

St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth



Newsletter: January 2023

Also online at www.stbrandon.org.uk/newsletter



New Year Party

Sunday 8th January
3-5pm in church

fancy dress games activities
songs tea



please bring some party food – in packaging to help with dietary needs

DATES for your diary: 12 February and 12 March
--



Children planting bulbs at the last Messy Church meeting

Choral Worship at St Brandon's

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 29 Jan 3pm: Sung Evensong for Candlemas.

St Brandon's Choir will lead us all in singing this beautiful service, with music provided for the congregation to join in. Come and sing or come to listen and pray. *Followed by tea.*

Sun 19 Feb 3pm: Choral Evensong, remembering George Herbert

St John's College Chapel Choir will sing Evensong, with readings and anthem remembering the priest poet George Herbert, who is commemorated by the church this month. *Followed by tea.*

Sun 2 April (Palm Sunday) 6:30pm Crucifixion

Music by John Stainer, words by W J Sparrow Simpson. With St Brandon's Choir and soloists.

Further details to follow.



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 Higon – 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	Carol Beeby, Rev'd Anna Brooker, Janette Foxe, Richard Gooding, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Alison Moore, 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 January 18th please.

Please send to Sue Morgan – sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please contact Hester Higon on hesterhigon@phonecoop.coop.

Dear friends,

I think of January as a time of space, quiet, stillness, and light: thin, cold but increasing light. A pause for taking breath after the clamour of Christmas and before the demands start up again. We don't seem to get much opportunity for being quiet in our frenetic, news orientated world so it's a change to take time just to look and think. I learnt in primary school that the name of the month is taken from Janus, the Roman god who looks in two directions at once.

I wonder if you are more of a looking backwards person: going back through what 2022 contained, and evaluating what you would like to remember or repeat, and what you want never to have to experience again?

Or are you a determined forward looking person: filling in the new diary and ruminating on the plans and hopes for what 2023 will offer?

I find it much easier to do one than the other but the richest route is to glean from the findings of last year, what we would most like to build on and explore in this year; what we need to recover from and what we want to build on that will enrich our lives.

I remember one Brancepeth friend describing how they ritually review the year past as a New Year's eve sharing with close friends, having considered ahead what 'my favourite ...', 'my best ...', 'my happiest ...' 'the worst ...' were, in the agreed categories. Whether, or not, this informed their direction for the year ahead, I have no idea.

Identifying what brings us alive, stretches and grows us, is not selfish because who and how we are, rubs off on those around us. It is difficult though, to be honest with ourselves, avoiding making comparison and competing with others, and accepting who we really are. It's helpful when we can draw on a loving God, dare to believe we are loved and lovable and that being truer to who He made us is all that is asked of us: managing increasingly to be our 'best selves'. For me, this is the work of January; for you, perhaps it's on long summer days?

Whichever way you are made, I wish you good adventures and explorations as you stand poised on the turn of the year and plunge into living 2023 at your best.

Alison Hobbs.

St Brandon's January 2023– 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/ online at **8.15am**
and there is a **Midday Eucharist** in Brancepeth Castle Chapel at **12noon**.*

Evening Prayer for Epiphany
is on alternate Thursdays of the month at 7:30pm via Zoom.
Everyone is welcome, please contact Geoff Moore or Anna

Please phone or email for further details

Jan 1st	Christmas 2	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
	First:	Wilfred Foxe	Numbers 6: 22-end
	Gospel:	Ken Howe	Luke 2: 15-21
	Psalm 8		
		David Eltringham	Intercessions

Jan 5th	Thursday	Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm	
---------------------------	-----------------	-------------------------------------	--

Jan 8th	Epiphany	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
	First:	Carys Funnell	Isaiah 60: 1-6
	Gospel:	David Eltringham	Matthew 2: 1-12
	Psalm 72		
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions

Messy Church Party 3 - 5pm

Jan 15th	Baptism of Christ Parish Eucharist 10.15am		
Readings	First	Jean Hodgson	Corinthians 1: 1-9
	Gospel	Nick Brooker	John 1: 29-42
	Psalm 40: 1-12		
		Alison Moore	Intercessions

Jan 19th	Thursday	Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm to mark The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
----------------------------	-----------------	--	--

