

St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth



Newsletter: November 2021

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An introduction to Fern; joining St Brandon's as a trainee ordinand



My name is Fern and I have just started a two-year course of training for ordination in the Church of England, at Cranmer Hall. My family consists of myself and my cat, Jemima, who is 14 years old and spends her days moving from the sofa to the armchair, following the sun as it moves across the window of our front room.

We have moved up from Tonbridge in Kent, where, for the last decade, I have been employed as a research and development chemist on the hop industry. In my spare time I enjoy painting scale figures and busts and am hoping to enter a couple of competitions next year; I also enjoy reading a wide range of books and listening to a variety of music. Prior to moving up to Durham I also enjoyed ballroom and Latin dance.

I felt God calling me to the priesthood several years ago, but possibly did not, at that time, fully appreciate quite how significantly it would change my life; however, I am very much looking forward to discovering exactly where, or in what capacity, God is calling me to serve his kingdom.

Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Anna Brooker (3780578) or rector@stbrandon.org.uk or anna.brooker@durham.ac.uk
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Janette Foxe (07587 225 200) Sue Morgan (3781172)
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Jean Hodgson (3780289)
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Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Churchyard	Edward Staines (3780858)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674), Martin Peacock (07503242074)
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SMD Team:	Evelyn Aitken, Anna Brooker (ex-officio), Carys Funnell, Richard Gooding, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Tom Hobbs, Martin Peacock, Sally Scott-Biggs.
Fabric:	James Morgan (chair), Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Robert Scott-Biggs, Edward Staines.
Website	www.stbrandon.org.uk

December Newsletter entries – no later than **November 18th**

Please send to Sue Morgan – sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear Friends

Face to face

The past 18 months have demonstrated that there is no substitute for meeting face to face: time with family and friends has become even more precious after enforced separations. Only when we meet someone in person do we get to know them as they really are, since the virtual world can so easily mislead, hide or disappoint. Research into online church during the pandemic has shown that it is far from satisfying, though St Brandon's has certainly made the best of it!

I wonder, however, whether we sometimes have *virtual* relationships with God? We can view God at a distance, our perceptions formed through ideas and experiences that may be distorted as a result. If as children we were always being told off, we will probably expect God to do the same; if being silent and 'well behaved' in church were the expectation, then we may find it hard to express ourselves in prayer and worship.

How crucial then, to discover the reality of God for ourselves. The Christian faith promises us that, through belief in Jesus, we can know God in this life and one day meet him face to face. As St. Paul put it in a very famous chapter about Love:

*For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face:
now I know in part; but then I shall know even as also I am known.
(1 Corinthians 13 v.12)*

These famous words also bring hope and strength in the darkness of loss, that our loved ones are safe in God's care. As it says on the graves of all the 'unknown' and unnamed British soldiers in the war cemeteries of northern France, each one is 'known unto God'.

This month is the season of Remembrance. Our annual All Souls Day service is on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.00pm (NB not 7.30pm as in last month's dates list) and Remembrance Sunday is on 14th. We also have two opportunities for live music in church, at a time when such creativity and joy feels particularly needed and precious. On Sunday 7th, the Chapel Choir of St John's College Durham will sing Evensong at 4pm, and on Sunday 14th, there will be a concert directed by Bishop David Stancliffe at 7.00pm. Full details of all these are later in this newsletter and you are most welcome.

I look forward to seeing you face to face in the coming weeks!

With all good wishes

Anna Brooker
Priest in Charge

St Brandon's November 2021– Services and readings

Sunday services are at 10:15am every week.

