

ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH
BRANCEPETH



NEWSLETTER: September 2018

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Lynne Hastie (3781871)

Churchyard

Edward Staines (3780858)

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Geoff Moore (3735674), Martin Peacock (07503242074)

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Hester Higton, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Rev'd Fiona Eltringham,
Deborah Hodge, Jean Hodgson, Jean Merrington, Geoff Moore,
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Jayne & Peter Cook, Steve Hodgson, John Jackson,
James Morgan, John Morgan, John Roberts, Robert Scott-Biggs,
Edward Staines.

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www.stbrandon.org.uk

October Newsletter entries - no later than September 20th

Please send to Sue Morgan - sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

As I write, the weather has broken and there is a refreshing coolness after the baking we received by what seemed like a relentless sun. And we are heading into Autumn, beginning of course on 1st September, which John Keats in his *Ode to Autumn* described as:

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves
run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

But before we forget the summer and move on to Autumn and the 'getting going again' that this season ushers in, it is worth remembering that the summer was hot not just here but across Europe, that in Japan at least 119 people died from the excessive heat, that in Greece wildfires drove people into the sea, that California had the biggest wildfires in its history, and that even Sweden had 80 of them.

A group of leading climate scientists has recently warned of a domino-like cascade of melting ice, warming seas, shifting currents and dying forests which could tilt the Earth into a "hothouse" state beyond which human efforts to reduce emissions will be increasingly futile. And these "tipping points" could begin as the earth warms by 2°C – which it could do as early as 2040.

As we all already know, this raises serious questions for us at every level – individual, Church, community, nation, and international. And if we don't find the answers very soon at all those levels, seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness may be a thing of the past.

Geoff Moore

St Brandon's September 2018 – service and readings

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
Edward Staines Intercessions

9th September, Trinity 15 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Jean Merrington Isaiah 35:4–7a
Second: Steve Hodgson James 2:1–17
Gospel: Mark 7:24–37
Geoff Moore Intercessions

16th September, Trinity 16 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Alison Moore Isaiah 50:4–9a
Second: Deborah Hodge James 3:1–12
Gospel: Mark 8:27–38
Geoff Knott Intercessions

23rd September, Trinity 17 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Bianca Allen Wisdom 1:16–2:1, 12–22
Second: Gillian Smellie James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a
Gospel: Mark 9:30–37
James Morgan Intercessions

30th September, Harvest Harvest Festival – 10.15

Readings: First: Sue Morgan Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29
Second: Edward Staines James 5:13–20
Gospel: Mark 9:38–50
Sunday School Intercessions

7th October, Trinity 19 Parish Eucharist – 10.15

Readings: First: Evelyn Aitken Job 1:1; 2:1–10
Second: Jayne Cook Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12
Gospel: Mark 10:2–16
David Eltringham Intercessions



Harvest Festival at St Brandon's Sunday 30 September, 10.15

As part of our Harvest thanksgiving each year, we donate our gifts to DASH – Durham Action on Single Housing, a non-profit-making organisation based in the city. The following items are particularly welcome:

- Tinned goods, particularly meat, tuna, soup, baked beans, tomatoes, fruit
- Long-life milk and fruit juice
- Cereals, rice, pasta, tea, coffee, sugar
- Shampoo, soap, toilet rolls, toothpaste and other toiletries
- Treats such as jams, biscuits and cakes

Any fresh items such as fruit and vegetables can be used for soups and stews to be shared in a communal lunch for the residents in Churchill Square.

Thank you for your past support; we hope that you will feel able to give something again this year.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 30.9.18

The Flower Guild would appreciate any donations of fruit and vegetables from the Allotment Association or local residents. These can be brought to the church from 9.30 am on Friday 28th (no access on Saturday) or handed to any member of the Guild.

The produce will be taken to DASH after the Sunday service.

Thank you for your support.



Lynne Hastie on behalf of the Flower Guild

Sidespersons

Sept 2 nd	Sally & Robert Scott-Biggs & David Eltringham	Jonny
Sept 9 th	Bianca Allen & Myrleen Stewart	Tom Higton
Sept 16 th	Bonny Bainbridge & Sue Morgan	Bridget
Sept 23 rd	Carolyn & Geoff Knott	Tom Hobbs
Sept 30 th	Ann & John Roberts	Jonny
Oct 7 th	Joan Nesbitt & Hester Higton	Tom Higton

Servers

Flowers

Sept 2 nd	Denise Jackson
Sept 9 th	Jean Hodgson
Sept 16 th	Sheena Murray
Sept 23 rd	Jean Hodgson
Sept 30 th	Harvest festival (Guild)
Oct 7 th	Hillary Moss

Coffee

Jeanette Metcalfe
Alison Moore
Evelyn Aitken
Norma Taylor
Sue Morgan
Jeanette Metcalfe

Church Cleaning

September: *Evelyn Aitken*, Carolyn Knott, Jean Merrington, Myrleen Stewart, Iris & Bob Waggott.

