

St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth



Newsletter: March 2023

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

Meet Pippa!



Pippa will be our Guest of Honour on **Palm Sunday, 2nd April** when she will lead the special Palm Sunday Procession along the Village from the crossroads to St. Brandon's, starting at **10am**.

Do come and meet her, join in and stay for the service, children's activities and refreshments in church afterwards.

Talking of which, Pippa loves carrots and apples if you'd like to bring her a treat...

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, 01913840589)
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), Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Edward Staines, Rev'd Anna Brooker, Nick Brooker.
Website	www.stbrandon.org.uk

Newsletter entries no later than March 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,

Poverty takes many forms. On 19th February we marked Church Action on Poverty Sunday by thinking mostly about material poverty. If you missed it, you can, of course, watch again by going to www.stbrandon.org.uk and clicking on 'Services'. You can also find my sermon there if you prefer to read it. And, if you want to donate to Church Action on Poverty's work, you can do so through www.church-poverty.org.uk.

Material poverty can, of course, lead to serious mental health issues. And that is, if you like, another form of poverty. Then there can be relationship poverty – either through lack of close personal relationships, or when such relationships go wrong. In Lent, however, we think particularly about 'spiritual poverty'. So what does this actually mean? One way of expressing it is in the phrase "acknowledging our wretchedness", which comes up quite a lot in Lenten prayers. But I find that rather unhelpful because, made in the image of God as we are, it belittles us.

Spiritual poverty is an acknowledgement that we are spiritually poor – that our spiritual lives, our worship, our prayer lives could all be better. Noticing that poverty in our lives, and desiring to become spiritually richer, are the first steps towards doing something about it.

Spiritual poverty, or poverty of spirit, also describes a stance of utter dependence before God, an emptying of self before God so that He can fill us with life and love. In that sense, spiritual poverty opens us up to a work of God in our lives. I rather like a translation of the first of Jesus's Beatitudes in Matthew's gospel: "Congratulations to the poor in spirit – theirs is the kingdom of heaven"!

So perhaps this Lent might be a time both to desire to become spiritually richer – and to do something about it – and to wait on God for Him to do something about it too.

Congratulations!

Geoff

St Brandon's March 2023– Services and readings

Sunday services are at 10:15am every week.

*If you are unable to come 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 on Thursdays will meet every week in March as a Lent group,
starting at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Everyone is welcome, please contact Geoff Moore or Anna

Please phone or email for further details

March 2nd	Thursday	Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm	
March 5th	Lent 2	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Janette Foxe	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
	Gospel:	Ken Howe	John 3: 1-17
	Psalm 121		
		Judith Minto	Intercessions
March 12th	Lent 3	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Carys Funnell	Exodus 17: 1-7
	Gospel:	David Eltringham	John 4: 5-42
	Psalm 95		
		Josie Armstrong	Intercessions
	MESSY CHURCH 3-5pm		
March 19th	Mothering Sunday	Morning Worship with Baptism 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Jean Hodgson	Exodus 2: 1-10
	Gospel:	Nick Brooker	John 19: 25b-27
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions
March 26th	Lent 5	Parish Eucharist 10.15am	
Readings	First:	Richard Gooding	Romans 8: 6-11
	Gospel:	Colin Waterman	John 11: 1-45
	Psalm 130		
		Wilfred Foxe	Intercessions

April 2nd

Palm Sunday

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings

First:

Alison Moore

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Gospel:

Linda Waterman

Matthew 21: 1-11

Nick Brooker

Intercessions

Stainer's Crucifixion Evening Worship 6:30pm

Sidespersons

Mar 5th Annette Johnson & Nick Brooker

Mar 12th Pat Sharples & Bonny Bainbridge

Mar 19th Jane Stout & Jean Hodgson

Mar 26th David & Fiona Eltringham

Apr 2nd Sue Morgan & Nick Brooker

Flowers

2nd Lent

3rd Lent

Mothering Sunday

5th Lent

Palm Sunday

Coffee

Mar 5th

Alison Moore

Mar 12th

Catrin Morgan

Mar 19th

Hillary Moss

Mar 26th

Geraldine Jennings

Apr 2nd

Jean Hodgson

Tech Rota

Higtons

David & Fiona Eltringham

Geoff & Alison Moore

Higton + Peter

Higtons

Church Cleaning

March – Team B

Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Annette Johnson, Hillary Moss

April – Team C

Carol Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Nick Brooker

NB Please bring your own vacuum cleaner.