*If you are unable to join in person, you are welcome to join online,
or to view the recording later, at <https://www.facebook.com/StBrandons>*

*In addition to the services below, each day Monday – Friday,
Morning Prayer is shared online at **8.15am**
and there is a **Midday Eucharist** from Brancepeth Castle at **12noon**.*

Evening Prayer takes place on alternate **Thursdays at 7:30pm** via Zoom.
Everyone is welcome, please contact Geoff Moore or Anna

Please phone or email for further details

Oct 31st ALL SAINTS Parish Eucharist 10.15am

First:	Carys Funnell	Revelation 21: 1- 6a
Gospel:	Jean Hodgson	John 11: 32 -44
Psalm 24: 1-6		
	Nick Brooker	Intercessions

Nov 2nd Tues All Souls Service of Remembrance 7:00pm

First:	Psalm 27: 16, 16-17
Gospel:	John 6: 37-40

Nov 4th Thurs Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

Nov 7th 3 before Advent Parish Eucharist 10.15am

First:	Nick Brooker	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
Gospel:	Richard Gooding	Mark 1: 14-20
Psalm 62: 5-end		
	Robert Scott-Biggs	Intercessions

Nov 14th 2 before Advent Parish Eucharist 10.15am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

First:	Jean Merrington	Daniel 12: 1-3
Gospel:	Alison Moore	Mark 13: 1-8
Psalm 16		
	Caroline Middleditch	Intercessions

Thurs 18th Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

Nov 21st Christ the King Parish Eucharist 10.15am

First:	Evelyn Aitken	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
Gospel:	Edward Staines	John 18: 33- 37
Psalm 93		
	Simon Fern	Intercessions

Nov 28th Advent 1

First:	Gillian Smellie	Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Gospel:	Sue Morgan	Luke 21: 25-36
Psalm 25:1-9		
	Geoff Moore	Intercessions

Dec 5th Advent 2

First:	Robert Scott-Biggs	Philippians 1: 3-11
Gospel:	Tom Hobbs	Luke 3: 1-6
Canticle:	The Benedictus (in place of the psalm)	
	Sally Scott-Biggs	Intercessions

ALL SOULS

Tuesday 2nd November

There will be a service for commemoration of the departed in **church** at 7pm on Monday 2nd November with the reading of names and lighting of candles. All are welcome. *(Please wear a mask)*

Please add any names you wish to the list (available on the table at the back of the church) or contact Rev'd Anna Brooker (3780578) or rector@stbrandon.org.uk



Do you know anyone who, for any reason, would appreciate a prayer or a friendly chat?

Please tell Alison Moore of the Prayer Team 0191 373 5674/07890 733757.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please text to this dedicated number: 07598 600571 and your prayer requests will be included in our regular Friday morning service. Normally we would have been inviting you to leave a prayer on the altar, so this is the safe alternative!

Choral Evensong

with the Chapel Choir of
St. John's College, Durham

Director: Louise Reid



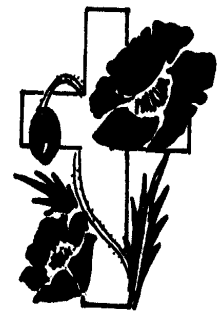
St. Brandon's Church, Brancepeth

Sunday 7th November 4pm

refreshments and retiring collection

Remembrance Sunday, 14th November

After last year's November lockdown, Remembrance Sunday will be especially significant this year. We will hold our usual Remembrance Sunday service at 10.15am, with the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Cross just before 11am and the Holy Communion back in church afterwards. Please come for the whole service, or if you prefer, meet in the churchyard opposite the Memorial Cross, to join with the congregation as we observe the wreath-laying and hold two minutes' silence.



At the going down of the sun and in the morning: we will remember them.

Vestry Report

Baptisms:

Grayson John Fell on 26 September 2021

Sidespersons

Nov 7th Bonny Bainbridge & Jane Stout
Nov 14th Josie Armstrong & Sue Morgan
Nov 21st Jean Hodgson & Nick Brooker
Nov 28th David Eltringham & Joan Nesbitt
Dec 5th Pat Sharples & Sue Morgan

Coffee

Nov 7 th	Sue Morgan
Nov 14 th	Jeanette Metcalfe
Nov 21 st	Alison Moore
Nov 28 th	Evelyn Aitken
Dec 5 th	Jane Stout

Flowers

Sue Knight
Nick Brooker
Lynne Hastie
Advent Greening-Guild
Advent

Tech Rota

Caroline Middleditch & W or J Foxe
Sally & Robert Scott-Biggs
David & Fiona Eltringham
Bridget & Tom Higton

Sunday 31st October 4-5pm

The Light Party



starting and ending at Brancepeth Village Hall

*****fancy dress parade *** treat trail*****
***** hot chocolate*****

Sunday School is on!



