# ST. BRANDON'S CHURCH BRANCEPETH



**NEWSLETTER:** February 2020

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#### Care for Creation

I write this the day after a wonderful Messy Church when we heard again the story of the creation of this wonderful world, which has been entrusted to humanity and which we know is being harmed, indeed destroyed, in so many ways. Recent news has raised our awareness of the level of climate crisis we face, and it can be difficult to find a constructive response in the face of mounting evidence. For each of us it will be different and this is not a political rant, nor a sermon, though we have heard and will hear more at church to help us work out our collective and individual responses to climate change and associated issues.

However we may read the account in Genesis, Christians believe that the world was created, by a loving God, who continues to hold all things and love every creature. That same God is also just and cares deeply about the greed and lack of awareness of and love for our global neighbours, which is impacting disastrously on the poorest communities around the world. Perhaps recent news reports will remind us both to pray and give whenever we can, but also to consider our daily choices.

Where there is faith in God, there is also hope, and we can make a big difference in the details of our everyday lives. Which brings me to that most everyday of pleasures, a nice cup of tea! After all, in my job I get to take tea in many places with many different people. I can report that the standard of tea-making in Brancepeth is high! Company and conversation enhance the drinking, and we also connect with others across the world as we enjoy the tea which they have worked hard to produce.

This is why Fair Trade is so important, and this month sees Fair Trade Fortnight. (24<sup>th</sup> February - 8<sup>th</sup> March) By choosing to buy fairly traded tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate and other everyday foods, we directly improve the lives of those who produce them. And as demand grows for fairly- traded goods, more and more producers, their families and whole communities will benefit. So, when you make a cuppa, think of the picker and make sure your tea gives a just reward.

#### And do join me in praying this prayer:

May the cup that warms me on a cold day bring safety from the elements to the picker.

May the cup that keeps me going when I'm hard at work also sustain the life of the grower.

May the cup that soothes my woes remind me of the plight of the poor.

May the cup that cheers me as I rest bring fair reward to the tea worker.

May the cup of tea grown far from my home bind me to the hand that plucked leaves from the bush.

May the God who loves all his creation bless us both as we strive for fairness in his world.

Amen

With all good wishes

Anna Brooker Priest in Charge, St Brandon's Church.

#### St Brandon's February 2020 – Services and readings

# Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Candlemas/Presentation of Christ in the Temple Parish Eucharist 10.15

Readings First: Deborah Hodge Malachi 3: 1-5

Second: Bianca Allen Hebrews 2: 14-end

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Hester Higton Intercessions

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 3 before Lent Parish Eucharist 10.15

Readings First: Sue Morgan Isaiah 58: 1-12

Second: Edward Staines 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-20

Ulrike Hobbs Intercessions

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 2 before Lent Parish Eucharist 10.15

Readings First: Evelyn Aitken Genesis 1: 1-2: 3

Second: Peter Cook Romans 8: 18-25

Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-end

Geoff Moore Intercessions

#### Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent Parish Eucharist 10.15

Readings First: Robert Scott-Biggs Exodus 24:12- end

Second: Tom Hobbs 2 Peter 1: 16-end Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Richard Gooding Intercessions

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 7.30pm

Readings First: James Morgan Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

Second: Hester Higton 2 Corinthians 5:20b- 6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

#### March 1<sup>st</sup> Lent 1 Parish Eucharist 10.15 *Growing our Giving 1*

Readings First: Mike Higton Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7

Second: Wilfred Foxe Romans 5: 12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Edward Staines Intercessions

#### Taize Service with Compline, 7.30pm Readings tbc

Sidespersons			<u>Servers</u>	
Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Morgan & Joan Nesbitt	Tom Hobbs	
Feb	9 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Merrington & Hester Higton	Jonny	
Feb	16 <sup>th</sup>	Maud Oliver & Iris Waggott	Bridget	
Feb	$23^{th}$	Steve Hodgson & Pat Sharples	Tom Higton	
Feb	$26^{th}$	Sally & Robert Scott-Biggs	Jonny	
(Ash Wednesday)				
Mar	1 <sup>st</sup>	David Eltringham & Bianca Allen	Tom Hobbs	