Jan 22nd	Epiphany 3	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Richard Gooding	1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
	Gospel:	Jean Merrington	Matthew 4: 12-23
	Psalm 27:1,4-12		
		Hester Higton	Intercessions

Jan 29th	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Parish Eucharist 10.15am
Readings	First:	Linda Waterman
	Gospel:	Alison Moore
	Psalm 24	
		Colin Waterman
		Intercessions

Sung Evensong for Candlemas 3:00pm
Readings and readers tbc

Feb 2nd	Thursday	Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm
---------------------------	-----------------	-------------------------------------

Feb 5th	3 before Lent	Parish Eucharist 10.15am
Readings	First	Colin Waterman
	Gospel:	Gillian Smellie
	Psalm 112: 1-9	
		Emily Bagg
		Intercessions

Sidespersons

Jan 1st Pat Sharples & Iris Waggott
 Jan 8th Annette Johnson & Bonny Bainbridge
 Jan 15th Jane Stout & Jean Hodgson
 Jan 22nd Josie Armstrong & Sue Morgan
 Jan 29th David & Fiona Eltringham
 Feb 5th Nick Brooker & Iris Waggott

Flowers

Epiphany
 Denise Jackson
 Sarah Nicholson
 Iris Waggott
 Christine Dodd
 Jean Hodgson

Coffee

Jan 1 st	Jane Stout
Jan 8 th	Alison Moore
Jan 15 th	Cat Morgan
Jan 22 nd	Hillary Moss
Jan 29 th	Geraldine Jennings
Feb 5 th	Jean Hodgson

Tech Rota

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

Church Cleaning

January – Team B

Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Annette Johnson, Hillary Moss

February – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Jane Stout, Sue Hope

NB Please bring your own vacuum cleaner.

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.



Tuesday 3, 17*, 31* Jan 2023 at 11:00
Tuesdays 14 & 28 Feb 2023 at 11:00
*Alison away: tbc by Anna or Deborah

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 on 0191 373 5674/07890 733757 or email moorealisonm21@gmail.com

NEW YEAR'S DAY CHEESE & CHAT!

Do drop by between 12.00 midday and 2.00pm on New Year's Day to share bread and cheese, and a cup of coffee at the castle. Last year, covid regs meant it was a garden party, this year, we are back in the Dining Room with a log fire!

There will be a contributions pot for 'what you will' for The Children's Society, and Send A Cow.

PAUL by Divine Providence LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM

To Our well-beloved in Christ The Reverend

ALISON CLARE HOBBS

WE DO hereby grant you Our Licence and Authority in your capacity as **DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE WELL** at **BRANCEPETH CASTLE** to officiate and preach and perform all lawful ecclesiastical duties upon the premises of the said institution

AND WE DO hereby licence you as **ASSISTANT CURATE** (Self Supporting Ministry) of the parish of **BRANCEPETH, ST. BRANDON** within Our Diocese Jurisdiction under the direction of the Incumbent for the time being thereof or other competent authority AND WE DIRECT that so long as this licence shall remain in force you shall be known as **DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE WELL, BRANCEPETH CASTLE and SSM ASSOCIATE MINISTER** of the parish of **BRANCEPETH, ST. BRANDON**

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have hereunto set Our hand and caused Our Episcopal Seal to be affixed to these presents this Eleventh day of December in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and twenty-two and in the Ninth year of our Translation.

+ Paul Donohoe



Thank you, everyone who was 'there' for me with prayers, good wishes, and warm handshakes when Bishop Paul came to St Brandon's on Sunday 11th December. During the service he licensed me to a new role with the title: 'Director of the Community of the Well, Brancepeth Castle and SSM Associate Minister of the parish of Brancepeth, St Brandon'.

I made a big cake to celebrate! (see photo on inside back cover)

I wrote a bit about the Community of the Well in last month's newsletter; next I am going to take a month in retreat to ponder what God is asking me to do, to inform what direction this ministry takes. I will be at St Beunos, N Wales all January and the first ten days of February doing the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola which is a sort of pilgrimage but the journey requires you to travel into your

relationship with Jesus rather than along a physical road – and I have no idea where it will lead me!