Come and join us every Sunday for a story, fun and craft activity.

We get together during the first hymn and return to the service for communion.

No need to book.

Come along with an adult who may have to fill in some paperwork if this hasn't been done previously.

We look forward to seeing you!

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY November 2021

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

- 1 ALL SAINTS DAY We reflect on the memories and noble victories of all the saints
- 2 ALL SOULS As we recall those who have died we thank God for His Kingdom of everlasting life
- 3 Oakenshaw Road area
- 4 May the love we set in words find reality in our actions
- 5 Pray for all awaiting medical surgery or treatment
- 6 Scription, Peppermires, Nafferton Farm, Tudhoe Lodge, Holywell and East Parks
- 7 **Give thanks for those who nourish our faith through God's Word**
- 8 The Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Constable Meadows and Rectory Cottages
- 9 Pray for those who are ill or in pain and those who comfort and care for them
- 10 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 11 **REMEMBRANCE DAY Pray for a world where peace is prevalent and lasting**
- 12 Pray and give thanks for members of our church council
- 13 Church members outside the village
- 14 **Remembrance Sunday As we remember the stark reality of war, may we appreciate our freedom and pray for enduring peace**
- 15 Goodwell Lea
- 16 May we help shine God's Light in the dark corners of people's lives
- 17 Quarry Hill, the cottages and Goodwell Field area
- 18 Give thanks that God's forgiveness is never exhausted
- 19 Pray to be open to God's will and alert to His guidance
- 20 Littlewhite Farm, the cottages and Morley Farm
- 21 **Christ the King Today we commemorate Jesus, both a humble servant yet our Lord and King**
- 22 The Village North, Station House and Railway Cottages
- 23 Pray for the patience to be understanding and the strength to be forgiving
- 24 Durham Road and The Forge
- 25 Give thanks that God's love cannot be earned
- 26 Pray for world leaders to exercise integrity and wisdom
- 27 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, South Brandon Farm, Spring Farm, Braun's Den and Weather Hill
- 28 **Give thanks for God's countless blessings to His church**

29 Village South, Castle and Lodge, the Bothy, Golf Club, Park Lodge, Nursery House and Garden House

30 Stockley Grove, Tanglewood, Bridge Lane, Whitworth Lane and Black House

If you would like something included in the Prayer Diary, please contact Alison Moore

durmoores@btinternet.com

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' in the Castle Chapel.



Tuesdays 9 & 23 Nov 2021 at 11:00
Tuesdays 7 & 21 Dec 2021 at 11:00

For more information, please email alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk

Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth Youth Club November – December 2021

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

We are back to 'normal'! We meet fortnightly in the Village Hall on Sundays 6-8pm. The dates are:

November 7, 21

December 5

If Covid restrictions are re-instated, we'll return to Zoom.

Leaders

Geoff Moore

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Martin Peacock

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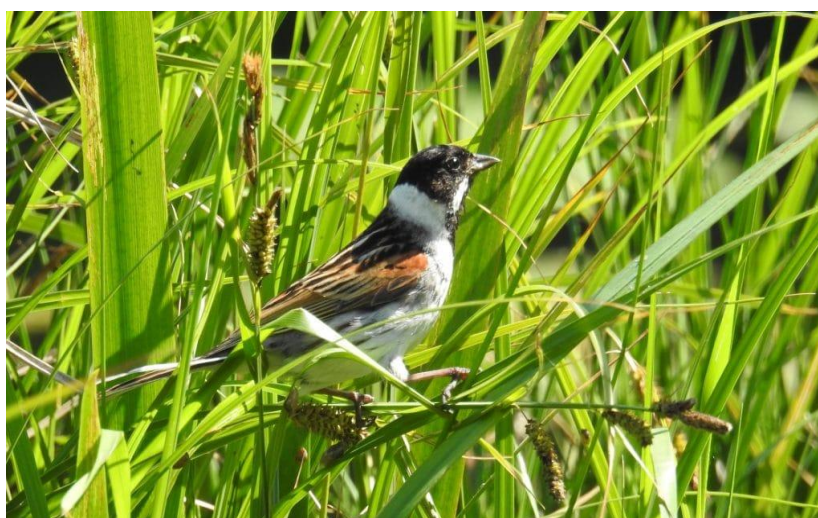
A Rocha UK

