ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH BRANCEPETH



NEWSLETTER: July/August 2018

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Sunday School Martin Peacock (07503242074)

Messy Church Gillian Smellie (3739420) & Liz Thomas (3784465)

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Deborah Hodge, Jean Hodgson, Jean Merrington, Geoff Moore,

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James Morgan, John Morgan, John Roberts, Robert Scott-Biggs,

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September Newsletter entries - no later than August 20th Please send to Sue Morgan - sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear Friends

Its summer! Summer is a great time for mooching outdoors. Whatever the weather (almost), the long days and lazy, fullness of summer is an invitation to be out there. We are lucky in this village to have a lot of areas rich in wild flowers and meadow grass, mixed woodland, and a good presence of birds and mammals. It's not unusual to see deer around the castle and golf course, kestrels and barn owls. Ecology surveys conducted at dawn and dusk last July and August around the castle spotted 209 bats foraging or commuting on the busiest of the three hour periods. They identified more than seven species of bat¹ and seven roosts in the castle walls. These have all been protected during the repair and repointing work: sharp eyes will detect little slots left in the new work for bats to enter.

Mooching outdoors might mean walking for half a day, seeing fabulous views and returning feeling stretched. It might mean, for the industrious, a good spell of gardening. Or, it might mean lying in the long grass observing the mass of life that even a square foot of ground contains. The complexity of plant structures and of the minute creatures that move amongst them is to wonder at. The naked eye cannot see an iota of the real complexity, nor even can the most sophisticated magnifying devices.

When one stops to contemplate it, the natural world is on a mini- and mega-scale that is hard to comprehend – it is beyond our cerebral comprehension and into the realms of our imaginative and our spiritual comprehension. For those of faith, that wonder and complexity, and sheer goodness of it all speaks to us of the provision of God and something like a limited analogy of the closeness, and immediacy and yet unfathomability of God.

So get blessed with a bit of mooching this summer!

Rev'd Alison Hobbs

unidentified Myotis species

¹ Common pipistrelle *Pipistrellus pipistrellus*, soprano pipistrelle *Pipistrellus pygmaeus*, noctule *Nyctalus noctula*, brown long-eared bat *Plecotus auritus*, Daubenton's bat *Myotis daubentonii*, Natterer's bat *Myotis nattereri* and

St Brandon's July and August 2018 – service and readings

1st July, Trinity 5 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Gillian Smellie Lamentations 3:23–33

Second: Edward Staines 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Gospel: Mark 5:21–43

Gillian Smellie Intercessions

8th July, Trinity 6 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Sue Morgan Ezekiel 2:1–5

Second: Evelyn Aitken 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Gospel: Mark 6:1–13

Alison Moore Intercessions

15th July, Trinity 7 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Jayne Cook Amos 7:7–15

Second: Robert Scott-Biggs Ephesians 1:3–14

Gospel: Mark 6:14–29

Hester Higton Intercessions

22nd July, Trinity 8 Parish Eucharist with Baptism – 10.15

Readings: First: Peter Cook Song of Solomon 3:1–4

Second: John Roberts 2 Corinthians 5:14–17

Gospel: John 20:1–2, 11–18

Edward Staines Intercessions

29th July, Trinity 9 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Ulrike Hobbs 2 Kings 4:42–44

Second: James Morgan Ephesians 3:14–21

Gospel: John 6:1–21

Robert & Sally Scott-Biggs Intercessions

5th August, Trinity 10 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Hester Higton Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15

Second: Janette Foxe Ephesians 4:1–16

Gospel: John 6:24–35

Wilfred Foxe Intercessions

12th August, Trinity 11 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Mike Higton 1 Kings 19:4–8

Second: Wilfred Foxe Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41–51

Geoff Moore Intercessions

19th August, Trinity 12 Parish Eucharist - 10.15

Readings: First: David Eltringham Proverbs 9:1–6

Second: Carolyn Knott Ephesians 5:15–20

Gospel: John 6:51–58

Martin Peacock Intercessions

26th August, Trinity 13 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Martin Peacock Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

Second: Jean Hodgson Ephesians 6:10–20

Gospel: John 6:56–69

Deborah Hodge Intercessions

2nd September, Trinity 14 Parish Eucharist with Baptism – 10.15

Readings: First: John Jackson Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Second: Geoff Knott James 1:17–27

