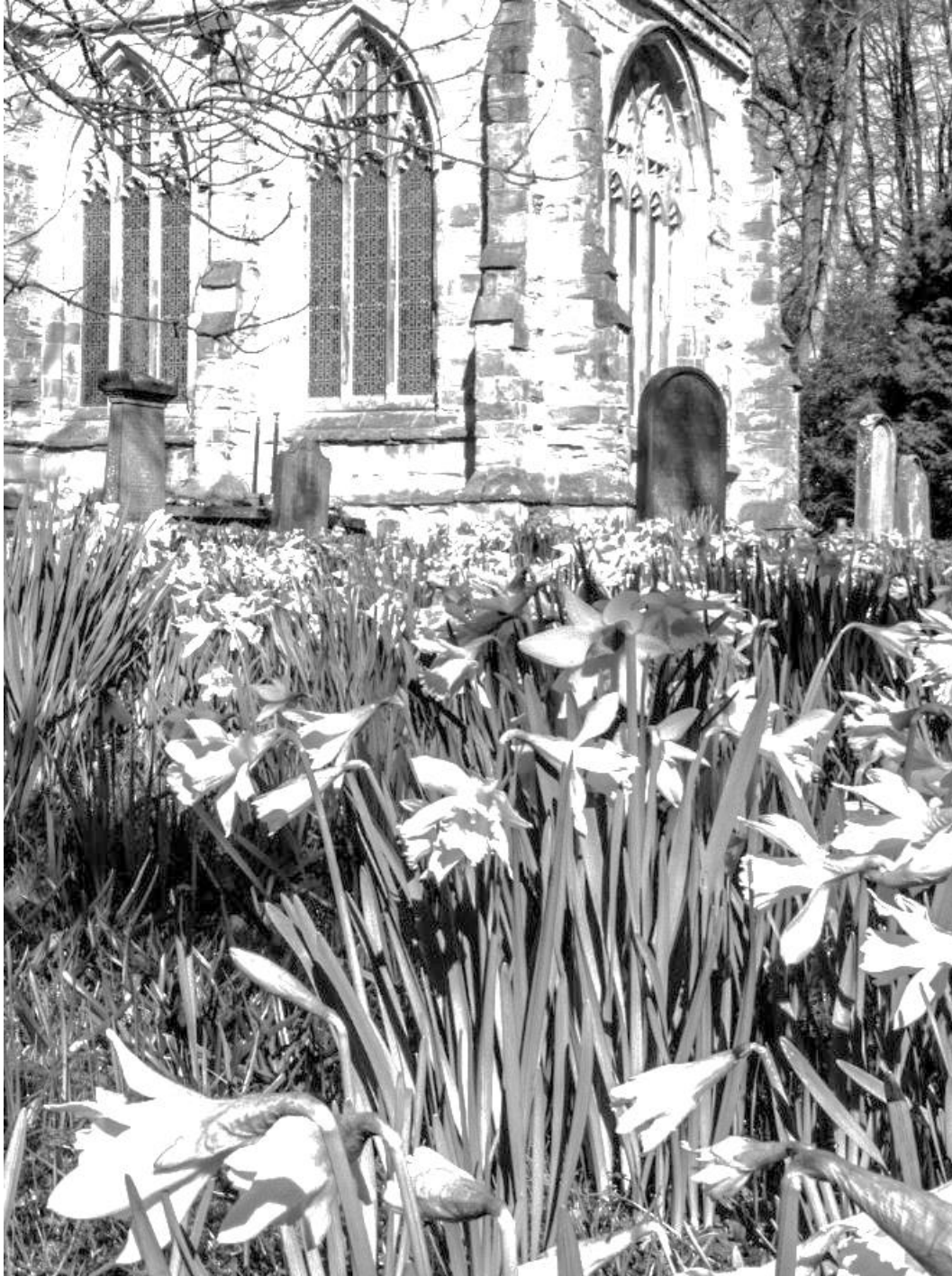


# ***ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH***

## ***BRANCEPETH***



***NEWSLETTER: March 2019***

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## Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	
Associate Minister	Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670) or alisonhobbs@stbrandon.org.uk
Lay Reader	Geoff Moore – co-opted member of P.C.C. (3735674)
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Secretary	Mike Higton (5974675)
Treasurer	Geoff Knott (01833 627094)
Deanery Synod	Robert Scott-Biggs (3735907). David Eltringham (01388 746058) John Jackson (3782392)

