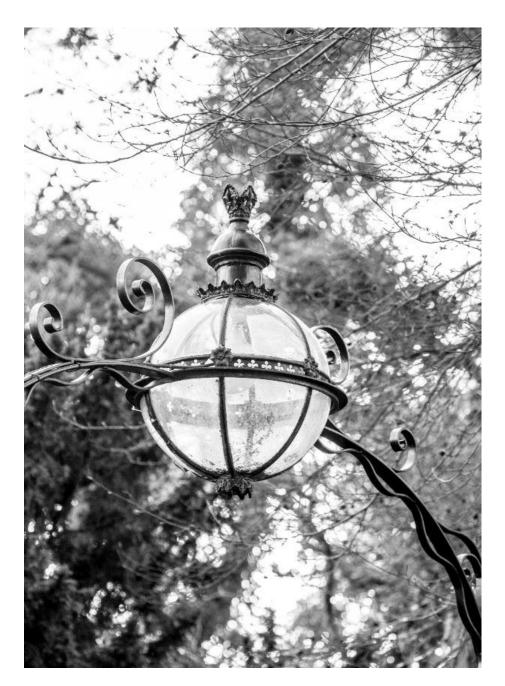
ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH BRANCEPETH



NEWSLETTER: June 2018

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		Alison Moore (373	3 5674), Myrleen S	tewart (378 0862).	
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Messy Chu	rch	Gillian Smellie (37	39420) & Liz Thom	nas (3784465)	
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Music		Jean Merrington (3780952)		
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		Jean Hodgson (378	80289), Valeria Die	etz.	
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		Sue Morgan.			
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July/August Newsletter entries - no later than June 20th Please send to Sue Morgan - <u>sueatpeppermires@gmail.com</u> Dear Friends,

I am writing this on St Brandon's day – the day in the year when we think not just about the patron saint of our church, but also about the building that has stood in our village for nearly a thousand years, and about the people who have worshipped in that building and been the church in Brancepeth down the centuries.

Looking back over the last few months, I am enormously grateful for the foundation our predecessors gave us, and for the contributions that every member of our congregation has made to support our life here and keep things not just ticking over but thriving during the vacancy created by Rick and Rachel's departure.

Some of that is seen in very obvious ways. Earlier in the spring we had our usual round of Holy Week and Easter services: eight in all, with sermons preached by no fewer than seven different people – all from the church. The choir provided beautifully prepared music for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Alison, Fiona and Geoff have been stalwart in leading services, preaching and presiding. It is a testament to their commitment that we have only once had to invite someone from outside in to take a service.

But there's so much more that goes on in the background that really matters to our life as a church. The dawn service would not be the same without the candles that bring light into the church building, thanks to the tireless work of the sacristans, one of whom is on site at 4.30 on Easter morning! The Flower Guild outdo themselves each year to delight us with their floral displays. The cleaning team and the people who cut the grass help us to see the beauty of the church and churchyard. The sidespeople who greet people on a Sunday morning and those on the coffee rota play a major part in making St Brandon's such a welcoming place. Sunday School, Messy Church and Youth Club leaders make sure that it's not just the adults that feel welcome but children and young people too. Meanwhile, members of the pastoral team take the care of the church out into the community. And in the background the various teams and committees help to make sure that everything runs smoothly. Churches are not just about stone and glass, beautiful though those may be – and certainly are here. Jesus' disciple Peter encouraged his readers to think of themselves as 'living stones, built into a spiritual house', founded on the cornerstone of Jesus. Some of those stones may be foundation blocks, buried in the earth; others may show off their beautiful carving. But all of them are necessary to make the church what it is.

St Brandon's day feels like a good day to celebrate the life of our village community too, as our village name links back to St Brandon too. We haven't been in the village long, but from the moment that our family arrived we have felt lucky (dare I say, blessed) to live here. We have been welcomed, encouraged to take part in village activities, and incorporated into the community. From companionable chats on the allotments, to the wining and dining of the progressive supper, to the hilarious kazooplaying finale to the annual carol singing – there are so many ways in which to celebrate the vibrant Brancepeth life.

I hope that everyone who arrives in both village and church feels similarly welcomed and finds as happy a home here as we have.