Do you know anyone who, for any reason, would appreciate a prayer or friendly chat? Please tell Alison Moore of the Prayer Team on 0191 373 5674 or 07890 733 757 or

email moorealisonm21@gmail.com

Mothering Sunday 19 March

Mothering Sunday is on the horizon again.

As usual, we will be collecting good quality toiletry gifts for Durham Women's Refuge.

It would be lovely if you could bring your gift to the service at 10.15.

However, if you would rather leave it in church beforehand that would be fine too.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like alternative arrangements.

Thank you in advance.

Fiona Eltringham 07546384312

St Brandon's Partnership for Missional Church (PMC)

Where now?

St Brandon's is taking part in a process called Partnership for Missional Church (PMC). This is facilitated by the Diocese, and it starts with various tasks to help us to get a realistic sense of our story, what we are like as a church. We have already run a Timeline event (see last month's Newsletter), and had a look at some of the facts and figures about the church (eg attendance and income). Next we are asked to hold 'structured conversations' with a selection of people, closely or loosely connected to the church, covering some specific questions. And we'll also be checking out more about our parish and community, through conversations, and researching more facts and figures.

So – watch this space, and please help us if we ask to speak with you!

FLOWER GUILD - DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS

Donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers would be greatly appreciated. The price of flowers has risen considerably and we want to make the church look as beautiful as we can on our limited funds. The enclosed envelope can be delivered to any of the following Guild members:

Jessie Brown: Kirkstone, The Forge

Hillary Moss: 1 Stockley Grove

Christine Jones: 32 Goodwell Lea

Lynne Hastie: 26 Goodwell Lea

Otherwise donations can be handed to any Guild member or left in church.
Thank you for your continued support.

Jessie Brown



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

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:

March 5, 19

Leaders

Geoff Moore

373 5674 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock

07503 24207

Brancepeth Ladies & Guests

Anne Gladwin - 'Link Together'

Thursday, 23rd March at 2.00pm in the Golf Club Dining Room

Anne is based at the West Rainton Nature Reserve and is coming to talk about the restoration of natural habitats throughout the old Sunderland coalfield sites. One of these is at Elemore (close to Easington Lane and Pitlington), where a café is due to open this March.

Tea / coffee and cake will cost £3.50 for members of Brancepeth Ladies Club and £5.50 for non-members who are very welcome to attend.

Allee Longstaff

Great North Air Ambulance Service

Are you thinking of some spring cleaning? Please consider helping to fund this very worthwhile organisation by donating clothing, including belts, hats, shoes and handbags. Bedlinen and towels are also welcome, as well as books, DVDs and CDs. Bring them to 2 Foxes' Row on Saturday or Sunday, the 18th and 19th of March. Please ring 0191 3780707 beforehand so that I can open my garage door for you. I do have their plastic bags if you need any.

Allee Longstaff

Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary March 2023

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

‘Make me to know your ways, O Lord’

(all quotations from Psalm 25)

- 1 For all in need of healing – body, mind and spirit
- 2 For those who live in Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 3 For all who have left their homes and countries because of war
- 4 For the climate crisis, for courage and innovation in addressing it

5 Lent 2 ‘To you O Lord I lift up my soul’

- 6 Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks, Culmaran Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm
- 7 Castle and Lodge
- 8 In this season of Lent, for the grace to focus on what is really important in life
- 9 All who live in Quarry Hill, the cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 10 For those who are experiencing the difficulties of ageing
- 11 For Stockley Lane, Village South, Castle and Lodge

12 Lent 3 ‘O my God in you I trust’

- 13 For Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 14 For our government, that it will be compassionate and just in its policies
- 15 Goodwell Lea
- 16 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres, Thornberry Garth
- 17 **St Patrick’s Day** Pray for the people and politics of Ireland and Northern Ireland
- 18 For foodbanks and other organisations working with those who are hit by the cost of living crisis