		<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee</u>
Feb	$2^{nd}$	Christine Dodd	Jeanette Metcalfe
Feb	9 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Hodgson	Alison Moore
Feb	16 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Brooker	Evelyn Aitken
Feb	23 <sup>th</sup>	Lynne Hastie	Norma Taylor
Mar	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lent 1	Sue Morgan

#### **Church Cleaning**

February: Carol Beeby, Sarah Nicholson, Norma Taylor.

March: Alison Moore, Martin Peacock, Anne Elliott, Hillary Moss,

Geoff Moore, Annette Johnson.

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 14th Jan 2020 at 11:00am

Tuesday 11th Feb 2020 at 11:00am

Tuesday 10th Mar 2020 at 11:00am



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

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

#### Brancepeth Youth Club February - April 2020

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:

February 9, 23

March 8, 22

April 5

Leaders

Geoff Moore 373 5674

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

Jonny Dobson, Sabine Tenge-Heslop, Tom Hobbs and Alison Hobbs will also be helping to lead.

#### Thank you to the Carol Singers and their supporters

A big thank-you to everyone who took part in the village carol-singing this Christmas, and to everyone who opened their doors to us. In addition to having a very good time, we raised a total of £550, which has been split equally between Durham City of Sanctuary, who support refugees who have settled locally, and the Salvation Army in Langley Moor. You can read more about their work at <a href="durham.cityofsanctuary.org">durham.cityofsanctuary.org</a> or <a href="facebook.com/durhamcos">facebook.com/durhamcos</a>, and <a href="salvationarmy.org.uk/langley-moor">salvationarmy.org.uk/langley-moor</a> respectively. Captain Lorna White of the Salvation Army has sent this message:

Thank you all for your continued support again this year.

We are so blessed and grateful for your kind donation of £275.00 and I can assure you that the gift will be used locally.

Please pass our thanks on to everyone who helps with the fund raising.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

God Bless

Lorna

Many thanks Elizabeth Dobson

#### **New Year Cheese and Chat**

New Year Cheese and Chat at the Castle raised £274 which has been divided between Send a Cow and The Children's Society: thank you everyone, and we hope you enjoyed the wide ranging conversations and catch-ups: we certainly did!

Hobbs and Dobson families

#### Birthday congratulations to Bill Currie

Bill Currie celebrated his 80th birthday on January 22nd.

We hope he had an enjoyable day and send our best wishes to him from St Brandon's Church and the village.



#### **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 rejoin 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

#### **February**

Date	Topic	Passage	Story	Leaders
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	This is what Messiah does!	Luke 2:22-40	Simeon and Anna meet Jesus	Martin & Jeanette
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	YOU are the light of the world!	Matthew 5:13 - 20	Jesus teaches us	Martin & Carol
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Your heavenly father feeds you	Matthew 6:25 - end	Jesus teaches us	Martin & Sabine

#### On the road to Easter

Date	Topic	Passage	Story	Leaders
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Anointing	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus	Martin & Alison
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Cleansing	Matt 21:12-13	Jesus overturns tables	Martin & Jeanette
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Seeking	John 12:20 - 26	Greeks ask to see Jesus	Martin & Carol
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Sharing	Matt 26:17-30	Last supper	Martin & Sabine
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mothering Sunday All age service	No Sunday School		
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Failing	Matt 26:69-75	Peter betrays Jesus	Martin & Alison
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday Arriving	Matt 21:1-9	Entry into Jerusalem	Martin& Jeanette



#### **ALL AGE**

If you've not been but want to come
Then get yourselves along
We'll all introduce ourselves
And sing the Great Big God song!
We'll show you that it's church alright,
But not church as you know it!
The best way for you to see God's love
Is for us to share it and show it!