A Rocha UK (www.arocha.org.uk) is a charity currently supported by St Brandon's as part of its commitment to environmental issues, and a volunteer representative – Gerard Corsane – spoke at the special Climate Action weekend of 2nd /3rd October.

A Rocha started in 1983 when two families with a passion for faith and the environment, established a single Christian field centre in Portugal. Since then, the organisation has grown into an international charity supporting multiple projects in over 20 countries around the world.

These all have issues of environment and faith at their heart but vary depending on the local need. They include restoring salmon streams in Canada, creating a nature reserve and alternative income streams in a threatened forest in Kenya and working to enable elephants and human communities to live alongside one another in India.

In the UK, A Rocha has transformed a neglected rubbish dump in Southall into a vibrant urban nature reserve and manages a rural wetland habitat on the Suffolk/Essex border (Foxearth-Meadows).



In addition, they produce resources for churches and partner with organisations up and down the country who are trying to transform their own conservation work. A Rocha UK also work with Christians, churches, and Christian landowners all over the UK to better care for creation together, through various different schemes. St Brandon's is currently a holder of its Eco Church Bronze Award, demonstrating our level of environmental awareness; something we hope to improve on significantly in the future

If you would like to follow up further on the Climate Action weekend, Gerard has suggested two sources: ***The Earthshot Prize: Repairing Our Planet – Fix Our Climate*** is a BBC series, now available on Iplayer, with Prince William and David Attenborough; 'The One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UN CC:Learn)' offers free courses:

<https://unccelearn.org/course/>

Robert Scott-Biggs and Geoff Moore

Climate Change Talk 2.10.21, The Castle Chapel, by Pat Sharples

This is my personal view of global warming and the climate crisis, where significant changes in recent years to the earth's weather patterns have had serious consequences, threatening our planet and way of life.

So, what are the causes of climate change – it's a build-up of gases in the atmosphere such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide (even the names of the gases sound scary). These gases form a blanket around the earth, trapping heat from the sun, and causing the planet to heat up – the 'greenhouse effect'.

Although the greenhouse effect is necessary to keep the earth's temperature stable, I was shocked to learn that human activity has accelerated the levels of gases in the atmosphere by 40% during the 20th and 21st centuries, leading to increasing global temperatures. The Met Office reports that the 20 warmest years on record globally, have occurred in the past 22 years.

As for the sources of greenhouse gases, they come from burning fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas for electricity and heat, and account for a quarter of human-made greenhouse gas emissions. Another quarter comes from agriculture, deforestation, and livestock – the removal of forests to grow crops instead, has allowed carbon dioxide to build up. Trees remove CO₂ from the atmosphere, providing 'carbon sinks', so fewer forests=more CO₂. Raising livestock for meat and milk instead of using land for crops, increases methane levels. Other sources of greenhouse gases come from cement production and aeroplane emissions.

How does the greenhouse effect change the climate system – land, air and oceans become warmer, ice and glaciers melt, sea levels rise, ocean acidification occurs, there are changes to ocean currents, we experience more extreme weather, and changes to rainfall patterns.

What are the impacts of climate change – localised flooding, and flooding to coastal regions occurs, marine ecosystems are damaged, fisheries fail and coral reefs are compromised, biodiversity is lost, seasonality changes, humans, animals and wildlife suffer heat stress, habitable regions of pests expand, there is an increased risk of fires and forest mortality, infrastructure is damaged, food insecurity occurs, there is a risk to water supplies globally, and we see conflict and climate migrants.