Gospel: Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

tba Intercessions

Church enquiries

For baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670) or alisonhobbs@stbrandon.org.uk

(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)

July 1st	Steve Hodgson & Pat Sharples	Bridget
July 8 th	David Eltringham & Bianca Allen	Jonny
July 15 th	Myrleen Stewart & Bonny Bainbridge	Tom Higton
July 22 nd	Carolyn & Geoff Knott & Sue Morgan	Bridget
July 29 th	Joan Nesbitt & Hester Higton	Martin
Aug 5 th	Ann & John Roberts	Jonny
Aug 12th	Jayne & Peter Cook	Tom Higton
Aug 19th	Maud Oliver, Iris Waggott & Steve Hodgson	Bridget
Aug 26 th	Jean Merrington & Pat Sharples	Martin
Sept 2 nd	Sally & Robert Scott-Biggs & David Eltringham	Jonny

Servers

	Flowers	<u>Coffee</u>
July 1st	Gerry Jennings	Alison Moore
July 8 th	Wedding	Evelyn Aitken
July 15 th	Christine Dodd	Norma Taylor
July 22 nd	Lynne Hastie	Jeanette Metcalfe
July 29 th	Deborah Chapman	Sue Morgan
Aug 5 th	Hillary Moss	Alison Moore
Aug 12 th	Ruth Pickles	Evelyn Aitken
Aug 19 th	Norma Taylor	Norma Taylor
Aug 26 th	Sheena Murray	Sue Morgan
Sept 2 nd	Denise Jackson	Jeanette Metcalfe

Church Cleaning

Sidespersons

July: Bill Curry, Anne Elliott, Isabel Rae,

Martin Peacock.

August: Sue Morgan, Bonny Bainbridge, Fiona Eltringham,

Deborah Hodge & Alison Moore.

September: Evelyn Aitken, Carolyn Knott, Jean Merrington,

Myrleen Stewart, Iris & Bob Waggott.

St. Brandon's Church - Grass Cutting Rota 2018

25th June – 8th July Tom Hobbs / Richard Hobbs

9th - 22nd July Simon Elliot / David Jackson

23rd July - 5th Aug Dave Armstrong / David Eltringham

6th – 19th Aug David Wilkes / Philip Pickles

20th Aug – 2nd Sept Barry Dickinson / Michael Stephenson

3rd – 16th Sept James Dalton / Philip Davison

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. The July date is:

July 8**

** 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.

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 10th July 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 7th Aug 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 11th Sept 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 July and August 2018

July 1st Martin Peacock and Jeanette Metcalfe

'Help...help...help me!' Mark 5: 21 – 43

July 8th Martin Peacock and Deborah Hodge

He is ordinary? Mark 6: 1-13

July 15th Martin Peacock and Carol Beeby

July 22nd Martin Peacock and Valeria Dietz

July 29th and August No Sunday School!



July 1st
Faith
3-5pm
IN CHURCH.

(No Messy Church in August)

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

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY July 2018

You are invited to use this diary to share in the prayers offered daily in church "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God"

1 TRINITY 5 Pray for the the church that we may speak truth to power. For Messy Church this afternoon.

- 2 Whitworth Lane and Black House
- 3 Oakenshaw Road
- 4 On Independence Day in America pray for wisdom for the leaders of that great country
- 5 Quarry Hill and cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite Farm and Goodwell Field
- 6 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Springwell Farm, Weather Hill, South Brandon Farm and Brawns Den
- 7 Station House and cottages and the Village North

8 TRINITY 6 Give thanks for all who serve in the church asking God to bless them by his Holy Spirit in all they seek to do for him

- 9 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 10 Pray for those who grieve
- 11 Goodwell Lea North
- 12 Goodwell Lea South
- 13 Pray for those who feel lonely or neglected and all those who seek to be riend them

15 TRINITY 7 Pray for our young people in Sunday School youth club and Messy Church

- 16 Stockley Grove, Tanglewood and Bridge Road
- 17 Durham Road and The Forge
- 18 Peppermires, Culmaran, Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm,
- 19 Pray for church members from outside the parish giving thanks for their presence at St Brandon's
- 20 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres and Thornberry Garth
- 21 The Village South