October: *Carol Beeby*, Jenny Marr, Jean Robinson.

Sarah Nicholson, Norma Taylor.

St. Brandon's Church – Grass Cutting Rota 2018

20 th Aug – 2 nd Sept	Barry Dickinson / Michael Stephenson
3 rd – 16 th Sept	James Dalton / Philip Davison
17 th – 30 th Sept.	James Morgan / Lester Ball

CHOIR

Practices begin Tuesday Sept. 25th. 7.30. Village Hall.
Jean Merrington

Brancepeth Youth Club

September - December 2018

Sunday club nights are from 6.00 – 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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 as follows:

9th September 7th October

4th November 2nd December

23rd September 21st October

18th November 16th December*

*This is likely to be the Carol Service, in which case there will be no Youth Club, but everyone is encouraged to come to the service. We'll confirm as soon as we know.

At this time of year we need parents / guardians to complete the annual consent forms. These will be available from the first meeting and should be returned immediately or at the following meeting. Please help us to get a get a full set of these as quickly as possible. Thanks.

Leaders

Geoff Moore 373 5674

Martin Peacock 378 4268

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

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)

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 11th Sept 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 9th Oct 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 13th Nov 2018 at 11:00am

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

GARDEN CLUB

Future events.

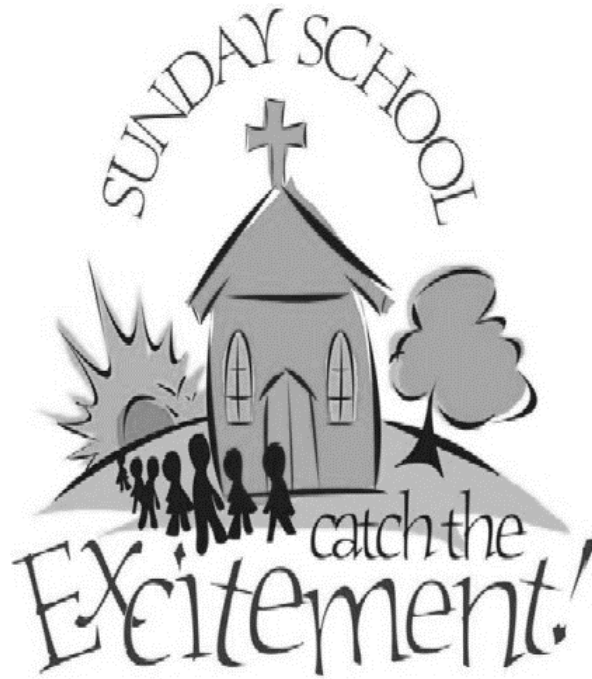
Saturday 22 September. Annual Show. Schedules are now available from Monitors, and on the shelf in the village hall next to the kitchen serving hatch. The schedule is also on the BCA website.

<http://brancepethcommunityassociation.btck.co.uk>

Friday 5th October, 5.30pm visit to Halls of Heddon, (the Dahlia experts) West Heddon Nursery Centre, Heddon on the Wall, N'land. NE15 0JS. Leave from Castle gates 4.30pm. Anyone requiring a lift, please speak to Peter Aitken 3789908 a few days before, and he will make the arrangements.

YOGA SESSIONS

Yoga will resume on Monday 10th September at 7.30pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Lynne (3781871) for further details.



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.

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

Sunday School September 2018

'Thy Kingdom come. . .' sessions based on the gospel reading

September 9th
Beeby

Martin Peacock and Carol

Be open

Mark 7:24-36

September 16th
Hodge

Martin Peacock and Deborah

Be prepared to do the right thing *Mark 8:27 - 38*

September 23rd
Moore

Martin Peacock and Alison

Who is the greatest?

Mark 9:30 -37

September 30th
Dietz

Martin Peacock and Valeria

Harvest!



September 16th

'Mini Beasts'

3-5pm

IN CHURCH.