19 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday ‘Lead me in your truth and teach me’

- 20 Whitworth Lane, Black House
- 21 **Thomas Cranmer** For Cranmer Hall, Durham, as it trains future ministers, for its staff and students.
- 22 Durham Road and the Forge
- 23 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, Springwell Farm, South Brandon Farm, Brawns Den
- 24 **Oscar Romero (martyred 1980 in San Salvador)** Pray for Christians who risk death for their faith
- 25 **Annunciation** As Christ was born of Mary, may God’s love be born in us

26 Lent 5 Passiontide Sunday ‘He leads the humble in what is right’

- 27 Give thanks for the spring, for the light, for new life and hope
- 28 All who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View
- 29 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scription Lodge, Scription Farm
- 30 For Sunday School, Messy Church and Youth Club – members, leaders, parents
- 31 **John Donne** Give thanks for poets who take us to new places in our faith and imagination

*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.

During Lent we will be meeting every Tuesday to learn more about the Eucharist, following the Pilgrim course.



Weekly Lent group at 3, Russell Close

Tues. 28 Feb – 4 April 2023 at 11:00

Holy Communion, Castle Chapel

Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 11:00

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

Rev. Alison Hobbs, St Brandon's Church

DH7 Churches Together

Lent Group 2023

Fridays 2:00 - 3:00 pm

You are invited to come early at

1:30 – 2:00 pm for Bread & Cheese

03rd March, 10th March, 17th March

24th March, 31st March

The Village Hall

Brancepeth

(To the left before Castle gateway)

Enquiries: Bill 0191 378 2883



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

1st March	Margot
8th March	Vivienne and Janiece
15th March	Sheena and Rosemary
22nd March	Martyn and Christine
29th March	Joan and Linda
5th April	Margot

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT

Village Hall -**downstairs**

Friday March 31st 7pm

Beer – Snooker table games – Fish Supper

(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**

Event Notice

Durham Deanery Chapter will be meeting in the church on Wednesday 1st March. The church will not be available between 1pm - 2:30pm.

Thank you for your understanding.

Book Club

Friday **3rd March**. We will meet at Audrey and Dick Dumbledon's house, 19 St Monica Grove, when we will discuss "Clochemerle", by Gabriel Chevalier. A satire written and set (in a French village) during 1920s.

The next meeting is on **March 31st** and the book to read is "Lessons in Chemistry", by Bonnie Garmus. We meet at 5 Stockley Grove, the home of David and Fiona Eltringham. Both meetings begin at 7.30pm

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

Garden Club

On 14th February, 20 members and guests enjoyed a very informative and entertaining talk by David Charlton who is an alpine enthusiast but who pitched the talk to non-alpine specialists. He described the topography and flora of the Dolomites where high early flowers appear through snow melt and later in the summer to lower beautiful hay meadows. He then went on to describe how to construct alpine beds and troughs using well known native specimens to furnish them.

Our next speaker is Richard Barnes who was booked for November but was ill at the last minute and has been rebooked for 31st March. The subject of his talk is small gardens and is to take place **upstairs** in the Hall at 7.30pm.

Richard is a landscape architect and horticulturalist from Alnwick and practical as well as knowledgeable.

Would anyone who would like to be a member please contact Bea Mui,

(be_arnab@ymail.com) Secretary, and give her your email address and £3.00 annual subscription. Fred and Bonny Bainbridge are preparing membership cards which should be available soon.

Alison Young



Thank you Iris!

Iris Waggott is retiring reluctantly as one of our most long standing and reliable sides people. For many years Iris has been at the door to welcome and put at ease everyone arriving at church. Now it is time for her to be welcomed instead and we send her grateful thanks for her contributions to so many aspects of church life.

If you feel you could step into this role (training provided!) please speak to one of the sides people or David Eltringham.

Sue Morgan



Brancepeth Village Hall will celebrate '100 Years' in 2024.

To mark the occasion, a publication is being created about the building – its history, upkeep and usage. Have you celebrated a life event in the hall? Do you have any old photographs? Did you run a group activity? Please get in touch:

Vivienne Lowe
(17vivienne@gmail.com)

Richard Jackson
(rjpinetops@icloud.com)

Jo Dalton
(jdalton2103@gmail.com)

Richard Harden
(rdh2479@gmail.com)

Thank you!