### Other members:-

Jayne Cook (01388 731417)	Jeanette Metcalfe (3781646)
Peter Cook (01388 731417)	Sue Morgan (3781172) – co-opted
Jean Hodgson (3780289)	Isabel Rae (9039145)
Steve Hodgson (3780289)	John Roberts (01388 748287)

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Pastoral Assistant	Deborah Hodge (01388 745455)
Prayer Team	Deborah Hodge (01388 745455), Alison Hobbs (378 9670), Alison Moore (373 5674), Myrleen Stewart (378 0862).
Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Gillian Smellie (3739420) & Liz Thomas (3784465)
Organist	Richard Hird
Music	Jean Merrington (3780952)
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (3847431), Deborah Hodge (01388 745455), Jean Hodgson (3780289), Valeria Dietz.
Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (3735674)
Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Churchyard	Edward Staines (3780858)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674), Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Worship Team	Hester Higton, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Rev'd Fiona Eltringham, Deborah Hodge, Jean Hodgson, Jean Merrington, Geoff Moore, Sue Morgan.
SMD Team:	Hester Higton, Alison Hobbs, Alison Moore, Martin Peacock.
Fabric:	James Morgan (chair), Peter Cook, Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Geoff Knott, John Roberts, Robert Scott-Biggs, Edward Staines.
Website	<a href="http://www.stbrandon.org.uk">www.stbrandon.org.uk</a>

**April Newsletter entries - no later than March 20th**  
**Please send to Sue Morgan - sueatpeppermires@gmail.com**

Happy March to you all,

I wonder if you are looking forward to the end of March with dread or with excitement. Well, more than enough words have been written about that subject so I am going to steer well clear of it.

However it seems to me that March has much else to interest us.

March is named after Mars, the Roman God of war. Not a very auspicious start. However the birth flower of those born in March is the daffodil. That seems rather more encouraging.

So what else does March have to offer?

Well March 1<sup>st</sup> is the meteorological beginning of spring. 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> March is the equinox that marks the astronomic beginning of spring. Either way, March seems to signal that spring is in the air. Good news!

5<sup>th</sup> March this year is Shrove Tuesday; the day before Ash Wednesday. It is chiefly marked by feasting and celebration, which traditionally precedes the observance of the Lenten fast. We love pancakes!

6<sup>th</sup> March this year is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is marked 46 days before Easter Sunday. It is the first day of Lent – which is the period of self-restraint and abstention for Christians prior to Easter. It marks the first day of fasting, repentance, prayer and self-control. We will be holding a service in church that evening and hope many of you will come.

17 March is of course St. Patrick's Day. Patrick being of course Ireland's patron saint. My Irish grandchildren celebrate that day with great gusto. If I am honest, I'll be more excited that it is, this year, the first day of the F1 calendar; with the first race being held in Australia.

25 March is the birthday of one of my granddaughters. Maybe some of you have a March birthday too. I was also nearly a March baby but must have been a bit lazy.

31<sup>st</sup> March we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday-see elsewhere in the Newsletter for more info about that. But we do hope to see lots of you in church that day too.

But what I really like about the end of March, 31<sup>st</sup> this year, is that we will change the clocks. We will be welcoming in the start of the longer days. I love the light: I love the days when the sun shines. The sun seems to lift our spirits and make us feel better about life. The light shining in dark places can heal our fears. No wonder Jesus was often called 'The Light of the World'

In John's gospel, he tells his disciples

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

I hope you will find plenty of light in your lives this March.