22 TRINITY 8 Pray for the baptisms today of Alexander and Elsie, for their families and friends

- 23 As we remember Mary Magdalene today pray for all who need forgiveness and a second, third, fourth or more chance in life
- 24 The Castle and Lodge
- 25 On St James' day pray for all those we know called James giving special thanks for our churchwardens James and Hester
- 26 Give thanks for all our pets and animals and the rich diversity of God's creation
- 27 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scripton Lodge, Scripton Farm
- 28 Pray for the flower arrangers, the coffee makers, the cleaners, the organist, sacristans and servers and the events team. Give thanks for all the willing helpers who enhance our worship

29 TRINITY 9 Give thanks for holidays and times of relaxation and refreshment

- 30 Holywell and East Parks
- 31 For the Village Hall and the Golf Club

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY August 2018

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

- 1 Give thanks and pray for those leading Christian summer camps this month.
- 2 Scripton, Peppermires, Holywell and East Parks area.
- 3 Pray for a spiritual turn of tide in our land and in our churches.
- 4 Goodwell Lea.

5 Give thanks to God for everyone who has walked with us and encouraged us on our journey of faith.

- 6 The Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Rectory Cottages and Constable Meadows.
- 7 Pray and give thanks for the courage and efficiency of our emergency services.
- 8 Foxes Row and Russell Close.
- 9 We give thanks for Mary Summer, founder of the Mother's Union.
- 10 Pray forgiveness for our part in neglecting God's creation and help us all to treat it more respectfully.
- 11 Church members outside the parish.

12 Pray for save places or recreation for our young people.

- On the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's death, we give thanks and pray for all in the nursing and caring professions.
- 14 Quarry Hill, the Cottages and the Goodwell Field area.
- On the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary we give thanks for her obedience, selflessness and faith filled life.
- 16 Littlewhite Farm, the Cottages and Morley Farm.
- 17 Pray for Christians in North Africa where human rights are regularly violated, and leaders imprisoned.
- 18 Oakenshaw Road area.

19 Give thanks to all who convey God's Word to us each week.

- 20 Village north of crossroads, Station House and Railway Cottages.
- 21 Pray for the sick and those awaiting a diagnosis or surgery.
- 22 Durham Road and the Forge.
- 23 Pray for wisdom, compassion and understanding in our dealings with others.

- 24 Pray for the Government to safeguard religious freedom in this country.
- 25 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon and Brawns Den.
- 26 May God's word stretch our minds on the things that challenge us.
- 27 Village South, the Castle, and Lodge. The Bothy, Golf Club, Park Lodge, Nursery and Garden houses.
- 28 Pray for those who have lost loved ones through gun or knife crime.
- 29 Stockley Grove, Bridge Lane and Whitworth Lane.
- 30 Pray and give thanks for volunteers who staff prayer and helplines.
- 31 St Aiden. We give thanks for this Irish Monk credited with restoring Christianity to Northumbria and becoming the first Bishop of Lindisfarne.

For September requests please contact Alison Moore (0191 373 5674).

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



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018

A great big thank you to everyone for their help and support with Christian Aid Week this year.

We managed to raise a grand total of £1741.07

Well done to all – the people of Brancepeth have really made a difference to the lives of those in need.



VESTRY REPORT: funerals; baptisms, weddings & confirmations 26th May 2018, the marriage of Jonathan Richard Archer and Katherine Josephine Domingo.

10th June 2018, Lucy Hodge and Catherine Hazell were confirmed by the Bishop Mark, Bishop of Jarrow, at St Oswald's Church, Durham.

Thank you from the Children's Society

Thank you to all who have given me their Children's Society boxes for our annual box collection and even more so for the contents. I am delighted to say the sum has come to just under £742. 58. As the box sticker says 'You are helping to transform the lives of disadvantaged children'.

Fiona Eltringham

Open days for the National Garden Scheme

Alison & Godfrey Young will be opening their garden for the National Garden Scheme on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th July from 10.30am to 4.30 pm.

All proceeds to the NGS charity.

Teas and plant stall.

Entry £4.00. Children free. The Fold, High Wooley DL15 9AP

VILLAGE WALK 2018

Our second Village Walk will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 29th September. As last year Fiona and David Eltringham have kindly agreed to lead the walk. This year the walk will follow the route of Walk 4 (Standalone Wood) published by the Archives and History Group.