How do we reduce global warming and stabilise weather patterns – it's obvious that we need to cut greenhouse emissions, change to renewable energy sources, use land more sustainably, and possibly develop techniques to remove carbon dioxide from the air.

How do we achieve this – by persuading governments, businesses, and organisations around the world to reduce emissions, and work with the scientific community to deliver research into climate change. Fingers crossed, COP26 will have a positive outcome.

Lastly, we should take personal responsibility as individuals. I've made a conscious effort to live more sustainably to reduce my carbon footprint, and to guide me, I think of words beginning with the letters RE – I reuse and recycle things, I repair and reimagine stuff because I don't want my children and grandchildren to resent me and my generation for (w)recking the planet, and if we all did our bit, remarkable things could be the result.

WANTED!!images of St.Brandon's church.... from inside or outside!

As part of enhancing our welcome to the many visitors to St.Brandon's, we are hoping to provide a series of cards and booklets that they can purchase as a reminder of their visit. We know that over the years many of you will have taken photographs – or have paintings – which will have captured the beauty of the place and its surroundings at so many different times of the day, and months of the year.

To achieve the best quality when printing, they need to be high resolution images taken on a camera, rather than on a mobile phone.

So, if you have such an image and would be willing to allow St.Brandon's to use it – either now or at some later time – then please forward it to the email addresses below.

Many thanks

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Christmas Show 2021

This will be on Saturday December 7th at 7pm, with a dress rehearsal on either Saturday 30th November [children] or Sunday 1st December. We are counting on all the regular contributors to appear again, and would welcome any newcomers. Acts should be about 3 minutes long unless they involve a lot of people. Please contact us by email or phone.

Audience, please put the date in your diary, as you are very important

Rosemary Monument mwmonument@gmail.com

Martin Peacock 07503242074

From a Brancepeth Kitchen: from Shepherd's Pie to Aloo Gobi

Monday, 17th March, 2020, marked the country's descent into covid lockdown and, for the Allatts, self-isolation. For us, however, the date holds a glowing significance: a 5 o'clock phone call, a query about our plans for supper, then the delivery of a succulent shepherd's pie. The event heralded a flow of culinary masterpieces from the Aitken kitchen

Over the past 18 months we have been privileged to dine on mouth-watering dishes from European and Indian cuisine. The more familiar included fish pie, creamy pastas, and rich casseroles: lamb and apricot; pork and prunes; venison and cranberries; pheasant; pork and orange and walnut. There were also visual delights on which to feast: bacon wrapped, stuffed chicken set in gleaming jewels of cherry tomatoes, sombre figs, and lean French beans.

Alongside this munificence, and challenging our English tastebuds, came an introduction to the traditional dishes of Southern India. They ranged across first and main courses, sides, and sweets to include prawn curry; chicken pepper fry, red lentil dahl, and pepper chicken; aloo gobi (a delicious treatment of sliced potatoes), spiced butternut squash, vegetable pilav, aubergine tamarind, and antelp beans; and smooth mango fool.

Indian cookery is one of Peter's interests, honed by his friendship with Beena Timms. Beena, who is from Kerala in Southern India, has collected traditional recipes from friends and family, handed down the generations, and never previously recorded. With Peter as her pupil and assistant, the recipes were tested and collated to produce the cookery book* from which the above dishes were drawn.

Over the past year and a half, we have enjoyed the expertise and adventurous cooking of the Aitken kitchen. We cannot thank Peter and Evelyn enough for their time and effort which has contributed so much to our wellbeing. They are soon to leave the village. We trust this was not the only means they found to release them from what might have seemed to be growing into a lifetime commitment. However, when we came to the village, almost 50 years ago, ranged across the mantelpiece was a display of local contacts: Hair – Browns; Aga and Boiler – Moody..... Perhaps Evelyn and Peter might consider a similar display, including, of course, the newly established culinary tradition of The Copse.

Pat Allatt

*Peter Aitken and Beena Timms (2019) 'Cooking with Beena', Magnolia Press, Crook, (4th edn)

FUN IN THE FIELD

A very big thank you to all those who supported the Fun in the Field event on Saturday 4th September.

We are particularly grateful to all those who helped behind the scenes with the planning and preparations, to those who helped with the setting up and clearing up on the day, to all those who manned stalls, sold (and bought) raffle tickets and those who organised games (especially the cricket match), which took place on a splendid pitch prepared by Martin Peacock. In spite of the dull weather our spirits were lifted by the playing of the Peel Street band.

We are indebted to those who generously donated cash and raffle prizes and special thanks goes to the Brancepeth bakers who really did us proud with a wonderful array of sweet and savoury goods.

We are delighted to announce that we raised a splendid £510:72p for the British Lung Foundation's research into Long Covid.

We hope that this is the start of a series of successful events on our historic cricket pitch

Friends of Brancepeth Cricket Field

Book Club

In November the chosen book is 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo. We meet on 26th November at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

All welcome; please contact Val Gibbons if you do not receive regular emails and would like to come.

Brancepeth Ladies

Thursday, 18th November at 2.00pm in the Golf Club – 'Colour Buzz'

Helga Put will be giving a talk about her courses/workshops in Gilesgate.

Please note that our Christmas meeting has now been arranged for Thursday, 2nd December

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our meetings

The last meeting of the PC took place on Monday 20th September. Minutes are available on the PC website and include, amongst other things, options that are being considered to improve road safety on the main road and on the Wolsingham Road and for the installation of a seat on Wolsingham Road. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 15th November.

Thinking about joining the PC?

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy. If you enjoy working as part of a small team and are willing to take on responsibility for a particular aspect of village life (e.g. green issues/climate action), you might be just the person we need. If you would like to know more, please contact the Chair of the PC (Hassall Balshen) or the Deputy Chair (Mary Coffield) for an informal chat.

Helping the village look (even) better

If you want to make a contribution but don't have the time to commit to becoming a Parish Councillor, why not volunteer to join our litter picking group? We would like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to give some of their time to help keep the village looking as good as possible. All the necessary equipment will be provided once we know how many people wish to join the group.

Cricket field sign dilemma

We were sorry to hear that the sign on the pedestrian gate to the cricket field has been removed. This was installed in response to concerns that professional dog walkers from outside the Parish were bringing groups of dogs onto the field. We understand that some residents found this sign off-putting so we are currently investigating how best to replace it in a way that does not discourage parishioners from using the field.

Hassall Balshen - Chairperson

The Bishop's Consort Concert

For many years Bishop David Stancliffe has brought a talented group of singers and players on period instruments to entertain and inform us at Sunday Evening Concerts.

His latest offering will take place on **Sunday 14th November at 7.30pm.**

All welcome, tickets on sale at the door.

Dates for the Diary:-

Nov	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village hall
Nov	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Nov	Tuesdays	-	9th & 23rd Nov Knit & Natter, 2.00 -4.00pm, Village Hall
Nov	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall
Nov	Thursdays		Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct	31st	Sun	The Light Party, 4.00pm – 5.00pm, Village Hall
Nov	7th	Sun	Choral Evensong, St John's College Choir, 4.00pm, Church
Nov	14th	Sun	Bishop's Consort Concert, with David Stancliffe, 7.30pm Church
Nov	18th	Thurs	Brancepeth Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Nov	26th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, venue tbc
Dec	4th	Sat	Christmas Show

Photos

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St Brandon's Church Climate Change Collage

In keeping with St Brandon's tradition of making collaborative art, a collage, using donated fabric and clothing, was created during Climate Change Weekend. Time for reflective prayer in the castle chapel set the scene. We contributed woven, sewn and glued pieces to symbolise our love of the natural world and the way in which humankind has taken it for granted.

Amongst the images can be seen: all created beings; misused resources; nature's glory; marred beauty; stick-sweetened water; fire and flood, the consequences of global warming; a brilliant sun; and, ultimately, reasons for hope. Colour and texture played their full part.

Thank you to Alison, Richard and Judith and everyone who contributed material or artistically on the day. Surplus fabric was donated to local charities and a rag bank.