Hester Higton (Churchwarden)

Church enquiries

For baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670) or <u>alisonhobbs@stbrandon.org.uk</u> (Please use Alison's new church email for church business) For church bookings, please contact Jean Hodgson (3780289) For all other enquiries, please contact Hester Higton (5974675)

St. Brandon's June 2018 – services and readings

3rd June,	Trinity 1	Parish Eucharist –	10.15
Readings: First:		Carolyn Knott	Deuteronomy 5:12–15
	Second:	Jean Hodgson	2 Corinthians 4:5–12
	Gospel:		Mark 2:23–3:6
		Geoff Knott	Intercessions
	Followed by	post-sermon discuss	sion (30 mins).
10th June	, Trinity 2	Parish Eucharist –	10.15
Readings:	First:	Wilfred Foxe	Genesis 3:8–15
	Second:	Jean Merrington	2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1
	Gospel:		Mark 3:20–end
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions
	Followed by	post-sermon discuss	sion (30 mins).
17th June	, Trinity 3	Parish Eucharist –	10.15
Readings:	First:	Steve Hodgson	Ezekiel 17:22–end
	Second:	Alison Moore	2 Corinthians 5:6–17
	Gospel:		Mark 4:26–34
		tba	Intercessions
24th June	, Trinity 4	Parish Eucharist –	10.15
Readings:	First:	Deborah Hodge	Job 38:1–11
	Second:	Bianca Allen	2 Corinthians 6:1–13
	Gospel:		Mark 4:35–end
		Edward Staines	Intercessions
1st July, T	rinity 5	Parish Eucharist –	10.15
Readings:	-	Gillian Smellie	Lamentations 3:23–33
5	Second:	Edward Staines	2 Corinthians 8:7–15
	Gospel:		Mark 5:21–43
		tba	Intercessions

Sidespersons

Servers

June 3 rd	Carolyn & Geoff Knott	Bridget
June 10 th	Jayne & Peter Cook	Jonny
June 17 th	Jean Merrington & Hester Higton	Tom Hobbs
June 24 th	Maud Oliver & Iris Waggott	Tom Higton
July 1 st	Steve Hodgson & Pat Sharples	Bridget

Flowers

Coffee

June 3 rd	Ruth Pickles	Evelyn Aitken
June 10 th	Iris Waggott	Norma Taylor
June 17 th	Isabel Rae	Sue Morgan
June 24 th	Eileen Crawford	Jeanette Metcalfe
July 1 st	Gerry Jennings	Alison Moore

Church Cleaning

June:	Carol Beeby, Jenny Marr, Jean Robinson.
	Sarah Nicholson, Norma Taylor.
July :	<i>Bill Curry,</i> Anne Elliott, Isabel Rae, Martin Peacock.
<u>St. Brandon's</u>	<u> Church – Grass Cutting Rota 2018</u>
28 th May – 10 th	June James Dalton / Phil Davison

- 11th 24th June Steve Hodgson / Geoff Harrison
- 25th June 8th July Tom Hobbs / Richard Hobbs

Brancepeth Youth Club

Sunday club nights are from 6.00 – 8.00pm.

All young people in the Village (and beyond, and their friends) are warmly welcome. The age range is from 11 to 17 years inclusive. Dates for this term are:

June 10, 24

July 8**

*This is the beginning of half term week, so nearer the time we'll need to confirm that there are enough to go ahead.

** The BBQ will take place at The Castle. We'll work out details nearer the time.

Leaders	
Geoff Moore	373 5674
Martin Peacock	378 4268

Sam Wilkes, Jonny Dobson, Tom and Alison Hobbs will also be helping to lead.

It time to open your box!

Now is the time when I get busy counting the change that you so kindly donated to **The Children's Society**, through the box giving scheme.

Please would you let me have your box or give me a call and I will be happy to pick it up. Many thanks for the wonderful work you do. I now have over 30 box holders on my list - great. However there is always room for more!

'Your change brings change'

Fiona Eltringham 01388 746058

If you would welcome a short time of Christian worship with friends and

neighbours, we would love to see you.

You are invited to join us for a small and friendly home

Eucharist service at 3 Russell Close

Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 7th Aug 2018 at 11:00am



Rev'd Alison, and Deborah, St Brandon's Church



Sunday mornings 10.15am. During Eucharist Service

Suitable for school age children. Bible stories, crafts, games. Leaders fully DBS checked.