Details of the meeting arrangements etc will appear in the September issue of the Newsletter.

On behalf of the Archives & History Group

Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 - 11.45

All are very welcome – plus family & friends, any age! Thank you to all supporters of coffee morning.

July	4^{th}	Deborah & Bob Chapman
July	11 th	Pat Allatt & Vivienne Lowe
July	18^{th}	Linda Larnach & tbc
July	25^{th}	Janiece Spence & Vivienne Lowe
Aug	1^{st}	Joan Taylor & tbc
Aug	8^{th}	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
Aug	15^{th}	Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach
Aug	22^{nd}	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Currie
Aug	29 th	Deborah & Bob Chapman
Sept	5 th	Pat Allatt & Joan Taylor

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

BCA CINEMA CLUB



July 4th GODFATHER 1 at 7.30pm

August 1st GODFATHER 2 at 7.30pm

Knit and natter news.

The knit and natter group continues to meet in the village hall on alternate Tuesdays from 2 to 4pm. The dates for July are 3rd and 17th. The group may meet in August if individual holiday arrangements make it viable. This year we have knitted Easter chickens which we filled with chocolate eggs and donated to St Cuthbert's Hospice. A sum of £55 was raised. The eggs were delivered to the hospice by Iris Waggott.





Iris Waggott & her chicks

Lihua's children's gifts

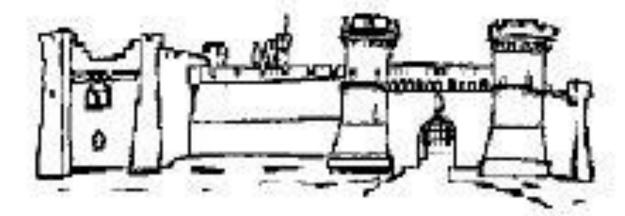
We also continue to knit articles for the shoebox appeal and women's refuge.

We would like to thank Lihua for her kind donation of children's knitted garments and a large quantity of wool which will be used to make gifts for various charitable organisations.

If anyone else has surplus wool which they do not require the group would be pleased to make use of it.

BRANCEPETH CASTLE

(DH7 8DE - 4 miles west of Durham City, on A690)



CRAFT FAIR

27th 28th & 29th July 2018

FRIDAY 10am - 5pm SATURDAY 10am - 5pm SUNDAY 12 NOON - 5pm

Huge variety of crafts will be displayed

AMPLE FREE PARKING

ADMISSION £3.00 OAP £2.00

Children free when accompanied by an adult.



Refreshments Available

www.brancepethcastle.org.uk



Dates for the Diary:-

July	2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	Monday	Snooker Club
Aug	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th		
July	2 nd 9 th 16 th (not 23rd) 30th	Monday	Yoga
	(August holiday)		
July	3 rd 17 th (Aug by arrangement)	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
July & A	Aug Check dates with Jean	Tuesday	Choir
July	4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th	Wed	Exercise Class
Aug	1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th		
July	4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th	Wed	Coffee Morning
Aug	1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th		
July	4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th	Wed	Art Class
Aug	1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd 29 th		
July	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	Thursday	Badminton
Aug	2 nd 9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th		
July	8 th (Aug holiday)	Sunday	Youth Club

Please confirm dates with leaders

July	1 st Sun	Messy Church. 3pm-5pm, Church
July	4 th Wed	Cinema Club, (Godfather 1), 7.30pm, VH
July	6 th / 7 th Fri / Sat	Open Gardens Scheme, 10.30am – 4.30pm,
		The Fold, High Wooley
July	$27^{th} / 28^{th} / 29^{th}$	Fri, Sat, Sun, Craft Fair, Castle
Aug	1 st Wed	Cinema Club, (Godfather 2), 7.30pm, VH
Sept	22 nd Sat	Garden Club Annual Show
Sept	29 th Sat	Village Walk
Sept	29 th / 30 th Sat /S	un North East Art Weekend, Castle
Oct	5 th Fri	Garden Club visit to Hall's of Heddon

Village Hall: please contact Geraldine Jennings –

<u>gerryjennings5@googlemail.com</u> or tel. 3781583

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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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