

St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth



Newsletter: October 2022

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Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Anna Brooker (3780578) or rector@stbrandon.org.uk
Associate Minister	Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (3789670) alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk
Lay Reader	Geoff Moore – co-opted member of P.C.C. (3735674)
Church Wardens:	David Eltringham (07779938611) James Morgan (4476520)
Secretary	Carol Beeby (3847431), (07592 975002)
Treasurer	Mike Higton – co-opted member of P.C.C. (5974675)
Deanery Synod	Caroline Middleditch (378 1400)

Other members:-

Janette Foxe (07587 225 200)	Steve Hodgson (3780289)
Tom Hobbs (07857437860)	Ken Howe (07710098705, 0191-3840589)
Jean Hodgson (3780289)	Sue Morgan (3781172)

Prayer Team	Alison Hobbs (378 9670), Sue Hope, Alison Moore (373 5674).
Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Rev'd Anna Brooker
Organist	Richard Hird
Music Co-ordinator	Richard Gooding
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (3847431), Valeria Dietz, Lucy Hodge (07891867181).
Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (3735674)
Events coordinator	Janette Foxe events@stbrandon.org.uk .
Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (3781871)
Churchyard	Edward Staines (3780858)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (3735674), Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Worship Team	Rev'd Anna Brooker, Janette Foxe, Richard Gooding, Hester Higton, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Geoff Moore, Sue Morgan.
SMD Team:	Anna Brooker (ex-officio), Carys Funnell, Richard Gooding, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Tom Hobbs, Martin Peacock.
Fabric:	James Morgan (chair), Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Edward Staines.
Website	www.stbrandon.org.uk

Newsletter entries no later than October 18th please.

Please send to Sue Morgan – sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

Dear friends

I am writing this in the lull between the death and the funeral of our late Queen, and wondering what the prevailing mood of October will be?

September opened with a fury of frustrations because the aid the government would be promising to address the cost of energy crisis was suspended while the new leader of the government was elected. Speculation and indignation fanned the flames, creating more heat and hot air but achieving only darkness, an ever blacker mood. Resolving the leadership, and the first announcements of financial packages did not seem to placate the mood but to cause more confusion and questions.

The effect on this dark turmoil, of the Queen's death, three days later, was an astonishing reversal. A quite different kind of loss and grief was outpouring: instead of grieving the loss of personal, financial safety and security we were grieving the loss of someone who gave a sense of security and continuity to us as a nation. Someone who extraordinarily related to us personally without their world significance being diminished. For many, many people, the world stopped and in shock, we looked to each other to make sense of it, and understand the significance through the shared. We turned outwards, towards neighbours and, significantly, towards strangers, united in loss.

So where will we be in October, in December, in February ...? Honeymoon periods will not last for our new leaders and our new monarch, demands will soon be the headlines again, as inevitably as winter follows autumn. Yet, surely we have been shown something from which we could learn. Something of the way love, charity, hope can all break through in a moment, and flood our world with their unifying qualities. That everything new has to be birthed in death: we have to go through the pain of loss and confusion before we can embrace the opportunity to start doing things differently, in order that the new can happen. This is the invitation God extended to us through the life and death of Christ; a message that is far from cosy, or sentimental.

More people will have been or seen inside a church in person or virtually, than ever, in my memory, by the time this funeral has happened. What will God be doing with this opportunity, and how can we work with him? Can we be more imaginative, more faithful, more bold in how we live our lives? Keeping our sights not on ourselves but on others, and not on the impending winter, but on the spring that always comes, eventually, and as surely as life follows death, if we trust and endure.

Yours in Christ,

Alison Hobbs

St Brandon's October 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 in church or online at **8.15am**

*and there is a **Midday Eucharist** from Brancepeth Castle at **12noon**.*

Evening Prayer is held fortnightly in July on Thursdays at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Everyone is welcome, please contact Geoff Moore or Anna

October 2nd

Christ in Creation

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings*: First:

Jean Merrington

Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel:

Alison Moore

Matthew 8: 23-27

Psalm 89: 5–9, 11–14

James Morgan

Intercessions

We complete our 3 week sermon series on CREATION. Special readings sheets will be provided.