SUNDAYS 3-5 PM St. Brandon's Church Brancepeth

# Feb 16th Talents

Further details of St Brandon's services can be found at <a href="http://www.stbrandon.org.uk/worship/">http://www.stbrandon.org.uk/worship/</a>

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#### PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY FEBRUARY 2020

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

- 1 Pray for those we hold in our hearts who are in need at this time.
- 2 CANDLEMAS. We give thanks for the King of Glory and eternal Light of the World.
- 3 Oakenshaw Road area and Goodwell Lea.
- 4 Give thanks and pray for chaplains who minister to those in prison.
- 5 Scripton, Peppermires, Holywell and East Parks area.
- 6 Give thanks and pray for Queen Elizabeth on the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her accession.
- 7 Pray that the scourge of knife crime on our streets may be eradicated.
- 8 The Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Rectory Cottages and Constable Meadows.

#### 9 Pray that we may be responsible stewards of the world which God has entrusted to us

- 10 Foxes Row, Russell Close and Church members outside the parish.
- 11 Pray for a generosity of spirit in our dealings with others.
- 12 Quarry Hill, the Cottages and the Goodwell Field area.
- 13 Give thanks and pray for the work of the World Council of Churches.
- 14 May the God of love be present in every heart and home this Valentine's day.
- 15 Littlewhite Farm, the Cottages and Morley Farm.

### 16 Pray for Christian families worldwide facing discrimination and persecution because of their faith.

- 17 Give thanks that God's language is personal but not exclusive.
- 18 Village north of crossroads, Station House and Railway Cottages.
- 19 Pray and give thanks for our Police and Security forces.
- 20 Durham Road and the Forge.
- 21 May we be builders of bridges rather than walls.
- Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, South Brandon and Brawns Den.

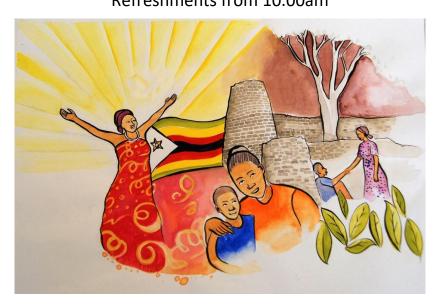
## 23 May we read God's Word not only as a record of past events but as a message relevant to our lives today.

- 24 Village South, the Castle, and Lodge. The Bothy, Golf Club, Park Lodge, Nursery and Garden houses.
- 25 Give thanks for those delivering Bibles to persecuted Christians around the world.
- ASH WEDNESDAY. May God be the centre of this season, matched by quiet reflection and self- examination.
- 27 We remember and give thanks today for the priest and poet George Herbert.
- 28 Give thanks for God's loving patience with us on our path of discipleship.
- 29 Stockley Grove, Bridge Lane and Whitworth Lane.

#### World Day of Prayer

#### Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk

10.30am on 6th March 2020 at St. Brandon's Church
Refreshments from 10.00am



We welcome everyone to join us at this service being held for the World Day of Prayer. The focus will be on Zimbabwe and we will be joining together with other churches within DH7 to offer prayers and thanksgiving for the country and its people. Please do come if you can.

#### Wednesday Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30 - 11.45

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

Feb	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jean & Jim Merrington
Feb	12 <sup>th</sup>	Josie Armstrong & Gillian Smellie
Feb	19 <sup>th</sup>	Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson
Feb	26 <sup>th</sup>	Christine & Martyn Jones
Mar	4 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Aitken & Rosemary Monument
Mar	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sheena Murray & Linda Larnach
Mar	18 <sup>th</sup>	Vivienne Lowe & Janiece Spence
Mar	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jean & Jim Merrington
Apr	1 <sup>st</sup>	Josie Armstrong & Gillian Smellie

If your turn is unsuitable please swap with someone else. Bonny Bainbridge or Hillary Moss 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

Linda Larnach 375 7554. Sheena Murray 378 1097 Vivienne Lowe 3780974 Jean Merrington 3780952 Janiece Spence 4356357 Joan Taylor 3783630

Lynda Blakesly & Stephanie Stephenson 07788420930

Gillian Smellie 3739420 Hillary Moss 3789202

#### Garden Club.

AGM and Spring Show. Wed 22 April 2020. Village Hall, 7.30. Resolutions will be accepted up to the start of the meeting.