(No Messy Church in October – next meeting
Nov 4th)

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 September 2018

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

- 1 Give thanks for Brancepeth, for all who live in the parish and contribute to the community
- 2

2 Pray for the baptism this morning

- 3 For children and staff as schools start their new year this week
- 4 **St Cuthbert** Give thanks for all who teach and inspire us in our lives
- 5 Wooley Grange, Springwell Farm, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon Farm, Brawns Den
- 6 Goodwell Lea
- 7 Oakenshaw Road
- 8 Quarry Hill and cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite Farm and Goodwell Field

9 As we enjoy watching the beautiful summer turn into autumn, pray for those affected by extreme weather conditions

- 10 The Castle and Lodge
- 11 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 12 Pray for Youth Club, Sunday School and Messy Church as the new term starts
- 13 The Rectory – currently unoccupied. Pray for the right person to come as priest in charge
- 14 **Holy Cross Day** Pray to follow Jesus' way
- 15 Whitworth Lane and Black House

16 Pray for Messy Church today, for children, parents and helpers

- 17 **Hildegard of Bingen (12C)** Pray for women in church leadership, for wisdom and joy
- 18 Durham Road and the Forge
- 19 Pray for Bridge Road and Tanglewood
- 20 Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres and Thornberry Garth
- 21 **St Matthew** Pray for all who write about faith
- 22 The Village South

23 Pray for all who find Sundays and weekends difficult or lonely

- 24 The Village Hall and Golf Club
- 25 Village North, Station House and Cottages
- 26 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm
- 27 Peppermires, Culmorán Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm, Holywell and East Parks
- 28 Stockley Grove
- 29 **St Michael and All Angels** Give thanks for the many wonderful aspects of the universe that we don't understand

30 Harvest festival - give thanks for harvests of all kinds

*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 & weddings.

24th June 2018, the baptism of Philippa Anne Hazell, daughter of Catherine Anne Hazell and Jonathan Mark Hazell.

26th June 2018, the interment of ashes in the Circle of Remembrance, George Meeburn Oliver RIP

7th July 2018, the marriage of Stacey Thelma Pickin and Daniel Clinton Brown.

9th July 2018, the interment of ashes in the Circle of Remembrance, Helen and Arthur Robinson RIP

22th July 2018, the baptism of Alexander Christopher Keithley, son of Helen Clare Keithley and Christopher Robert Keithley.

22th July 2018, the baptism of Elsie Sarah Mary Staines, daughter of Katherine Staines and Chris Staines.

19th August 2018, the baptism of Sebastian Jonathan Wilby and Chloe Anne Wilby, son and daughter of Laura Anne Wilby and Jonathan Ross Wilby.

VILLAGE WALK 2018

The Village Walk, led by Fiona and David Eltringham, will take place on Saturday 29 September. It will follow the route described in the Archive Group's Walk 4 – Standalone Wood. Anyone wanting to join the Walk should be at the start point by 1 30. It begins about half way along Brandon Lane. To get there head up Wolsingham Road then turn right onto Morley Lane, carry on past Morley Farm and when you reach the T junction at the top of the hill turn left onto Brandon Lane. After about half a mile you arrive at the start point. There is off road parking beside a steel gate which is on the left and just opposite a "Public Bridleway" sign. The Walk is about 5 and a half miles and the estimated walking time – at a moderate pace – is about 3 hours. **Please note that, in parts, this walk can be very muddy – stout walking shoes or boots are recommended.**

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

By now most of us will be all too aware that the new GDPR, replacing the previous Data Protection Act, came into force on 25th May 2018.

These regulations are aimed at protecting the rights of an individual in respect of the way in which organisations hold information about them and are concerned primarily with privacy, security, transparency and consent.

All charities and churches must comply with these regulations and St Brandon's is no exception. Members of the Church and those connected with it who have provided personal details (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses) for whatever purpose can be assured that St Brandon's regard all such information as confidential and will be held securely, and disposed of appropriately when no longer required.

The Parochial Church Council has implemented a detailed Privacy Policy and Data Protection Policy which may be accessed via the church website at <http://www.stbrandon.org.uk>

If anyone has further questions or concerns arising out of these regulations please feel free to contact me.

Robert Scott-Biggs
St Brandon's PCC, Data Protection
0191 373 5907
rsb@ashworthroberts.co.uk

Book Club

The next date is 7 September, 19.30 at Evelyn Aitken's home, The Copse, Foxes Row when we will discuss "The new Mrs Clifton" by Elizabeth Buchan.

In October we'll meet at 7 Goodwell Lea, home of The Monuments, at 19.30. Book to be decided next time. All welcome.

Val Gibbons

In support of St Cuthbert's Hospice

September Serenade

Sunday 9th September
St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth
at 3pm

featuring:

Mary Coffield (Soprano)

David Curtis (Baritone)

Alison Gill (Piano)

Andrew Smith (Clarinet)

Tickets £10 available from the ticketline on
07936 080535 or email: mary.coffield@googlemail.com

An afternoon of inspiring music includes The Four Last Songs (Richard Strauss), The Shepherd on the Rock (Schubert) and golden moments from Viennese Operetta.

All proceeds will support the vital work of St Cuthbert's Hospice, now in its 30th year.



Friday 28th September 2018, 7:15pm

Village Hall

Team sizes 2-8

Pie & peas supper (bring own drinks)

(veg option please book in advance)

Tickets: £6 (£7 non-members) Available from: Josie Armstrong: jo.arm@me.com
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Peter Aitken 378 9908 / Jo Dalton: jdalton2103@gmail.com (proceeds to BCA)



Sunday Lunch ...