Thurs 6th Evening Prayer via Zoom 7.30pm

October 9th Trinity 17

Parish Eucharist 10.15 am

Readings: First:

Gillian Smellie

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c

Gospel:

Edward Staines

Luke 17: 11-19

Psalm 111

David Eltringham

Intercessions

October 16th Trinity 18

Parish Eucharist 10.15 am *Shoebbox Sunday*

Readings: First:

Sue Morgan

Genesis 32: 22-31

Gospel:

Tom Hobbs

Luke 18: 1-8

Psalm 121

Geoff Moore

Intercessions

Messy Church 3-5pm

Thurs 20th Evening Prayer via Zoom 7.30pm

October 23rd Bible Sunday Parish Eucharist 10.15 am

Readings:	First:	James Morgan	Romans 15: 1-6
	Gospel:	Hester Higton	Luke 4: 16-24
	Psalm 119: 129-136		
		Alison Moore	Intercessions

October 30st All Saints Parish Eucharist 10.15 am

Readings:	First:	Mike Higton	Ephesians 1: 11-end
	Gospel:	Wilfred Foxe	Luke 6: 20-31
	Psalm 149		
		Emily Bagg	Intercessions

Weds Nov 2nd All Souls	Service of Remembrance 7:00pm	
First:	Martin Peacock	Isaiah 2: 1-5
Second:	Janette Foxe	Romans 8: 31-end

Thurs Nov 3rd Evening Prayer via Zoom 7.30pm

November 6th 3 before Advent Parish Eucharist 10.15am : Café Church

Readings:	First:	Ken Howe	Job 19: 23-27a
	Gospel:	Caroline Middleditch	Luke 20: 27-38
		Carys Funnell	Intercessions

Sidespersons

Oct 2nd Jane Stout & Iris Waggott
Oct 9th Annette Johnson & Bonny Bainbridge
Oct 16th Sue Morgan & Nick Brooker
Oct 23rd Caroline Middleditch & Jane Stout
Oct 30th Pat Sharples & Jean Hodgson
Nov 6th Josie Armstrong & Iris Waggott

Flowers

Lynne Hastie
Maud Oliver
Wedding
Joan Taylor
Sue Knight
June Robson

Coffee

Oct 2 nd	Jean Hodgson
Oct 9 th	Jeanette Metcalfe
Oct 16 th	Jane Stout
Oct 23 rd	Sue Morgan
Oct 30 th	Alison Moore
Nov 6 th	Hillary Moss

Tech Rota

Geoff & Alison Moore
David & Fiona Eltringham
Higtons 1
Higtons 2
David & Fiona Eltringham
Geoff & Alison Moore

Church Cleaning

September – Team B

Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Annette Johnson, Hillary Moss

October – Team C

Carol Beeby, Vicki Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Nick Brooker

November – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Jane Stout, Sue Hope

NB Please bring your own vacuum cleaner.

St. Brandon's Church – Grass Cutting Rota 2022

19 th Sept – 2 nd Oct	James Dalton, Nick Brooker
3 rd Oct – End	Edward, Michael and Martin

Church Events Notices

On Sunday 9 Oct the church will be in use from 3pm for a talk by Prof Andy Beeby.

Thank you for your understanding.

Janette Foxe

Calling all Brancepeth Bakers

There will be a fundraising event in St Brandon's on 9 October 3pm at which we hope to serve refreshments. See the poster in the porch and further into the newsletter. Prof Andy Beeby (Carol's husband) will provide a fascinating talk on his work on Medieval manuscripts with the proceeds going into our Stonework Project Fund. If you can help by providing a cake for the event please contact either Janette on 07587 225 200 or Carol on 0191 384 7431.

Thank you



Wednesday 2nd November 2022

There will be a list at the back of church for names to be added. Or you can contact Alison Moore on 07890 733757 or moorealisonm21@gmail.com with any names to be included.

All welcome and please invite friends

13 Nov; 11 Dec (Christingle)



Come and join the fun.
Activities and stories from the Bible.
Sundays during term time

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

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.



No dates in October
Tuesdays 8 & 22 Nov 2022 at 11:00

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

Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church

***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 Youth Club

October to December 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. The dates are:

October 9, 23

November 6, 20

December 4

Leaders

Geoff Moore 373 5674 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

An introduction to our new ordinand, Emily Bagg

Hello!

I'm Emily, and I'm delighted that I'm going to be on placement with you until around Eastertide. I'm a third and final year ordinand at Cranmer Hall, where I also currently serve as the President of the student body (which is why, unlike other students, you'll only see me on a Sunday!). I'm married to Marcus, and we have an eight year old, Lydia. We moved to Durham in 2020 from the Isle of Wight, although my family are in Bath, and I lived in the States when I was growing up. I'm a very keen knitter and crocheter, and as a family we love board games and long walks. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all, and for all that God will do in this period!



PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY October 2022

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

We pray for:

1 Churches attending the first PMC gathering; preparing to look deeper at our future

2 *Christ in creation: then shall the earth bring forth her increase*

4 St Francis of Assisi: may we learn to live simpler, humbler, bolder lives

5 Those who live in Goodwell Lea

6 William Tynedale, translator of the scriptures: those who preach, 'translating truth'

7 Those who live in the Village South, Castle and Lodge

8 King Charles, one month after succession: for comfort, refreshment, energy & vision

9 *Sunday – let the peoples praise you O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

10 Durham Road and The Forge

11 Littlewhite Farm, Morley Farm, Quarry Hill, the cottages, and Goodwell Field

12 Elizabeth Fry, Prison reformer, 1845: those who staff & regulate woman's prisons

13 Edward the Confessor, founder of Westminster Abbey: all who visit the abbey today

14 Woolley Grange, High Woolley, Weather Hill, South Brandon farm, Springwell farm
and Brawn's Den

15 Those who live on Whitworth Lane and Black House

16 *Sunday – show me the way I should walk in for I lift up my soul to you*

17 Scription, Peppermires, Nafferton, Tudhoe Lodge, Holywell, East Parks area

18 Luke the Evangelist, and a doctor: strength for working under pressure in the NHS

19 The Bothy, Park Lodge, Nursery House, Garden House and the Golf Club

20 Ukraine, in its hopes and determination; in its costs and losses; for safekeeping

21 Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Rectory Cottages, Constable Meadows,
and Bridleway

22 Those who live on Oakenshaw Rd

23 *Bible Sunday – that your way may be known upon earth*

24 Those who live in Stockley Grove, Bridge Road and Tanglewood

25 The Village North, Station House and Railway cottages

26 Those who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View

27 Churches of all denominations together in DH7: His love in our communities

28 Simon & Jude, Apostles who preached the gospel in Mesopotamia: for missionaries

29 Our Messy Church, Youth Club and Sunday School members and leaders

30 *Sunday – let the light of your love shine into our hearts*

31 Halloween and All Souls

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

durmoores@btinternet.com

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‘Shining light on medieval manuscripts’

Modern science meets medieval art

A presentation by Professor
Andrew Beeby
durham university

Sunday 9th October 2022 at 3pm

Admission £10 at the door.
(cash only)

In aid of St. Brandon's Stonework Project
To find out more go to www.stbrandons.org.uk

Book Club

Book Club meets on Friday 7th Oct at the home of Dawn & Nick Ellis, 24 Goodwell Lea. There is a change from the book previously advertised to 'The Bee Keeper of Aleppo', by Christy Lefteri. Please bring a book choice for future reading.

In November we meet on Friday 11th at the home of Val Gibbons. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

Calling all Residents of Brancepeth,
You are invited to partake in the

Village Photograph

to be taken in

Brancepeth Castle Courtyard

on

Sunday, October 16th

at

11.45

It is twenty years since the last Village Photo
so please come along and be recorded on film
for posterity.



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

5th October - Vivienne and Janiece
12th October - Sheena and Rosemary
19th October - Margot and Val
26th October - Joan and Linda
3rd November - Martyn and Christine

(Please contact Martyn or Christine - 0191 378 9297 - if you need to swap your rota date.
Thank you).

Garden Club

Results of the 2022 Garden Show

Category	Winner
Vegetables and Fruit	Sue Morgan
Best exhibit	Ella Swarbrick
Flowers	Sue Morgan
Best exhibit	Alison Young
Flower Arranging	Janiece Spence
Best exhibit	Lynne Hastie
Containers -tied 1st place	Maud Oliver / Martyn Jones
Home Produce	Christine Jones
Best exhibit	Janiece Spence
Photography	Paul Spence
Best exhibit	Peter Hodge
Children's Section	Paul Morgan
Overall Winner	
1st - Sue Morgan	
2nd - Janiece Spence	
3rd - Paul Spence	
Future Events - Halls of Heddon visit on 11th October; details from committee members.	
11th November - Talk by Richard Barnes a well-known landscape gardener and horticulturalist. 7.30pm Village Hall.	

"THE LIFE AND WORK OF THOMAS WRIGHT

of Byers Green - - "a man of many parts"

an illustrated talk by David Hughes

Friday 14th October 2022 in Brancepeth Village Hall

7.15 p.m. for prompt 7.30p.m. start

Organised by Brancepeth Archive and History Group

ADMISSION - BAHG MEMBERS - free

Non-members very welcome - £3.00

Enquiries to Vivienne Lowe 0191 378 0974

Brancepeth Ladies Thurs. 27th October. 2.00 pm Golf Club Dining Room

Creating an Embellished Box

Vivienne Howe has designed and prepared a kit for a box we can make and decorate. It will be approximately 4" x4" by 1" high. She runs workshops at Langley Park, making cards, notelets and boxes and will bring samples which can be bought. There will be no extra charge for the kit you make. Please come even if you only want to watch and chat. Usual charge of £3 and £5 for visitors.