Alison Hobbs

***We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road:
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.***

At Alison Hobbs' joyful Licensing Service on 11 December, we sang these words and thought about the Community of the Well and its aim to offer help and encouragement to everyone who's exploring spirituality and faith. The Bishop preached about John the Baptist, who questioned who Jesus was and whether he'd got his own message wrong; and he noted that Jesus didn't criticise or judge John for these doubts and questions, but instead gave him encouragement and compliments just when he needed them. He exhorted us to do the same! Do please contact Alison Hobbs if you'd like to investigate what **The Community of the Well** has to offer. And this Spring St Brandon's will be offering **Pilgrim**, a small group course where we explore what Christian faith is all about – including our doubts and questions. Please contact Anna if you're interested: there will be more details next month.

COMMUNITY
of the WELL



pilgrim
A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING DIARY January 2023

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

We pray:

- 1 That we may start and finish our year, our weeks and every day in worship**
- 2 *The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus:* Name those whom you long to come to faith
- 3 Thoughtful approaches to how we will live 2023.
- 4 The Bothy, Park Lodge, Nursery House, Garden House and the Golf Club
- 5 Those who live in Goodwell Lea
- 6 Epiphany: for the recipients of the gifts distributed by Langley Moor Salvation Army
- 7 Those who live in the Village South, Castle and Lodge
- 8 That we may continue to look for your star, and follow in your way.**
- 9 *The Baptism of Christ:* All who have been baptised at St Brandon's in recent years.
- 10 Those who work in mental health, offering healing & understanding.
- 11 Durham Road and The Forge
- 12 Prison chaplains and visitors: all those that take love and light into our prisons.
- 13 Littlewhite Farm, Morley Farm, Quarry Hill, the cottages, and Goodwell Field
- 14 Woolley Grange, High Woolley, Weather Hill, South Brandon farm, Springwell farm and Brawn's Den
- 15 For those involved in the Partnership for Missional Churches, meeting yesterday.**
- 16 For the parish council meeting tonight, to see solutions more than problems.
- 17 That we may walk together with those of other faiths, to learn from, and with, them.
- 18 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:* for Churches Together in DH7
- 19 Scripton, Peppermires, Nafferton, Tudhoe Lodge, Holywell, East Parks area
- 20 Give thanks for pets, their loyalty and friendliness: the pleasure they bring.
- 21 Our local shops and food suppliers; for an increasingly responsible attitude to food
- 22 For all who lead intercessions: may the Holy Spirit fill and lighten their task.**
- 23 Blessings and protection for those fleeing from hostile situations, here & abroad
- 24 For those who live on Oakenshaw Rd
- 25 *Conversion of Paul:* a sense of your presence for those who feel alone or isolated.
- 26 For the Village North, Station House and Railway cottages
- 27 For those who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close and North Field View
- 28 For those who live on Whitworth Lane and Black House
- 29 For churches in vacancy: that they keep strong and find new depths of love.**
- 30 Those who live in Stockley Grove, Bridge Road and Tanglewood
- 31 Rectory, Thornberry Garth, Hoppy Acres, Rectory Cottages, Constable Meadows, and Bridleway

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



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.

Brancepeth Youth Club

January to March 2023

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:

January 8, 22

February 5, 19

March 5, 19

Leaders

Geoff Moore

373 5674 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock

07503 242074

Opera Nova Concert

Mary Coffield and Opera Nova generously invited St Brandon's to provide the refreshments for their concert on 26 November. The group kindly paid for the licence to sell alcohol and allow the church to keep any profits from the sale of drinks. This year the wine and soft drinks were provided by a donor allowing our wonderful Events catering team to raise £118 for the church.

Well done ladies. (aka The Dream Team)

Janette Foxe



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

4th January

Sheena and Rosemary

11th January

Margot and Val

18th January

Joan and Linda

25th January

Martyn and Christine

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

Book Club

On January 20th we will meet at the Rectory, Anna's house, to discuss "Home Fire" by Kamila Shamsie, at 7.30 pm.

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

Brancepeth Ladies & Guests

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 19th January at 2.00 pm in the Golf Club dining room. The annual subscription of £12 will be due as well as the £3.50 for the Golf club. New members are very welcome and we are especially keen to have volunteers to help with the organisation and running of the club. It is not at all onerous.

Because of the Garden Club dinner being arranged in January we have postponed our lunch until Thursday, 16th February. Details and menus will be available at January's meeting and orders will be taken then.

MEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT

Village Hall

Friday January 27th 7pm

Beer – Snooker table games – Domino's Takeaway Supper

(Takeaway supper orders rung in at 7.30pm - so please be there by then)

NO TICKETS – pay as you eat and drink – Admission £2

For further information contact **David Jackson 07711 648752**

Thanks to all involved in the Christmas Show

Many thanks to all who took part in the Christmas Show: performers, front of house, people who donated food and raffle prizes. It is a tremendous amount of work, but shared out, it is possible. Having said that, I have definitely done my last show, and so hope someone else will take my place. Any offers?

If you would like a DVD or MP3, please contact Peter Burdess 0191 378 3303
Rosemary Monument

A note of thanks from Edward Staines

May I take this opportunity to thank all the villagers for their kindnesses to me in so many ways over the past five months. Your prayers and support have been very comforting and I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

My sincerest apologies to the villagers who didn't get a Christmas card from me. I have made a donation to Clare's favourite charity - St. Columba's hospice, Edinburgh - in penance.



'Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice' is the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January 2023

This year prayers are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society.

Through this resource, the writers' group has also focused our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better. General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, Dr Nicola Brady, writes:

"As we join with other Christians around the world for this year's Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone."

In partnership with the DH7 Churches group, St Brandon's will be hosting Evening Prayer online on Thursday 19 January, 7:30pm, with a special emphasis on this theme. More details from Geoff Moore.



BRANCEPETH TAI CHI EXERCISE CLUB CHARITY DONATIONS

Representatives from 6 local Charities were each presented with a cheque for £200 at Brancepeth Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd November 2022.

Pants Bank - Run by Waddington Street URC Church in Durham to support Ukrainian people arriving in Durham City.

Wag and Company - A visiting dogs charity befriending older dog lovers in their own homes as well as in care or in hospitals.

Investing in Children - Based in Pity Me, facilitating a range of events, training, coaching and other services for children.

Heel and Toe Children's Charity - Based in Chester le Street provides a range of therapies for children with physical disabilities and complex needs.

St Cuthberts Hospice - Help make special memories which is only possible thanks to the generous support and donations received from Communities they serve.

Brancepeth Community Association - To support the Community in and around Brancepeth Village.

The money was made available from Brancepeth Tai Chi Exercise Club, established over 7 years ago, run on a voluntary basis. Members meet at the Village Hall every Wednesday morning from 0930-1030. Afterwards they can enjoy tea/coffee and a selection of home made scones and cakes at the weekly Coffee Morning held in the Village Hall.

Deborah Chapman - Brancepeth Tai Chi Exercise Club
(07485026877)



Village Hall

Friday 3rd February 2023, 7pm start

£7 members / £9 non-members

Teams of 2-10 people

book as a team or individuals and we will create a team for you!

Pie & Peas Supper

vegan and vegetarian options available – please let us know

Bring your own drinks

Contact Ian for tickets: ian.stoker57.is@gmail.com

(proceeds to the BCA – charity no: 504318)

Village Hall - Regular Weekly Activities

<u>Group/Activity</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Art Group	Tuesday	7-9pm
Badminton	Thursday	7:30-9:30pm
Coffee Morning	Wednesday	10:30-11:30am
Capoeira (Fitness Class)	Sunday	10-11:30am
Knit & Natter	Monday (fortnightly)	2-4pm
Snooker	Monday	7-10pm
Tai Chi	Wednesday	9:30-10:30am
Yoga	Monday	7:30-9pm
Youth Group – St Brandon's	Sunday (fortnightly)	6-8pm
*Warm Wednesdays	Wednesday	9:30am – 4:30pm

*open all day...pop in for free wi-fi, use of a media device and refreshments

Please refer to back page for group contact details. For casual ad-hoc bookings including meetings, snooker, badminton, soft-tennis & table-tennis please contact:

Jo - 07876 624626 - Brancepethca@gmail.com

Brancepeth Garden Club

booking form

Annual Membership fee due 1st January 2023... **£3.00** each (no disc for couples)

Member name (s).....

Address

Tel number (s).....

Email address.....