Fiona Eltringham

## **St Brandon's March 2019 – service and readings**

### **3rd March, Sunday before Lent Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

Readings: First:	Bianca Allen	Exodus 34:29–35
Second:	Alison Moore	2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2
Gospel:		Luke 9:28–36 (37–43)
	Gillian Smellie	Intercessions

### **6th March, Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes – 7.30 pm**

Readings: First:	Hester Higon	Isaiah 58:1–12
Gospel:		John 8:1–11

### **10th March, Lent 1 Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

Readings: First:	Edward Staines	Psalms 67
Second:	Evelyn Aitken	Romans 10:8b–13
Gospel:		Luke 4:1–13
	Hester Higon	Intercessions

### **17th March, Lent 2 Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

Readings: First:	Jayne Cook	1 Samuel 3:1–10
Second:	Robert Scott-Biggs	Philippians 3:17–4:1
Gospel:		Luke 13:13–end
	Deborah Hodge	Intercessions

### **24th March, Lent 3 Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

Readings: First:	James Morgan	Isaiah 55:1–9
Second:	John Roberts	1 Corinthians 10:1–13
Gospel:		John 15:1–12
	Wilfred Foxe	Intercessions

### **31st March, Mothering Sunday All-Age Eucharist – 10.15**

Readings: First:	Sunday School	Exodus 2:1–10
Gospel:		Luke 2:33–35
	Family Group	Intercessions

### **7th April, Lent 5 Parish Eucharist – 10.15**

Readings: First:	Tom Hobbs	Isaiah 43:16–21
Second:	Peter Cook	Revelation 21:1–7, 22:1–5
Gospel:		John 12:1–8

## **Sidespersons**

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Morgan & Joan Nesbitt
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Hodgson
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jayne & Peter Cook
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ann & John Roberts
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Maud Oliver & Iris Waggott
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Sharples & Hester Higton

## **Servers**

Bridget
Tom Hobbs
Jonny
Tom Higton
Bridget
Tom Hobbs

## **Flowers**

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynne Hastie
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lent
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lent
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lent
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mothering Sunday
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lent

## **Coffee**

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

## **Church Cleaning**

**March:** *Martin Peacock*, Anne Elliott, Hillary Moss, Isabel Rae.

**April:** *Sue Morgan*, Bonny Bainbridge, Fiona Eltringham,  
Deborah Hodge & Alison Moore.

## **Licensing of Anna Brooker as priest-in-charge of St Brandon's**

Wednesday 10th April, 7 p.m.  
followed by light refreshments

All very welcome to attend

## **Church enquiries**

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

***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 74545***

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 Mar 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 16th Apr 2018 at 11:00am

Tuesday 7th May 2018 at 11:00am

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

## **Brancepeth Youth Club**

**March – April 2019**

*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:

10<sup>th</sup> March

24<sup>th</sup> March

7<sup>th</sup> April

*\* The party will take the theme of 'S'. It's a requirement that you dress accordingly! Please also  
bring a plate of food (savoury or sweet) and games, ideally both also themed to the letter 'S'.*

*Leaders*

Geoff Moore

373 5674

Martin Peacock

(07503242074)

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

**VESTRY REPORT: funerals, baptisms and weddings**

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the funeral of John Grubb Morgan, RIP**

## **Funding the Church's vision**

As the church approaches our annual meeting in April, we spend some time considering the activities that we carry out and how we focus our resources on our priorities. The Diocese of Durham is focussed on three priorities: Children & Young People, Poverty and Church Growth, and much of our work in Brancepeth, beyond the basics of providing church services and pastoral care, is targeted in these areas. This includes providing Messy Church, Youth Group and Sunday School, supporting Durham Food Bank, the Children's Society and other charitable organisations, and opening up the church for concerts, conferences, meetings and events, and, of course, this newsletter.