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

Spring Show Wed. 22 April. Schedules will be available next month from monitors, and on the shelf next to the serving hatch in the village hall.

#### Wanted - Speedwatch volunteers.

Brancepeth Community Speed watch team need more people! Could you spare an hour or two occasionally to help monitor speeding traffic through our village?

The latest figures from Durham police indicate the volume of traffic travelling through the village is increasing. If you would like to know how you can get involved in helping the Speed Watch team provide a valuable service in traffic calming please contact Valerie Gibbons on 0191 3784200.

#### **BCA CINEMA CLUB**



Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm

# 'DOWNTON ABBEY' 2hrs 3mins PG

#### For all 'Downton Abbey' the series fans ...

The beloved Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the King and Queen of England soon unleashes scandal, romance and intrigue -- leaving the future of Downton hanging in the balance....

#### **Book Club**

Next time we will meet at Val Gibbons's house, 3 The Forge, on Friday 6th March at the usual time of 19.30. The chosen book is The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley. It is a 'best-selling' crime thriller with good reviews.

Our following meeting will be at Rosemary and Mark Monument's home on the 3rd April. Please bring recommendations for the April book.

All welcome, Val Gibbons.

#### **Report from the Parish Council**

The Parish Council continue to meet to progress improvements to the aesthetics of the village. This month the precept has been set for the forthcoming year. Every household in the village makes this payment, funding Parish Council activities such as the village's tenure and maintenance of the field, support to the Village Hall, the allotments, etc. It has been decided to retain the precept at its current level.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, all are welcome to attend.

Dave Armstrong (chair)

#### **BCA Village Hall Update**

Following our note in the last newsletter asking for people to collect any personal items they may have left in the hall before a clear-out of defunct items was undertaken, I am pleased to announce that the stage area, snooker room and bund have now been de-cluttered. Several of the existing stage backdrops, created by John Morgan with help from the Art Group, have been kept for future use and the remaining old wood infrastructure has been recycled to create additional trolleys to increase the size and capacity of the existing storage area under the stage. Works will start shortly to make the overhead storage area more accessible and user friendly and new stage backdrop infrastructure will be installed (for more flexible use of the existing backdrop art works and new ones) and the addition of a starcloth for musical and theatrical performances. We anticipate this work - which is supporting by a grant from Durham County Council Area Action Partnership and BCA fund-raising - will be completed by March 2020. Thanks to James & Jo Dalton and Dave & Josie Armstrong for leading on the de-clutter and to Martyn Jones who will project manage the stage revamp.

Peter Aitken, BCA Chairman

#### Harrogate Spring Flower Show - 2020 Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Brancepeth Ladies Club will again be organising a bus if enough people are interested. Group tickets in advance save £2.50 and can be refunded if necessary. I would hope to keep the cost as close to £35 as possible so please contact me asap with names and numbers. Allee Longstaff..... 01913780707

Also may I add that the ladies would be delighted to see some new members. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month at 2.00 pm usually at the Golf Club but also sometimes in the Village Hall. The yearly subscription is £10 with a small charge to the Golf Club for tea/coffee/scones. Our speakers are very varied and this year includes Mental Health, Pictures in Felt and 'Foreign Devils on the Silk Road'.