Opportunity for children to worship informally with or without their grown ups, then re-join for the end of the Eucharist service.

Wriggly church area in Neville Chapel available for pre-schoolers to enjoy with their grown-ups. Speaker relay to overhear Eucharist Service

Sunday School June 2018

Stories about Jesus in St Mark's Gospel

June 3 rd	Martin Peacock and Deborah Hodge
What is really important?	Mark 2: 23 – 3:6
June 10 th	Martin Peacock and Carol Beeby
Who is really important?	Mark 3:31 – 35
June 17 th	Martin Peacock and Alison Moore
Small beginnings	Mark 4:26 – 34
June 24 th (baptism)	Martin Peacock and Valeria Dietz
In the middle of a storm	Mark 4: 35 – 41



July 1st Faith 3-5pm IN CHURCH. (No Messy Church in June)

All ages welcome We love to see new faces & guarantee you a warm and friendly welcome & tons of fun! Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

http://www.messychurch.org.uk/church/st-brandons-messy-church

You are invited to use this diary and share in the prayers offered daily in church.

'O God, the strength of those who put their trust in you . . . accept our prayers'

- 1 Pray for wisdom for Associate Minister Alison, for church wardens James and Hester and all sharing responsibilities during the vacancy at St Brandon's
- 2 For those who live in Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- **3** Trinity 1 Environment Sunday Pray that we will learn to live sustainably

4 For Sunday School, Youth Club and all the children and young people in the village

- 5 For Quarry Hill, the cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 6 For any struggling with illness their own or that of someone close to them
- 7 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres, Thornberry Garth
- 8 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 9 For couples getting married this summer
- 10 Trinity 2 'God the Son' Pray for openness to Jesus
- 11 Barnabas 'the encourager'. Give thanks for those who encourage you
- 12 For the Standing Committee, PCC and Shared Ministry Development Team
- 13 The Oakenshaw Road area, Village South, Castle and Lodge
- 14 Pray for Anglican trainees approaching ordination in July
- 15 Whitworth Lane, Black House
- 16 Scripton, Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks area

17 Trinity 3 'God the Father' Fathers' Day Pray for fathers – past, present and future

- 18 **Refugee week** Pray for people who have to escape from their own countries
- 19 For leaders, preachers and pastors at St Brandon's: Alison, Fiona, Deborah, Geoff
- 20 Durham Rd and the Forge
- 21 On the longest summer day give thanks for the countryside and pray for those whose livelihood depends on it
- 22 Pray for Archdeacons Rick, Ian and Bob in a time of changes in the Diocese
- 23 Goodwell Lea
- 24 Trinity 4 'God the Holy Spirit' Pray for inspiration by God's Spirit
- 25 Pray for all the community activities in the village: coffee, archives, art, film, choir . . .
- 26 Pray for victims of torture and for those who seek to bring torturers to justice
- 27 All who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View

28 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon farm, Springwell farm, Brawns Den29 **Peter and Paul** Give thanks for inspirational Christian leaders and preachers today

30 **Armed Forces Day** Pray for our armed forces, with thanks for their skill and commitment

Do you know anyone who, for any reason, would appreciate prayer, a visit, or perhaps to receive communion at home Please tell Deborah Hodge, Authorised Pastoral Assistant, and she will get in touch. 01388 745455

VESTRY REPORT: funerals; baptisms and weddings

6th May 2018, the baptism of Alice Beatrix Desdevises, daughter of Yann Desdevises and Zoe Lacey.

9th May 2018, the funeral of Sheila Craggs, RIP.

We published the banns of marriage for Daniel Clinton Brown and Stacey Thelma Pickin, both of this parish, marrying at St Brandon's on 7th July 2018.

Adv	vertising in the newsletter	
Printing costs for the Newsletter have risen substantially recently. In order to cover some part of these costs the church would be happy to introduce some limited advertising.		
Local residents and charitation the newsletter at the follo	able organisations are welcome to advertise in wing rates per issue:	
Up to half a page	£6	
Half to full page	£10	
Rates for commercial orga village)	anisations (only those with direct links to the	
Up to half a page	£12	
Half to full page	£20	
Please contact Sue Morgan (sueatpeppermires@gmail.com) for further details.		