We also support the Diocese of Durham financially by paying our parish share. People often ask what this is for, and this contribution, at £27,000 this year, represents a little over half of our annual expenditure, so it's a fair question to raise. To answer it, Bishop Paul recently wrote to all churches in the diocese to thank us for our contribution and to explain how the money is spent. To summarise, the main element of funding is spent on ministry. All stipendiary ministers are paid by the diocese (not by their parish) and the diocese also supports schools, youth ministry and the diocesan office. However, following changes in how diocesan funding works, the funding that Durham diocese receives from the national church is decreasing – only a quarter of its income is now provided centrally, with half its income being provided through parish shares, and at present it is running at a 5% deficit. So, as a relatively affluent parish in the North East, our contribution is increasingly important to ensuring the diocese can operate.

We are blessed in Brancepeth with a beautiful and historic church building, which both offers opportunities for use and requires maintenance and conservation. Our architects have recently surveyed the building and have indicated that there is plenty of repair work to do, which is critical to ensuring that we can continue to operate as we do. For this reason, the PCC spends a significant proportion of the remainder of its budget on maintaining the church. So in the run-up to the annual meeting, the PCC will be thinking about ways to expand how we use the church, preserving the heritage and developing the work that we currently do, and how we can raise funds to make these aspirations a reality. We would welcome ideas and support at the meeting on 28 April.

James Morgan (Churchwarden)

### **Churchyard upkeep day**

Volunteers welcome! Please come along to the churchyard on Saturday 6th April for as long as you are able to help tidy up the churchyard after the winter. Bring gardening equipment of your own choice.



# Lent at St Brandon's



This year we will be using the Diocesan Lent Course – Blessing on the Way – which has been designed as a preparation for the Diocesan Waymark Conference in October this year. The course runs for five weeks, and we will be holding sessions in church on Sundays from 11.30 to 12.30, immediately after the morning service. Sermons (except for Mothering Sunday) will be themed around the passages discussed in the course. The first session will be on Sunday 10th March. The final session, on Sunday April 7th, will be followed by a simple lunch in church. We very much hope you will be able to join us.



## DH7 LENT COURSE

Together with our local churches in Langley Moor, Meadowfield and Brandon there will be a Lent course running at St Patrick's Langley Moor on five Friday afternoons in Lent from 2 - 3.30: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April.

We will be using the York Course 'Daring to see God now'. Each session will be led by a different person with plenty of opportunity to share and discuss ideas.

If you would enjoy some Christian fellowship and discussion followed by refreshments in a friendly warm and welcoming group please come and join us.

For more information or help with transport please contact

Deborah Hodge 01388 745455

Myrleen Stewart 0191 378 0862



## Mothering Sunday

*Sunday 31 March-10.15*

*All Age Worship*

Please come.

Please bring your family, parent, child or some other loved one.

Please bring a fun instrument-a saucepan lid and spoon will do.

There will be -

Flowers     Singing

Laughter

Tea,

Coffee,

Juice,

Biscuits



## **Mothering Sunday March 31st**

It is become our tradition both as a church and as a village to remember Durham Women's Refuge on Mothering Sunday /Mothers' Day. Brancepeth people are always very generous on this day and I'm sure will continue to be so. I wish I could say that we don't need to do this anymore as women are no longer abused. I can't but Durham does its bit. We still have a Refuge when lack of funding has caused many to shut and we still have those of us who want to help.

If you would like to be one of those please bring a lovely toiletry gift to church on Mothering Sunday. If you don't plan to be there but would still like to give I am happy to receive or to pick up your gifts. Thank you.

Fiona Eltringham 01388 746058

## **Revision of St. Brandon's Electoral Roll**

Every 6 years the Electoral Roll of each Parish is revised and those on the previous roll are informed so they can reapply. St. Brandon's will be revising the Electoral Roll prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

In order to be included on the Electoral Roll an 'Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll of St. Brandon's' needs to be completed by 10th April 2019.

On the form a declaration is made that the applicant is:

Baptised,     A layperson,     Over 16 years of age

### **AND EITHER**

A member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and resident in the Parish.