Club social evening Friday 20th January 7.00pm at the Brancepeth Golf Club

Price for 3 courses **£20.00** Guests. **£20.00** please add guest's name and menu choices

Menu -- circle your choice

Starter	pate	yes/no
	Salmon mousse.....	yes/no

Mains	poached salmon with sauce.....	yes/no
	Vegetarian fricassee	yes/no

All served with new potatoes carrots and green beans

Pudds	cheese cake.....	yes/no
	Cheese board.....	yes/no

Please indicate your menu choice(s) on this sheet and place it with the appropriate sum (cash or cheque) AND your membership fee(s) please, in the box by the Community Centre by 15th January 2023 in order for the catering staff to accommodate us. Alternatively hand it to Bea our secretary.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Installation and Lighting of Christmas Tree

A big thank you to all those who helped us with this event. We are particularly grateful to Garden Vision for the donation and installation of the tree (and for returning to re-install it after it was vandalised). Thanks also to Edward Staines for providing the electricity, to Dave and Liz Thomas for the loan of the generator, to Jim and Sheena Murray for the loan of the gazebo and for Tom Hobbs for last minute repairs to the lights. The Brancepeth bakers came up trumps again with a ready supply of sausage rolls and mince pies and the community singing was led with gusto by Mark Monument. We were reassured to have our Community Police Officers, Daniel Winstanley and Kirsty Lawrence, in attendance. Last, but definitely not least, we would also like to thank all those who turned out to support this event and hope to see even more residents there next year.

Parish Council Vacancy

Following DCC guidance, a Notice of Vacancy was posted on our Notice Board before Christmas. We are expecting to fill the vacancy by co-opting someone who can spare some time to help with the day-to-day business of the Parish Council and who enjoys working as part of a small team. Relevant experience would be an advantage but is not essential. If you would like to find out a bit more about what being a Parish Councillor entails, please contact the Chair of the PC (Hassall Balshen) or any member of the PC for an informal chat about the position and about the procedures we are required to follow for co-option. **Interested parties should register their interest with Kirsty Charlton, our clerk, by Friday 6th January 2023 (clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk).**

Village Appearance

The village planters are all planted up now and should be in position.

We hope no-one was alarmed at the disappearance of the back panel on the bench in Wolsingham Road. It was not stolen! It was removed temporarily to fix the newly-restored 'Brancepeth' sign to it, courtesy of Phil Davison. Phil and Hassall are also going to refurbish/paint the 'Brancepeth Station' sign at the crossroads.

Our meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Monday 16th January 2023.

Brancepeth Parish Council

Dates for the Diary:-

Jan	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	Monday	-	Knit and Natter, 9th & 23rd, Village Hall 2 - 4 pm.
Jan	Tuesdays	-	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall
Jan	Wednesdays	-	Warm Wednesdays, 9.30am -4.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	Wednesdays	-	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Jan	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Jan	Thursdays	-	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	Sundays	-	Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Jan	Sundays	-	Youth Club, 8th & 22nd, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall

Jan	1st	Sun	Cheese & Chat, 12.00 – 2.00pm, Castle
Jan	8th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Jan	19th	Thur	Brancepeth ladies, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Jan	20th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, Rectory
Jan	16th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Jan	20th	Fri	Garden Club Social Evening, 7.00pm, Golf Club
Jan	27th	Fri	Men's Social Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Feb	3rd	Fri	Quiz Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Feb	12th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Feb	16th	Thur	Brancepeth ladies, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Mar	12th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church

Photos

Front cover - ©Sue Morgan – Frosty morning, south side of church

Inside front cover – © Anna Brooker- Messy Church & forthcoming events

Inside back cover – ©Rev Alison Hobbs with 'Licensing Cake' – outside the Castle 11th December 2022

Back cover – © Alison Hobbs – Messy Church with Christingles

www.stbrandon.org.uk/newsletter

Newsletter entries no later than January 18th please

Please send to Sue Morgan at sueatpeppermires@gmail.com

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)
Mary Coffield – Deputy chair	(tel: 3780024; email: mary.coffield@googlemail.com)
Nick Ellis	(tel: 3782939; email: n.t.ellis@durham.ac.uk)
Thomas Hobbs	Email: tom.rhobbs@hotmail.co.uk
Michael Stephenson	Email: stephenson15@me.com
Philip Davison	Email: philipdavison000@btinternet.com
Parish Clerk	Kirsty Charlton clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk
County Councillors:	olwyn.gunn@durham.gov.uk fraser.tinsley@durham.gov.uk www.brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk