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF VOTING RIGHTS ... VOTE 100

WITH FOOD, FILM AND A HISTORY DISPLAY "THE JOURNEY TO THE VOTE"

BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL DH7 8DD Wednesday 6th June - 10.30 a.m.

Home-made Food all day

Showings of "Suffragette" 2.30p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

ALL WELCOME TO DROP IN

Admission free

Organised by Brancepeth Community Association and Brancepeth Archives and History Group

For more information 0191 378 0974

The Village Vote



To support the Vote 100 event - jointly organised by Brancepeth Community Association and Archives & History Group - Brancepeth Parish Council (BPC) invites all residents (over the age of 18) to vote for a project of their choice. £250 of village precept will be allocated to a project of the peoples' choice ... come along and exercise your democratic right! BPC representatives will also be available during the day to answer any questions you have about our parish and to hear your views on key priorities.

Wednesday 6th June 2018

Village Hall

ballot box open from 10am until 9pm – come along and cast your vote!

(Voting slips available in the Village Hall)

	Vote for your favourite project by putting a $oldsymbol{X}$ in one of the bo	oxes below:
1	Two large planters with enhancing flower displays on both sides of the village crossroads	
2	Contribution towards a 2019 Village Fete	
3	Door furniture to enhance the entrance to the Village Hall	
4	Contribution towards a 2018 Xmas party	
5	Two new A690 'Brancepeth Village' signs in blue and yellow	
6	Another project – describe your suggestion below:	

Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45

All are very welcome – plus family & friends, any age!

The Wednesday coffee mornings continue to be very popular, with numbers of people usually over 20. The homemade and bought in food provided by the small team of volunteers is gratefully received, and help make this social occasion a great success.

Additional volunteers are always welcome.

For over 20 years, the voluntary donations have averaged £1.00 per person, and with the original intention to provide just coffee and biscuits, that was fine at the time.

It is suggested that a realistic donation for coffee, scones and cake should now be a minimum of £2...

Thank you to all supporters of coffee morning.

June	6 th	"Equaqliteas" Special celebration coffee morning.
June	13^{th}	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
June	20^{th}	Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach
June	27^{th}	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Currie
July	4^{th}	Deborah & Bob Chapman
July	11th	Pat Allatt & Vivienne Lowe
July	18th	Jean & Jim Merrington
July	25th	Janiece Spence & Vivienne Lowe
Aug	1st	Joan Taylor & Linda Larnach

If your turn is unsuitable please swap with someone else. Josie Armstrong, or Pat Allatt may be able to help. Please let your partner know: -

Pat Allatt 3780454	Linda Larnach 375 7554.
Stewart Allen 3780871	Rob Waggott 3783592
Evelyn Aitken 3789908	Vivienne Lowe 3780974
Josie Armstrong 01388 748902	Jean Merrington 3780952
Deborah Chapman 3781409	Sheena Murray 378 1097
Bill Currie 3783414	Janiece Spence 4356357
Christine Jones 3789297	Joan Taylor 3783630

Book Club

The next book club meeting will be on 1st June at the home of Audrey Dumbleton, 19 St Monica Road, Crossgate Moor, Durham DH1 4AS Tel: 3868310

The book to read is 'The Daughter of Time' by Josephine Tay. Hope to see you there.

Val Gibbons

Photocopier Wanted!

The Church photocopier has come to the end of its useful life!

We have had the same machine since the days of the Appeal following the fire but now the manufacturers cannot repair it any more.

Does anyone know of a second hand machine that could be donated to the church? It is used infrequently but needs to be young enough to be serviced & for spare parts to be obtainable.

Please contact Sue Morgan 3781172.

GARDEN CLUB

Walkabout

Friday 29 June. Start at Castle gates 6.30. Ticket prices, £13 members, £15 non-members. Supper at 8pm in the hall. Bring your own drinks. Hall opened at 6pm to allow you to deposit bottles. Tickets now available from monitors and from Peter Aitken at Wednesday coffee mornings.

Further events in later newsletters.

YOGA SESSIONS

Classes will run through June until Monday 30th July and we will have our usual summer break until 10th September.

100 Club Winners – April & May

<u>April</u>	1st – No.74…D. Chapman 2nd – No. 38…S. Chapman 3rd – No.6 …V. Davies
<u>May</u>	1st – No. 4J. Cook 2nd – No.87A, Field
	3rd – No. 12J. Taylor
	Allee Longstaff

The Durham Singers Musical Director: Julian Wright



Sing unto the Lord a New Song

Saturday 30 June 2018, 7.30 p.m. St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth

Joyful psalm settings from Britain and Germany

Purcell: Sing unto the Lord J.S. Bach: Singet dem Herrn

Byrd, Tomkins, Pachelbel, Schütz, James MacMillan and Julian Anderson

Tickets £12, students 8 u25 £8 from www.durham-singers.org or Durham Music Shop, Langley Moor tel 0779 0148062 / info@durham-singers.org



BRANCEPETH PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

The Parish Council met for the first time after elections on Monday 26th June, where Christine Jones was elected Chair and Philip Pickles Vice Chair.

We called a Special Meeting with residents to discuss Village Action Plan and use of field. The Village Plan has been completed and details can be found on BPC web site. It was agreed that responsible Dog Walking on field be allowed.

The BPC was in contact with several charities regarding tidying up the Village.

We gave the work to Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company the task of clearing the overgrown footpath and verges from Railway Cottages to the junction to Littlewhite Farm this was completed and they will come back and paint the seats in the Village.

The gates on the A690 approaching both East and West have been painted white , in the hope of reducing speeding traffic.

The Community Speedwatch Team has now some 10 members and can be seen regularly out. It has been successful in monitoring the numbers of people speeding through the Village and helping the limit the numbers of people speeding.

The BPC has agreed to purchase a Defibrillator and the BCA agreed that it can be sited on the outside of the Village Hall.

The allotments have had work done on several trees.

The Precept was set as the same as the previous 2 years.

The BPC has continued to support the BCA and are also donating to the **Vote100 event.**

The Assistant Clerk Mrs M L Rowland resigned from her position from 31st March, her duties will now be taken over by the Clerk Mr G F Smith.

The BPC was approached by a resident about her concerns of possible deer poaching in the area. The Police and other neighbouring councils have been informed. The BPC will ask the AAP for the use of the CCTV Camera (that the council has a share of) to obtain any evidence.

The BPC is seeking a grant to make a Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation will take place in the near future.

Dates for the Diary:-

June	4^{th} 11^{th} 18^{th} 25^{th} 4^{th} 11^{th} 18^{th} 25^{th}	Monday	Snooker Club
June	0 _0	Monday	Yoga
June	12 th 16 th	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
June	Check dates with Jean	Tuesday	Choir
June	6 th 13 th 23 rd 27 th	Wed	Exercise Class
June	6 th 13 th 23 rd 27 th	Wed	Coffee Morning
June	6 th 13 th 23 rd 27 th	Wed	Art Class
June	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	Thursday	Badminton
June	10 th 24 th	Sunday	Youth Club

Please confirm dates with leaders

June June	1 st 2 nd	Fri Sat	Book Club, 7.30pm –19 St Monica Grove. Opera Nova. 7.30pm – Church
June	6 th	Wed	All Day 'Vote 100' Event Village Hall
June	6 th	Wed	Cinema Club, 'Suffragette'. 2.30pm & 7.00pm – V H
June	29 th	Fri	Garden Club Walkabout
June	30 th	Sat	The Durham Singers, 'O Sing'. 7.30pm -Church
July	1 st	Sun	Messy Church. 3pm-5pm, Church
Sept	22 nd	Sat	Garden Club Annual Show
Oct	5 th	Fri	Garden Club visit to Hall's of Heddon

Village Hall: please contact Geraldine Jennings –

gerryjennings5@googlemail.com or tel. 3781583

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

George Gibbons	Chairman	Phil Davison	Building coordinator	
John Morgan	Vice chairman	Alison Hobbs	Church	
Peter Aitken	Secretary	Geraldine Jennings	Bookings	
Margot Harrison	Treasurer	Joan Taylor	Subscription	
Jo Dalton	Social Events	Rosemary Monument	Choir	
James Dalton	IT	Joan Taylor	Wednesday Coffee	
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Parish Activities

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Book Club	Val Gibbons (3784200)
Choir	Jean Merrington (3780952)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	Jessie Brown (3782748)
Garden Club	Barry Dickinson (3782398)
Snooker Bookings	Geraldine Jennings (3781583)
Wednesday Coffee	Joan Taylor (3783630)
Yoga	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674)
Parish Council	
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