OR

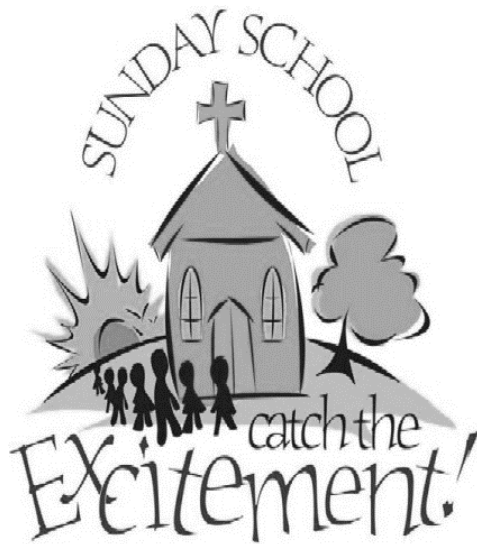
A member of the Church of England and, not being resident in the Parish, have habitually attended public worship in the six months prior to enrolment.

OR

A member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare to be a member of the Church of England and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

As Electoral Officer I will have forms available in Church from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 or a form can be e-mailed to you by contacting [carol21beeby@btinternet.com](mailto:carol21beeby@btinternet.com).

Carol Beeby, Electoral Roll Officer



**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**

## **March 2019**

### **Waymarks**

**March 3rd                      What are we doing for Lent?**

**Martin Peacock and Jeanette Metcalf**

**March 10th                      Be thankful**

**Psalm 67**

**Martin Peacock and Deborah Hodge**

**March 17th                      Are we listening?**

**1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10**

**Martin Peacock and Alison Moore**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>                      God is in us**

**John 15**

**Martin Peacock and Carol Beeby**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>                      Mothering Sunday**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

**CHOIR practices start again on Tuesday 26th. February**

**Village Hall 7.30**



**Date of next meeting 24th March**

**Easter /New Life**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Contact Liz Thomas for details.**

**3-5pm**

**IN CHURCH.**

**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 March 2019

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

**‘No man is an island, entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.’ (John Donne, poet and priest, remembered on March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

- 1 **St David** Pray for Wales, people, church and government
- 2 For communities throughout the UK. Pray that connection and respect will grow.
- 3 **Archdeacon Ian Jagger’s final Sunday.** Give thanks for his long and wise ministry in the diocese.
- 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 **Ash Wednesday**
- 7 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres, Thornberry Garth
- 8 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 9 For those who live in Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 10 **Lent 1 For Revd Anna Brooker preparing to come to Brancepeth next month**
- 11 For any struggling with illness – their own or that of someone close to them
- 12 For the Standing Committee, PCC and Shared Ministry Development Team
- 13 The Oakenshaw Road area, Village South, Castle and Lodge
- 14 For communities in the North East. Pray for the spirit of welcome to strangers
- 15 Whitworth Lane, Black House
- 16 Scription, Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks area
- 17 **Lent 2 and St Patrick** Pray for all communities in Ireland, north and south
- 18 Durham Rd and the Forge
- 19 **Joseph of Nazareth** Pray for fathers and fathering
- 20 **Cuthbert** Pray for all who contribute to the North East’s spiritual life and vision
- 21 **Cranmer** Pray for those who work and study at Cranmer Hall Durham
- 22 For any whose grief is acute as the spring gets underway. Pray for peace.
- 23 Goodwell Lea
- 24 **Lent 3 For churchwardens, ministers and leaders. Give thanks for their ministry**
- 25 Pray for all the community activities in Brancepeth: coffee, archives, art, film, choir.
- 26 For Revd Sarah Clark preparing to join Durham Diocese as Bishop of Jarrow
- 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 Den
- 29 Brexit Day Pray for our politicians, for wisdom and altruism
- 30 **‘No man is an island’** Use John Donne’s quote to pray for our country
- 31 **Mothering Sunday** Pray for mothers and mothering