November meeting on the 17th is silversmith Les Howe, Vivienne's husband, who was commissioned to make a brooch for Queen Elizabeth II when she visited Durham

GNAAS collection

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GNAAS collection will be weekend of 29th/30th October. Ring 01913780707 for any information, bags etc.
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – October 2022

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this sad time.

Cricket Field and Allotments Leases

We are delighted to announce that we have now received copies of the two leases and are anticipating legal completion in the near future. If we are successful we will have a backdated five-year lease for the cricket field and a 10 year lease for the allotments. This means that we have had uninterrupted access to the field since 2008. The allotment lease gives security of tenure for allotment holders.

Future of the Cricket Field

It is now a matter of urgency to decide what course of action we should take regarding the future of the field after the new lease expires in March 2023. With that in mind, may we remind all residents that we will be conducting a comprehensive survey of residents' views over the course of the coming weeks. Short questionnaires will be delivered to every household in the Parish. Your views are very important to us. This is your chance to tell us what you think. We would be grateful, therefore, if every resident takes part in this survey. Once your views have been collected and collated, we will hold an open meeting in the Village Hall to share the results and put forward a proposed plan of action.

Vacancy

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, 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 any member of the Parish Council for an informal chat.

Brancepeth Parish Council

Christmas Show – Advance Notice

The Christmas Show will be on Saturday 3rd December. We hope that all past performers will put on an act, and would love to see some new faces. Please put the date in your diary [audience and cast] Acts should be 3-5 minutes long. The dress rehearsal will be on Sunday 27th November at times to be arranged with you

Rosemary Monument mwmonument@gmail.com

Martin Peacock

Dates for the Diary:-

Oct	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village hall
Oct	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct	Mondays	-	Knit and Natter 10th & 24th, Village Hall 2 - 4 pm.
Oct	Tuesdays	-	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall
Oct	Wednesdays	-	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Oct	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Oct	Thursdays	-	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Oct	Sundays	-	Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Oct	Sundays	-	Youth Club, 9th & 23rd 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
Oct	7th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 24 Goodwell Lea
Oct	11th	Tues	Garden Club visit to Halls of Heddon
Oct	7th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 24 Goodwell Lea
Oct	27th	Thurs	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Oct	14th	Fri	- Archive & History Group Talk, 7.15pm, Village Hall
Oct	16th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Nov	5th	Sat	Jazz Evening, 7.00pm, Church
Nov	11th	Fri	Garden Club Talk, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Nov	12th	Sat	St Martin's Day at the Castle, 4.30pm
Dec	3rd	Sat	Christmas Show, Village Hall

Photos

Front cover - © Nick Brooker – a commemorative cover in honour of our late Queen Elizabeth II

Inside front cover – © Anna Brooker-Shoe Box Appeal poster

Inside back cover – ©Uli Hobbs – St Martin's Day at the Castle.

Back cover – © Sue Morgan – Garden Show winners

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

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

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

Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.	Martyn Jones, 32 Goodwell Lea (3789297)
Secretary	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (3780771)
Treasurer	Ian Stoker, Castle Lodge (3784986)
Membership	Val Gibbons, 3 The Forge (3784200)
Hall Bookings	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (3780771)
Archives & History	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (3780974)
Art Group	Jeanette Metcalfe, (0191 3781646)
Badminton	Peter Hodge, (01388 745455)
Brancepeth Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Club	Sue Morgan, Carole Reed & Liz Burdess 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)

Parish Council

Hassall Balshen – Chair (tel: 3781295; email: hassall.balshen@gmail.com)
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Monday 31st October 5.30 -6.30pm

The Light Party

starting and ending at
Brancepeth Village Hall



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

If you live in the village and would like to welcome the parade with some treats, please let us know in advance : Nick and Anna 378 0578

THANK YOU

St. Martin's Day at the Castle



Sankt Martin is a German holiday dedicated to St Martin of Tours, which we celebrate with lantern parades, special songs and bonfires. This is especially wonderful for children!

Saturday, 12. November, 4.30pm

Assemble at the castle gates with your lanterns at the ready, from there we will have a short walk through the village that ends at the castle, where a bonfire will wait for us. If you'd like to join us, please let me know via email (ulrike.friebel@hotmail.de) or phone/text (07784 922069). I have lantern kits available for £5 each. Food contributions would also be much appreciated, mulled wine and punch will be provided.