7th October 2018

Fresh – Fantastic – Local!

2 x courses (main & dessert followed by tea/coffee)

£9.50 per person (£10.50 non-BCA members)

Village Hall, 2pm

❖ (under 5s no charge, under 13s £7 – numbers limited to 20 people, bring own drinks)

Bookings in advance: Josie Armstrong: jo.arm@me.com / Peter Aitken 378 9908
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Jo Dalton: jdalton2103@gmail.com (proceeds to BCA)

Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45

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

More volunteers are needed if we are to continue with the weekly coffee mornings. If you can spare a couple of hours once every 6 weeks or so please call Joan on 378 3630. If you would like to help but are unable to bring a cake, scones or some biscuits please still call as we have volunteers willing to bake but unable to help on a Wednesday morning. Please think about helping out and if there is someone you'd like to bring along to help you even better. Although you will be included in the rota published each month it is always possible to change when dates aren't suitable.

Sept	5 th	Pat Allatt & Joan Taylor
Sept	12 th	Jean & Jim Merrington
Sept	19 th	Joan Taylor & Janiece Spence
Sept	26 th	Vivienne Lowe & Sheena Murray
Oct	3 rd	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
Oct	10 th	Evelyn Aitken & Bill Currie
Oct	17 th	Linda Larnach & Joan Taylor
Oct	24 th	Pat Allatt & Vivienne Lowe
Oct	31 st	Jean & Jim Merrington

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

Rob Waggott 3783592

Evelyn Aitken 3789908

Josie Armstrong 01388 748902

Bill Currie 3783414

Christine Jones 3789297

Linda Larnach 375 7554.

Sheena Murray 378 1097

Vivienne Lowe 3780974

Jean Merrington 3780952

Janiece Spence 4356357

Joan Taylor 3783630

BCA CINEMA CLUB



Wednesday, September 5th at 7.30pm 'DUNKIRK'

2017 Award Winner Running time 1hr. 42 min.



North East Art Weekend 2018

Brancepeth Castle 29th and 30th September 2018, 10am-6pm

An Exhibition & Sale of Art Work by North Eastern Artists

£2 entry / Refreshments / Free parking

www.northeastartweekend.org

Dates for the Diary:-

Sept	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th	Monday	Snooker Club
Sept	10 th 17 th 24 th	Monday	Yoga
Sept	4 th 18 th	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
Sept	recommences 25 th	Tuesday	Choir
Sept	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	Wed	Exercise Class
Sept	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	Wed	Coffee Morning
Sept	5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th	Wed	Art Class
Sept	6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th	Thursday	Badminton
Sept	9 th 23 rd	Sunday	Youth Club

Please confirm dates with leaders

Sept	5 th	Wed	Cinema Club, (Dunkirk), 7.30pm, VH
Sept	7 th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm. The Copse
Sept	9 th	Sun	September Serenade, 3pm, Church
Sept	23 rd	Sun	Messy Church. 3pm-5pm, Church
Sept	22 nd	Sat	Garden Club Annual Show
Sept	28 th	Fri	Quiz Night, 7.15. Village Hall
Sept	29 th	Sat	Village Walk
Sept	29 th / 30 th	Sat /Sun	North East Art Weekend, Castle
Oct	5 th	Fri	Garden Club visit to Hall's of Heddon
Oct	7 th	Sun	Sunday Lunch, 2.00pm. Village Hall

Village Hall: please contact Geraldine Jennings –

gerryjennings5@googlemail.com or tel. 3781583

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

George Gibbons	<i>Chairman</i>	Phil Davison	<i>Building coordinator</i>
John Morgan	<i>Vice chairman</i>	Alison Hobbs	<i>Church</i>
Peter Aitken	<i>Secretary</i>	Geraldine Jennings	<i>Bookings</i>
Margot Harrison	<i>Treasurer</i>	Joan Taylor	<i>Subscription</i>
Jo Dalton	<i>Website & Fundraising</i>	Jean Merrington	<i>Choir</i>
James Dalton	<i>IT</i>	Joan Taylor	<i>Wednesday Coffee</i>
Josie Armstrong	<i>Social Events</i>		

<http://brancepethcommunityassociation.btck.co.uk/> Tel: 0191 3783952

Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.	George Gibbons, 3 The Forge (3784200)
Secretary	Peter Aitken, The Copse, Foxes Row (3789908)
Treasurer	Margot Harrison, Downsgarth (3784813)
Membership	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (3780974)
Hall Bookings	Geraldine Jennings, 5 Goodwell Lea (3781583)
Archives & History	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (3780974)
Badminton	Peter Hodge, (01388 745455)
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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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