St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth



Newsletter: June 2022

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Sunday 5th June, 3:30pm Brancepeth Castle Courtyard

We hope you can attend the 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee' celebration on <u>Sunday 5th June, from 3:30pm, Brancecpeth Castle Courtyard.</u> Everyone is very warmly welcomed! To recap about the event:

A traditional style street party. Tables, chairs, glasses, plates etc., will be set-out ready for your arrival. Please sit anywhere you like, no need to book a place in advance. Please bring your own drinks and savoury picnics and enjoy cakes and sweet treats from the community cake table. The event is free-to-attend for everyone.

To celebrate there will be:

- A performance from the 'Ragtime Band'
- Fun Activities
- Country Dancing
- · A themed Table Quiz
- The Best Crown Competition (make your own and dazzle everyone spot prizes!)
- Community Cake Table (see Richard Jackson's note in the newsletter)
- A display by the Archives & History Group
- Village Photograph













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Richard Gooding, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Tom Hobbs, Martin

Peacock.

Fabric: James Morgan (chair), Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs,

Steve Hodgson, Edward Staines.

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Please send to Sue Morgan - <u>sueatpeppermires@gmail.com</u>

We live in extraordinary times. I wonder how often that has not been the case? That history repeats itself is a truism, but it never truly repeats, just contains the same patterns. We live in the new, that is born of the past, and faces the future: we should learn from the past, we should steward the future.

On the 6th February 1952, the 25 year old Princess Elizabeth was not at home to hear her father's last words but I'm certain she would have been familiar with those recorded in scripture that King David shared with his heir, in 970 BCE:

When David's time to die drew near, he charged his son Solomon, saying: "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, be courageous, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn. Then the Lord will establish his word that he spoke concerning me: "If your heirs take heed to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you a successor on the throne of Israel." (1 Kings 2:1-4)

King Solomon started well, his wisdom was legendary, and so was his kingdom built on that foundation. However, as age and virility and confidence eroded, so he slipped and fell, selling his kingdom for his vanity. Not so, our Queen, who has carried her authority wisely, who has carried her ageing body with a dignity both humble and regal, who has carried her family through mired times without stain. History was made on the 6th of February this year when Her Majesty The Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service to her kingdom, and now we are poised for the official celebrations.

It is our Queen's final act of service to us that she has striven to hold on to her health and life long enough to fulfil the country's party plans, to give one last push of smile and nod and wave in respectful thanks for the collective cheer that will rise.

'Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two' (Mark 6:7)

We are designed to live in relationship and to work in partnerships, that was the pattern set by Jesus for his disciples, that is the pattern revealed in God's very nature, akin to Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

God blessed and equipped Elizabeth for her life as monarch through the faithful support and companionship, for over seventy years, of her husband and consort, Philip. Much diminished by this death, it is another mark of her courage that she has borne that loss publicly and bravely, holding to her sense of duty to her people, for her God. We are all blessed by the strength of her faith, whatever our faith or none, because it is this adherence to walking in His ways that has given our country, her kingdom, the stability and riches of one of the wisest monarchs history has supplied. So let's celebrate this extraordinary achievement that has occurred in our time.

Alison Hobbs

St Brandon's June 2022 – 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 is held fortnightly on Thursdays at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Everyone is welcome, please contact Geoff Moore or Anna

June 5th Pentecost Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings: First: James Morgan Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel: Hester Higton John 14: 8-17, 25-27

Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b

Alison Moore Intercessions

Jubilee Service 2.30pm

Readings as in service sheet

Thurs 9th Evening Prayer via Zoom 7.30pm

June 12th Trinity Sunday Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Guest Preacher: Revd Oliver Ross, Vicar of Malmesbury

Abbey

Readings: First: Mike Higton Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel: Wilfred Foxe John 16: 12-15

Psalm 8

Hester Higton Intercessions

Messy Church 3-5pm

June 19th 1st after Trinity Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Focus on The Children's Society

Readings: First: Janette Foxe Galatians 3: 23- end

Gospel: Ken Howe Luke 8: 26-39

Psalm 22: 19-28

David Eltringham Intercessions

Thurs 23rd Evening Prayer via Zoom 7.30pm

June 26th 2nd after Trinity Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings: First: Caroline Middleditch Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Gospel: Carys Funnell Luke 9: 51-end

Psalm 16

Nick Brooker Intercessions

July 3rd Trinity 4 Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings: First: David Eltringham Galatians 6:1-16

Gospel: Jean Hodgson Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Psalm 66: 1-8

Geoff Moore Intercessions

Thurs 7th Evening Prayer via Zoom 7.30pm

Sidespersons Flowers

Jun 5th Jean Hodgson & Sue Morgan Iris Waggott

Jun 12th Caroline Middleditch & Bonny Bainbridge Annette Johnson

Jun 19th Pat Sharples & Nick Brooker Isabel Rae

Jun 26th David & Fiona Eltringham Hillary Moss

Jul 3rd Jane Stout & Josie Armstrong Christine Dodd

<u>Coffee</u>		Tech Rota	
Jun 5 th	Alison Moore	David & Fiona Eltringham	
Jun 12 th	Sue Morgan	Mike & Hester Higton	
Jun 19 th	Jeanette Metcalfe	Caroline Middleditch	
Jun 26 th	Jane Stout	Bridget & Tom Higton	
Jul 3 rd	Annette Johnson	Geoff & Alison Moore	

Church Cleaning

June – Team B
Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Annette Johnson, Hillary Moss
July – Team C
Carol Beeby, Vicki Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Nick Brooker

NB Please bring your own vacuum cleaner, the church vacuum is being repaired.

St. Brandon's Church - Grass Cutting Rota 2022

30th May – 12th June Stephen Hodgson, Geoff Harrison

13th - 26th June Tom Hobbs, Richard Hobbs 27th June — 10th July Simon Elliot, David Jackson

Brancepeth Youth Club May to July 2022

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 meet fortnightly in the Village Hall on Sundays 6-8pm. During the summer months we'll go outside for the first hour, weather permitting, so please ensure appropriate clothing is worn. The dates are:

May 29

June 12, 26

July 10*

Please continue to be alert to Covid-19, and ensure no one attends who has a positive test or has symptoms.

Leaders

Geoff Moore 373 5674 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

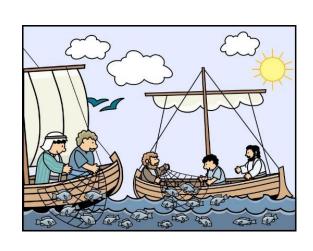
^{*}This will be the BBQ – venue to be decided.



Come and join the fun. Activities and stories from the Bible. Every Sunday

We get together after the first hymn and re-join the service for communion

June Messy Church



we're going fishing!



Sunday 12th June

3-5pm in church

crafts Bible story songs games tea

ALL WELCOME - please invite friends too

Church Events Notices

Owing to a concert, the church will be unavailable on the evening of Friday 1 July and all day on 2 July. Our apologies for any for inconvenience this may cause.

The Events Team

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY June 2022

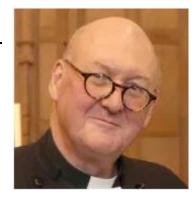
You are invited to use this diary to share in the prayers offered daily

- 1 Woolley Grange, High Woolley, Weather Hill, South Brandon farm, Springwell farm and Brawn's Den
- 2 Those who experience no rest or relief from the destructions of war.
- 3 Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 4 Jubilee celebrations across the country, that it may unite in us in gratitude for peace.
- 5 The Holy Spirit to ignite us this Pentecost, and bring Jubilee joy to our village today.
- 6 Goodwell Lea
- 7 Us seeking God's promise, anew, through Partnership for Missional Church (PMC)
- 8 The Bothy, Park Lodge, Nursery House, Garden House and the Golf Club
- 9 An inviting, prompting, inspiring Holy Spirit to bring people forward for PMC
- 10 The many 'interest groups' that crystallise friendships: the Book Club meeting today.
- 11 Barnabas, Apostle: that none be mistaken for less or more than the Christians we are.
- 12 Trinity Sunday: that we may come to know God in all dimensions of our lives.
- 13 Durham Road and The Forge
- 14 Littlewhite Farm, Morley Farm, Quarry Hill, the Cottages, and Goodwell Field
- 15 The mystery that is God to deepen and enrich worship and understanding.
- 16 Corpus Christi: that all who profess that Christ is Lord may honour the One Body.
- 17 Church members outside the parish, and all who visit once or occasionally.
- 18 Oakenshaw Road, Whitworth Lane and Black House
- 19 Lives lived in expectation of the extraordinary, as we resume 'Ordinary Time'
- 20 Scripton, Peppermires, Nafferton, Tudhoe Lodge, Holywell, East Parks area
- 21 The Village South
- 22 Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Rectory Cottages, Constable Meadows, and Bridleway
- 23 Women who are diminished by exclusion from ministry, and broader fulfilment.
- 24 Birth of John the Baptist: for a fresh understanding of 'sin', that we may repent.
- 25 Churches gathering for the first PMC day; for rich exploration of your Word for us.
- 26 More people to come to know Christ, to seek him, be changed and saved by him.
- 27 The Village North, Station House and Railway cottages
- 28 Castle and Lodge
- 29 Peter & Paul, Apostles: for Deborah being ordained priest; grace for all ordinations.
- 30 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road and Tanglewood

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

 durmoores@btinternet.com

This month we welcome among our preachers Revd Oliver Ross, Vicar of Malmesbury and Upper Avon, Wiltshire. Oliver is based at Malmesbury Abbey, whose strapline is 12th Century Beauty, 21st Century Church: a sentiment we appreciate at St Brandon's! Previously he served in historic and guild churches in the city of London and before that in



multi-cultural Hounslow, west London. Oliver has a wealth of experience and particular interests in art history and culture. Do be sure to hear and meet him, either in person or online on **Trinity Sunday 12th**, **10.15am at St Brandon's**.

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 7 & 21 June 2022 at 11:00

Tuesdays 5 & 19 July 2022 at 11:00



For more information, please email <u>alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk</u>

Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church

Advance notice

Come and Sing Choral Evensong at St Brandon's Sunday 24th July 5pm with tea served from 4:15pm

Open rehearsal for singers begins 1pm in church All welcome – no previous experience needed

More details from Richard Gooding: richard@courante-music.com

Vestry Report

Baptism:

Isaac Richard Thomas Perryman 5th April 2022

Emily Miriam Catherine Morgan 15th May 2022

COFFEE MORNING ROTA

1st June Vivienne Lowe & Janiece Spence

8th June Linda Larnach & Val Gibbons

15th June Christine Jones & Sheena Murray

22nd June Margot Harrison & Rosemary Monument

29th June Joan Taylor & Linda Larnach

6th July Vivienne Lowe & Janiece Spence

13th July Margot Harrison & Christine Jones

20th July Rosemary Monument & Sheena Murray

27th July Joan Taylor & Val Gibbons

Please if any of these dates you are not available, please contact Martyn or Christine Jones on 0191 3789297.

If anyone else would like to volunteer to take a turn on the rota please contact Martyn or Christine.

Many thanks.

Book Club

On Friday June 10th, we will be discussing a book by Kent Haruf called 'Plainsong'. We will meet at Sue Morgan's home, Peppermires Cottage (directions on request!). Hopefully the weather will be kind and allow us to walk to Sue's. Those living in the village meet at the crossroads at 7 pm.

8 July - at Dick and Audrey Dumbleton's house, 19 St Monica Grove DH1 4AS. Perhaps a couple of us could drive...I'm happy to be a driver. July's book is "The Girl with the Louding voice" by Abi Dare

2 September - at Fiona Eltringham's house, 5 Stockley House Farm. The book to read is "Now we shall be entirely free" by Andrew Miller.

All dates are Fridays and usual time of 7.30 p.m.

All welcome. Val Gibbons

Garden Club – Spring Show

The annual Garden Club Spring Show finally took place on the 23rd of April after an enforced absence of three years (two shows).

There was a good number of entries (see attached photo) and the club offers sincere thanks to Sarah Nicholson who agreed to be judge.

Best in show went to Edward Staines for some interesting Muscari

Rosemary Monument received the prize for best tulip and was delighted with the bonus of a £10 gift voucher kindly donated by Bloms Bulbs.

She also won the Cook Cup for best daffodil.

Overall winner was Edward Staines



Garden Club update:

Following COVID we are up and running again and are planning the following events:

July: Víllage Walk and Dínner

September: Autumn Show Speaker and Garden Vísít

Exact dates to be confirmed

Geraldine is also looking for volunteers to help out by cooking a dish (or two) to be served at the Dinner. For more details contact her on gerryjennings5@googlemail.com or on 01913781583

Update from an ex pat!

Evelyn and I are well settled in to our new home near Barnard Castle. Our son in law runs a farm and has recently created a vegetable garden for me by fencing off part of the paddock next to the farmhouse garden. Here is a picture of the work in progress showing raised beds made out of old tractor tyres in the background. No shortage of helpful garden machinery as you see.

Peter Aitken.



Brancepeth Archive and History Group

a contribution to the village's celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

BRANCEPETH, and the Coronation Years

what was happening in Brancepeth in the years of the Coronations of Kings and Queens of England from 1066 – 1953.

A display of material from the Brancepeth Archive. Open to villagers and any others who might be interested

Saturday 4th June 9.00am -- - 1.00pm and Sunday 5th June 2.30 -6.00pm

Follow the arrows to the Brancepeth Archive and up the Library steps.

The Archive Group in their new setting

Dave Armstrong, Vivienne Lowe, Peter Storey and Geoff Harrison sitting in the Archive Room in the castle before the opening of the Hannah Hauxwell Exhibition.



The Exhibition celebrating the Life and Times of Hannah Hauxwell and mounted by the Brancepeth Archives and History Group was a stunning success. With the help of publicity in the Northern Echo, on Tyne Tees Television and other places there were more than 400 visitors to the castle over the weekend. The ITV journalist called Brancepeth `a hidden gem`. And so it is.

The BAHG Committee wish to thank the many group members who helped with stewarding and parking during what was a very busy but very enjoyable event

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

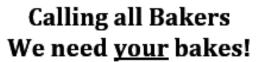
Please tell Alison Moore of the Prayer Team 0191 373 5674/07890 733757.

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!











Brancepeth Castle, Sunday 5th June from 3.30



Please help provide a "Free Cake, Scones, Biscuits and Goodies Table"

with your Star bakes



To help, please contact Richard Jackson 378 3271 rjpinetops@icloud.com



Oh, and what we cannot give away, we will sell for Ukraine so please be generous.







PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our meetings

The Annual, Parish and Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 18th May, with minutes available on the Parish Council website. Our next meeting will be Monday 20th June.

Cricket Field

We are making arrangements for the two self-seeded trees (adjacent to the wall) to be removed to prevent further damage to the structure of the wall.

We are concerned about the costs of grass cutting and would welcome positive suggestions on this issue. In the meantime, we are looking into asking the County Council to take responsibility for cutting the grass verges of the A690 and Wolsingham Road which could lead to a significant reduction in our overall costs.

Please Note: We have received complaints from dog walkers about dog poo being left on the field. Could we please remind all dog owners to remove dog poo and place it in the red bin provided.

New road and speed signs

New blue and yellow signs will be located between the Morley Lane and towards the railway crossing on Wolsingham Road with a white railing fence on the incoming side of the road into Brancepeth. We hope that additional road markings (including two sets of five raised yellow transverse markings across both lanes and a 30mph roundel) along with raised flower beds in front of the new signs will provide visual reminders for motorists to reduce their speed.

Village amenities and services

We are currently exploring the possibility of organising a weekly visit from a Mobile Post Office. If you would like us to pursue this please let us know. There is also a Handyperson service that can be accessed via Age UK on 0800 678 1602 from 08.00 - 19.00, 7 days a week. There is a small charge for this service. Further details are on our Notice Board.

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

We are continuing to look into possible site/s and how many trees we should plant.

Litter Picking

The new date for the litter pickers is Saturday 18th June. As usual, we will meet at the castle gates and afterwards at the Village Hall for refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Contact

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about this report or have suggestions for improving the Parish in any way, please contact our clerk (<u>clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk</u>). Contact details of Councillors are also available in this Parish Magazine and on the PC Noticeboards and website.

Mary Coffield, Nick Ellis

On Behalf of Brancepeth Parish Council

Dates for the Diary:-

Jun	Mondays -	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village hall
Jun	Mondays -	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jun	Mondays -	Knit and Natter 9th & 23rd, Village Hall 2 - 4 pm.
Jun	Tuesdays -	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall
Jun	Wednesdays -	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Jun	Wednesdays - Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am	
Jun	Thursdays - Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall	
May/Jun	Sundays -	29th May, 12th & 26th Jun, Youth Club, 6.00pm -8.00pm V. Hall
June	5th Sun	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations,
		2.30pm in Church & 3.30pm Street Party in Castle Courtyard
June	4th/5th Sat/Sun Archive Group exhibition, 9.00-1.00 Sat, 2.30-6.00 Sun,	
		Archive Room, Castle
June	10th Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Peppermires Cottage
Jun	12th Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Jun	18th Sat	Litter Picking, 9.30am, Castle Gate
Jul	2nd Sat	Durham Singers, 7.30pm, Church
Jul	8th Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 19 St Monica Grove
Jul	24th Sun	Come & Sing Choral Evensong, 4.15 tea, service 5.00pm, Church
Sept	2nd Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 5 Stockley House Farm

Photos

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Inside front cover – © Jo Dalton. Jubilee events Poster

Inside back cover – © Durham Singers Poster 'A Platinum Celebration'

Back cover – © Katherine Heatherington. The baptism of Emily Miriam

Catherine Morgan. 15.05 2022. Emily with parents James & Catrin & brother,

Paul; Godparents and Grandparents.

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Jo Dalton Secretary, Website Social Secretary

& Bookings Jean Merrington

lan Stoker Treasurer Anna Brooker Church Representative

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Treasurer Ian Stoker, Castle Lodge (3784986)
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Art Group Jeanette Metcalfe, (0191 3781646)

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Brancepeth Allotment Sue Morgan, Carole Reed & Liz Burdess

& Leisure Gardeners' Club baacommittee3@gmail.com

Book Club Val Gibbons (3784200)

Drama Martin Peacock (07503242074)

Flower Guild Jessie Brown (3782748)
Garden Club Barry Dickinson (3782398)

Snooker Bookings Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (3780771)

Wednesday Coffee Christine Jones (3789297)
Yoga Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Youth Club Geoff Moore (3735674)

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The Durham Singers

A Platinum Celebration

Music by Purcell, Handel, Parry, Britten and Howells



Music Director: Tom Edney

Saturday 2 July 2022 at 7.30 pm

St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth

Tickets: £15 available from choir members, Durham Music Shop (0191 378 9144) or https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/durhamsingers