## **Wednesday Coffee Morning    Village Hall 10.30 – 11.45**

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

Mar	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson
Mar	13 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Taylor & Pat Allatt
Mar	20 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Jones & Rob Waggott
Mar	27 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Aitken & Rosemary Monument
April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vivienne Lowe & Linda Larnach
April	10 <sup>th</sup>	Janiece Spence and Vivienne Lowe
April	17 <sup>th</sup>	Jean & Jim Merrington
April	24 <sup>th</sup>	Josie Armstrong & Gillian Smellie
May	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson

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*

*Bonny Bainbridge 3789304*

*Evelyn Aitken 3789908*

*Josie Armstrong 01388 748902*

*Rosemary Monument 3780456*

*Christine Jones 3789297*

*Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson 07788420930*

*Gillian Smellie 3739420*

*Linda Larnach 375 7554.*

*Sheena Murray 378 1097*

*Vivienne Lowe 3780974*

*Jean Merrington 3780952*

*Janiece Spence 4356357*

*Joan Taylor 3783630*

## **BCA CINEMA CLUB**



***Offer two excellent but very different films this month***

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm “The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas”**

**2008 adaptation of John Boyne’s book about a friendship between the son of a concentration camp commandant and a Jewish boy prisoner. 1hr 35 mins.**

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm “A Star is Born”**

**The newly released BAFTA award winning film starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper who also directed. 2hr 14mins.**

# Mens Social Night

Friday 29th March

7pm

Beer ..... Snooker.....Domino's

Fish & Chip Supper

(Order rung in at 7.30pm ...so please be there by then)

No Tickets - Pay as you eat and Drink

*Contact Dave Armstrong for further info*

07843 343846

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*Quiz Night*

*Village Hall*

*Friday 22nd March*

*7.15pm*

*In upstairs hall*

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*Pie and Pea Supper*

*(bring your own drinks)*

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£8.00

BCA Members

£9.00

Non Members

Tickets from Josie Armstrong jo.arm@me.com  
or Peter Aitken 0191 3789908

*(Proceeds to Brancepeth Community Association)*

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# **Opera Nova**

**presents**

**a sparkling double-bill of comedy and tragedy**

**Trial by Jury (Gilbert and Sullivan)**

**and**

**Dido and Aeneas (Purcell)**

**accompanied by The Kildale Quartet**

**7:30 on Saturday 6 April**

**at**

**St. Brandon's Church, Brancepeth**

**Tickets £12 adults/£1 for u16s and students  
available from Mary Coffield (tel: 07936 080535  
or email: [mary.coffield@googlemail.com](mailto:mary.coffield@googlemail.com))**



## **PUBLIC TALK:**

# **The medieval history and archaeology of Brancepeth Castle, County Durham**

Saturday 30th March 2019, 2pm-4pm

Full details and booking on Brancepeth Castle website

Architectural historians have tended to dismiss Brancepeth Castle as a 'sham' castle – 'operatic scenery' as Pevsner would say – due to extensive re-modelling in the 19th century. We locals know it's more than that!

Historic England have commissioned a three-month research project to look at the significant amount that still stands of the medieval building (circa 1398), and to understand what it might have looked like at different periods. The findings will be shared for the first time in this free public lecture, with an opportunity to look afterwards at the medieval cellars.

Free, but booking is required via our website: [www.brancepethcastle.org.uk](http://www.brancepethcastle.org.uk).

If you cannot access it on the website, contact Alison Hobbs (378 9670)

[alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk](mailto:alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk), or Vivienne Lowe 378 0974,

17vivienne@gmail.com

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## **GARDEN CLUB**

OUR APOLOGIES: - incorrect dates given in the last newsletter. These, as below, are correct.

Notice of AGM. Wed. 10 April, Village Hall, 7.30. Resolutions will be accepted up to the start of the meeting. There is still a vacancy on the committee – nominations gratefully received – also up to the start of the meeting.

As usual there will be refreshments and nibbles after the AGM.