The collage is on display in the chancel at church as a focus for reflection. Do take time to view it.

Nick Brooker

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Inside back cover - © Mark Monument – Christmas Show poster

Back cover – ©Alison Hobbs – Craft Fair Poster

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

	<i>Chairman</i>	Val Gibbons	<i>Subscriptions</i>
Martyn Jones	<i>Vice chairman</i>	Geraldine Jennings	<i>Bookings & Garden Club</i>
Jo Dalton	<i>Secretary (& Website)</i>	Jean Merrington	
Ian Stoker	<i>Treasurer</i>		<i>Wednesday Coffee</i>
	<i>Social Secretary</i>		<i>Cinema Club</i>
Anna Brooker	<i>Church Representative</i>		

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

Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.

Secretary	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (3780771)
Treasurer	Ian Stoker, Castle Lodge (3784986)
Membership	Val Gibbons, 3 The Forge (3784200)
Hall Bookings	Geraldine Jennings, 6 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)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	Jessie Brown (3782748)
Garden Club	Barry Dickinson (3782398)
Snooker Bookings	Geraldine Jennings (3781583)
Wednesday Coffee	
Yoga	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674)

Parish Council

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The Christmas Show

In

The Village Hall

On

Saturday December 4th

Doors open at 7pm. Show starts at 7.30

Party afterwards at 7 Goodwell Lea

Contributions of food and drink gratefully received
for the party, finger food for interval.

Please come and support the glittering array of
talent on stage; if you are new to the village, this is
a great chance to meet everyone.

Tickets: Members of CA £7 adults, £3 children

Non-members £8 adults, £4 children

Available at dress rehearsal or from Rosemary

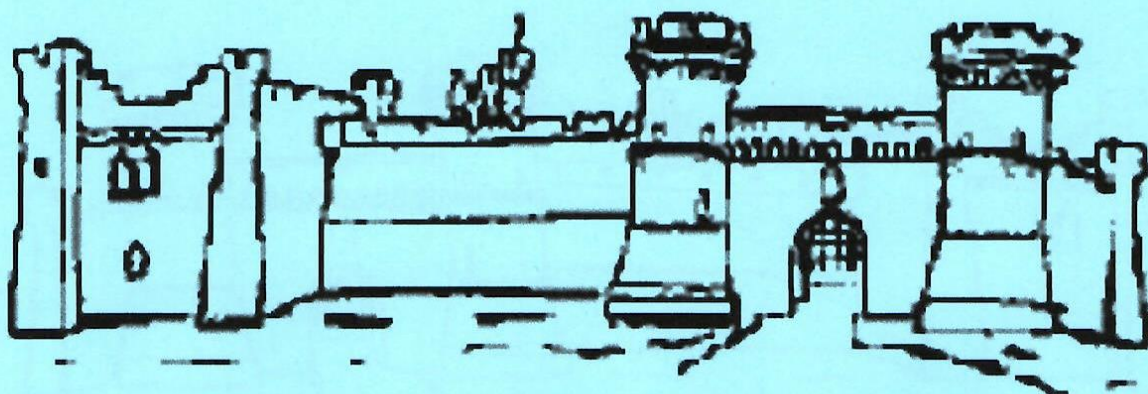
Monument mwmonument@gmail.com

Proceeds to Brancepeth Community Association
reg charity 504318

I would like to encourage the Xmas Show cast and audience to do a Lateral Flow Test on the Saturday morning (4th Dec.). If positive I will refund ticket money. I hope this will keep us all safe.
Rosemary.

BRANCEPETH CASTLE

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CRAFT FAIR

26th 27th & 28th November 2021

FRIDAY 10am - 5pm SATURDAY 10am - 5pm

SUNDAY 12 NOON - 5pm

A wide variety of crafts will be displayed

we strongly recommend you

PRE-BOOK AT

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ADMISSION £4.00 OAP £3.00

Children free when accompanied by an adult

Limited numbers per hour for covid safety

AMPLE FREE PARKING

Refreshments Available