes after landing, Aldrin made the following statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." Then ending the radio communication he read a passage from St. John's Gospel and took communion.

His actual words were:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the



chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the Scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.' I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquillity. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid



ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, was the bread and wine.

David Gatenby

Eight Free Gifts

1. THE GIFT OF LISTENING...

But you must REALLY listen.
No interrupting, no daydreaming,
no planning your response.
Just listening.

2. THE GIFT OF AFFECTION...

Be generous with appropriate hugs,
kisses, pats on the back, and handholds.
Let these small actions demonstrate the
love you have for family and friends.

3. THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER...

Clip cartoons.
Share articles and funny stories.
Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

4. THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE...

It can be a simple
"Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet.
A brief, handwritten note may be remembered
for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

5. THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT...

A simple and sincere,
You look great in red," "You did a super job,"
or "That was a wonderful meal"
can make someone's day.

6. THE GIFT OF A FAVOR...

Every day, go out of your way
to do something kind.

7. THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE...

There are times when we want nothing better
than to be left alone.
Be sensitive to those times and give
the gift of solitude to others.

8. THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION...

The easiest way to feel good is
to extend a kind word to someone.
Really, it's not that hard to say,
Hello or Thank You.

David Gatenby

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

Sidespersons

- 3 Janet & Malcolm Granville
- 10 Margaret Routledge & Olwyn Hopkins
- 17 Janet Henwood & Linda Nixon
- 24 Shiela & Victor Spencer
- 31 Mothers' Union

Lectors

- 3 Jill Fox
- 10 Jamie Webb
- 17 Victor Spencer
- 24 Ray Harris
- 31 Mothers' Union

Offertory

- 3 Kath & Jamie Webb
- 10 Shiela & Victor Spencer
- 17 Flower Guild
- 24 Judy Cook & Margaret Shippey
- 31 Mothers' Union

Sunday morning Coffee

- 3 Janet Henwood & Heather Southern
- 10 Judy Cook & Margaret Shippey
- 17 Karilyn Saddington & Grace Whitehead
- 24 Florence Harris & Kath Webb

Flower Donors

- 3 Rest of March, Period of Lent, no flowers.

Wednesday Morning Coffee

- 6 Cynthia Eyre
- 13 Grace Whitehead
- 20 Shiela Spencer
- 27 Margaret Andrew



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

BROOKFIELD BRANCH

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

Our first meeting this year at church was to talk about the programme, and also to plan about leading the worship at the Mothering Sunday Eucharist on March 31st.

In March, we have our A.G.M., followed by a Lenten Devotion, led by Vivienne, and on the 25th March, the M.U. are having a Lady Day service, at 2.00 pm in York Minster.

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.

Members from Brookfield will be joining us for our March 18th meeting when, Mrs Barbara Ford (who is the Faith & Policy Unit Co-coordinator) will be talking about the Muloa Project, which is Mothers' Union Listening, Observing and Acting, anyone who would like to know more about Mothers' Union are welcome to join us.

The AFIA Caravan has its open day on Saturday March 23rd. Also there will be a Lady Day service in York Minster on Monday March 25th.

We meet on the third Monday each month at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of St Peter & St Paul Church, Stanton
Our Mothers' Union theme for 2019 is, "Listen, Observe, Act --- in Step With God"

We started the New Year with our AGM, election of Officers and looking back over the last year.

March 12th is Fair Trade Fortnight; please think carefully at what we can buy during that time.

Branch leader: Judith Clare (Tel: 01642 592186)

Coffee and Kids

We currently have around 16 children each week, about three quarters are about 18 months and under, most of the children who came to the start of Coffee and Kids have now progressed onto school, it's three and a half 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.

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

Vernon Clare

Hope

Replace your worry with hope.
And fulfil your hope with action.

Send positive thoughts to your most troubling situation.
Soon you'll find yourself starting to act on those thoughts.

Instead of worrying about the worst that could happen,
Allow yourself to hope for the best that can happen.
In your mind, make the most positive outcome real.

Hope for the best, with passion, conviction and faith.
For when you do, you'll begin to see real,
Workable ways to get there.

There is no situation so desperate that it cannot be turned around.
Always, there is a place and a purpose for hope.
Hope for the best, and let that hope push you forward.
With hope in your heart, you're well on your way.

SHARING WITH A WORLD IN NEED

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



We raised a total of £83.50

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



**The Leprosy
Mission**

The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian charity working towards the eradication of the causes and consequences of leprosy.

Leprosy is a disease of poverty and as well as providing healthcare, they offer rehabilitation, education, vocational training, small business loans, housing and fresh water supplies and sanitation

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www.leprosymission.org.uk

100 club winners January 2019

W/E 6th	(53) Miss N Green	(114) Mrs. B Ely	(47) Mrs. S Hall
W/E 13th	(29) Mrs. M Sykes	(170) Mr. A King	(89) Mrs. B Williams
W/E 20th	(172) Mrs. A Wills	(45) Mr. N Smales	(26) Mrs. M Elliott
W/E 27th	(140) Mrs. K Smales	(103) Mrs. T Pearce	(125) Mr. S Hazlewood

A note from Grace Whitehead;

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, good wishes and prayers while I have been ill, and I am very grateful for them all.

With love to you all,

Grace.



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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(Includes hot drink & juice)

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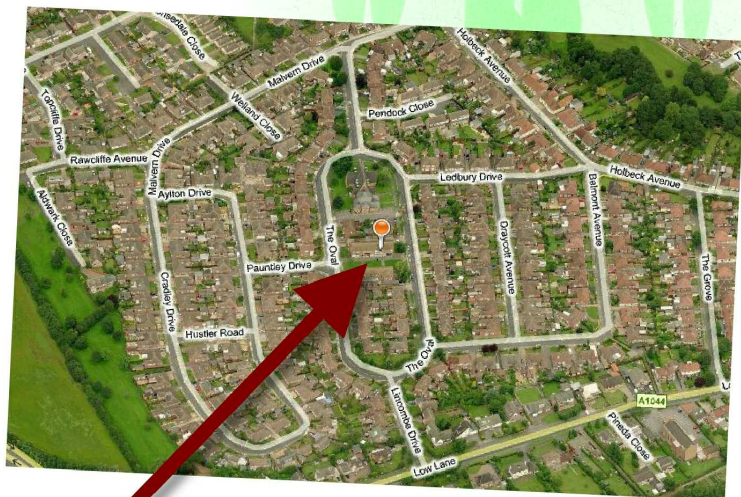
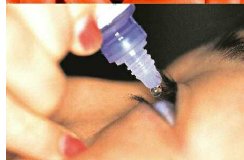


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