Spring Show Wed. 10 April. Schedules are now available from monitors, and on the shelf next to the serving hatch in the village hall.

Walkabout Friday 5 July. Goodwell Lea. More details next month.

Annual Show Saturday 7 September

Further events in later newsletters.

## **Book Club**

The next book club date is Friday 1 March, 7.30 p.m. at 2 Goodwell Lea, Sheila Gardiner's home. The book for discussion is 'What a carve up', by Jonathon Coe, a satire based in the 1980s. Looks like a good read.

All welcome.

Val Gibbons



***George Gibbons, Chair BCA (2016-2019), Memorial Service***

***Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 4pm at St Brandon's Church***

*Sadly, George died unexpectedly on 15<sup>th</sup> February and a private family cremation will take place shortly. Val, Richard & Craig, would like to thank everyone for their sympathy, support and kind wishes.*

*A celebration of life memorial service is being held for George, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 4pm at St Brandon's Church, followed by a reception in the village hall - everyone is warmly invited (at Val's request, the dress code is ideally less sombre and more cheerful to suit a celebration of life).*

*The BCA would like to thank George for the immense contribution he made to the village hall and the wider community. George gave his time generously, freely and with a kind heart.*



***Brancepeth Ladies Section***

***Coffee Morning***

**Friday 29th March @ 11am**

**Coffee and Scone**

**£3**

CAKE  
STALL

RAFFLES

TOMBOLA

SAVOURY  
TABLE

## Dates for the Diary:-

Mar	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Snooker Club
Mar	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Yoga
Mar	5 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>NB 1pm – 3pm</b> (winter)	Tuesday	Knit & Natter
Mar	Starts 26 <sup>th</sup> March, Village Hall	Tuesday	Choir
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Tai Chi Exercise Club
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Coffee Morning
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Art Class
Mar	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Badminton
Mar	10 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Youth Club

### ***Please confirm dates with leaders***

Mar	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 2 Goodwell Lea.
Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Bishop's Consort Concert, 7.30pm, Church.
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Cinema Club, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', 7.30pm, VH
Mar	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fri	Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Village Hall
Mar	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Messy Church, 3pm -5pm, Church
Mar	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Cinema Club, 'A Star is Born', 7.30pm, VH
Mar	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Men's Social Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Mar	30 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Brancepeth Castle talk
Apr	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Churchyard Upkeep Day, Church
Apr	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Opera Nova, 7.30pm, Church
Apr	10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Licensing of Rev Anna Brooker, 7.00pm Church
Apr	10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Garden Club AGM & Spring Show, Village Hall
Jul	5 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Garden Club Walkabout
Sep	7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Garden Club Annual Show, Village Hall

**Village Hall:** please contact Geraldine Jennings –

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## Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

	<i>Chairman</i>	Phil Davison	<i>Building coordinator</i>
	<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 &amp; Fundraising</i>	Jean Merrington	<i>Choir</i>
James Dalton	<i>IT</i>	Joan Taylor	<i>Wednesday Coffee</i>
Josie Armstrong	<i>Social Events</i>		

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## Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.

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)
Brancepeth Allotment	Lester Ball & Luke Winterbourne
& Leisure Gardeners' Club	baacommittee3@gmail.com
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

Chairperson	Christine Jones (3789297)
	Dave Armstrong (01388 748902)
	Jessie Brown (3782748)
	James Dalton (3780771)
	Michael Lowe (3780974)
	Jim Merrington (3780952)
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A black and white portrait of J.S. Bach, showing him from the chest up, wearing a dark coat with buttons and a white cravat. The background is dark and slightly textured.

PENITENTIAL CANTATAS

J.S. BACH

THE BISHOP'S CONSORT

*Roxanna Wicks, Laura Baldwin, Hugo Hymas & Ben Rowarth,  
with players on period instruments directed by David Stancliffe*

Cantatas 106, 131 & 161

St Brandon's Church, BRANCEPETH at  
7.30 pm on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019

Programme prices: £10, £3 for students and children free