## **BCA Charity Race Night**

(proceeds towards a new stairlift)

Friday 28th February 7.15pm, Village Hall

£7pp (non-BCA members £9) - chilli & rice supper (bring own drinks)

Josie Armstrong: jo.arm@me.com / Peter Aitken 378 9908

#### 'Save the Date'

- A Village event is being planned to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on Sunday 10th May so please 'Save the Date' details in next Newsletter.
- Progressive Supper Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

#### FROM THE ARCHIVES ......

Eighty years ago last September, England found itself at war with Germany, and Brancepeth was "invaded" by the Durham Light Infantry. Margaret Blackburn recalled when the army came - "wagon after wagon came along the main road. There were blockades at the crossroads end of the village street which made it very narrow and restricted entry". The HQ of the regiment moved into the Castle in 3 days with no water, or electricity. The Rector's daughter recalled coming home one day finding men stripped to the waist and trying to wash and shave at the standpipe that had been fixed down the golf course road and her home full of officers drinking sherry and having baths! Some initial wariness soon gave way to welcome as the Army settled in and began to make a major contribution to village life.



# NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT BRANCEPETH ARCHIVES AND HISTORY GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2020 UPSTAIRS IN BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL at 6.30 p.m.

The Meeting is open to members (who will be entitled to vote) and anyone who may be interested in the work of the group. Membership for the year is £5.00 per person and is due for renewal at this time.

Please note the early start time. This is to accommodate the talk that will follow at 7.30 p.m.. Details are in the item below.

#### "THE BATTLE OF NEVILLES CROSS"

David Butler, who led the walk around the sites of this battle in July 2019, will be giving this illustrated talk. Several people who were unable to go on the walk itself have expressed an interest in enjoying the experience from a chair!

The talk is open to anyone interested. There will be a small charge for those who are not members of the Brancepeth Archives and History Group.

#### Brancepeth Leisure and Allotment Gardeners' Club

Brancepeth Leisure and Allotment Gardeners' Club would like to give notice of their Annual General Meeting on Sunday16th February, 7.30pm, in the Committee Room, The Village Hall.

If you think you might be interested in taking on an allotment please come along to the meeting or get in touch with a member of the committee (details on the back page of newsletter).

All members and interested gardeners welcome.

Carole Reed (Secretary)

Dates for the Diary:-						
Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 2	17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>		Monday	Snooker Club	
Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>			Monday	Yoga	
Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 3	17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>		Monday	PiYo	
Feb	$4^{th}18^{th}$	(winter t	imes -1pm – 3pm)	Tuesday	Knit & Natter	
Feb	Check d	ates with Je	ean	Tuesday	Choir	
Feb	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> :	19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>		Wed	Tai Chi Exercise Club	
Feb	$5^{th}12^{th}$	19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>		Wed	Coffee Morning	
Feb	$5^{th} 12^{th}$	19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>		Wed	Art Class	
Feb	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>			Thursday	Badminton	
Feb	9 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>			Sunday	Youth Club	
Please confirm dates with leaders						
Feb	5 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Cinema Club, 'Downton Ab	bey', 7.30p	om, Village Hall	
Feb	7 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Archives & History Group AGM & Talk, 6.30pm, VH			
Feb	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm			
Feb	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Messy Church, 'Talents', 3pm -5pm, Church			
Feb	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Brancepeth Leisure & Allotment Gardeners' Club, AGM			
			7.30pm, Village Hall			
Feb	28 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	BCA Charity Race Night, 7.	15pm, Villaչ	ge Hall	
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 3 The	Forge.		
Mar	6 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	World Day of Prayer, Servi	ce, 10.00an	n for 10.30am, Church	
Apr	22 <sup>n</sup>	<sup>d</sup> Wed	Garden Club AGM & Spring	g Show, 7.3	0pm Village Hall	
Apr	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thurs	Harrogate Spring Flower Show Trip, Ladies Club.			
May	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Village Event-75 <sup>th</sup> Annivers	sary of VE D	ay	
June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Progressive Supper			

**Village Hall:** please contact Geraldine Jennings – gerryjennings5@googlemail.com or tel. 3781583

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Choir Jean Merrington (3780952)
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Garden Club Barry Dickinson (3782398)
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Ian Stoker (3784986)

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