A number of special events to celebrate the 100 Years are in the pipeline
...more info to follow in due course.

Indoor Bowls – Village Hall



Are you interested in playing indoor bowls? We have an opportunity to borrow an indoor bowls set to see if a group would like to form and meet on a weekly (or fortnightly) basis.

Please contact Martyn Jones (martynjones553@gmail.com) or Jo Dalton (jdalton2103@gmail.com) for further information.

Village Hall – casual sports

Would you like to play any of the following ad-hoc?

Snooker, Table Tennis, Badminton & Soft Tennis

Contact brancpethca@gmail.com or 07876 624626 to book your slot



**NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT
BRANCEPETH ARCHIVES AND HISTORY GROUP ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON**

*Tuesday 7th March 2023 in the Archive Room in the Castle.
Members are asked to come at 6.45 p.m. for prompt 7.00 p.m. start.*

The Meeting is open to anyone who is interested in the work of the group but only members are entitled to vote. *Membership for the year is £5.00 per person and is due for renewal at this time.

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of 2022**
- 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
- 4. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**
- 5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**
- 6. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT SCRUTINEER**
- 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

NB

*Those living outside the Parish who wish to join or renew their membership are also asked to join the Community Association – £5.00 for those in receipt of State Retirement Pension and £7.50 for other adults.

Creative Craft Workshops at Brancepeth Castle

10am – 4pm. Experienced tutors and all materials supplied. £75

Saturday, April 1st Creative print with Jackie

Sunday, April 2nd Whittling and Carving with Colin

Saturday, May 6th Creative print with Jackie

Sunday, May 7th Whittling and Carving with Colin

Saturday, June 3rd Creative print with Jackie

Sunday, June 4th Whittling and Carving with Colin

Jackie Stonehouse 07517 083263. Colin Wilson 07811 21787 Email jackiestonehouse@yahoo.co.uk

AN EXHIBITION OF SMALL PAINTINGS AND STAINED GLASS
by Mike Davis,

**The February Brancepeth newsletter gave details of this Exhibition
which is to be held in Brancepeth Castle from
4th - 19th March, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.**

**Open: 10.00 -2.00 Wednesdays to Sundays (closed Mondays and
Tuesdays)
FREE ENTRY**

**Mr. Davis has kindly accepted an invitation from Brancepeth Archives
and History Group to give a short talk about his work
and an introduction to the items on display**

**on TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2023
IN THE ARCHIVE ROOM IN BRANCEPETH CASTLE
7.30 P.M.**

Those attending his talk will be able to view the Exhibition that evening.
There is no charge but donations to MacMillan Cancer Support will be
welcomed.

The beautiful stained glass windows in the Archive Room are very recent
examples of his work.

Mike's talk is open to anyone who is interested. It is scheduled to start
at 7.30p.m. But, for those not attending the Archives Group AGM, the
Exhibition will be open from 7.00p.m...

NB Access to the Exhibition and the Archive Room will be signposted but
is up a flight of stairs. There will be a fire in the Archive Room but warm
clothing is recommended! For further information please contact: Geoff
Harrison, Tel: 0191 378 4813.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The most recent of the Parish Council took place on Monday 20th February 2023. The next meeting will take place on Monday 20th March at 7:30 in the Village Hall. Full minutes of our meetings are available on the PC website.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

We are continuing to work on developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Brancepeth. This will give us a greater say in any future developments that affect the parish. Initially we received only a limited response to our request, in earlier parish magazines, for ideas about objectives to include in the Plan. However, since then, a first round of more focused consultations has taken place with representatives of various organisations including St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth Community Association, the Castle, the Golf Club, the Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Club, the Garden Club and the Archive and History Group. This has enabled us to put together a range of ideas under the three required categories of economic, social/community and environmental objectives. The cricket field survey also formed part of this consultation process and we are continuing to explore the financial and legal implications of the outcomes of this survey.

All of our NP objectives remain in draft form at this stage. Economic objectives include ensuring that all residents can obtain effective and consistent mobile phone and Broadband coverage. Social/Community objectives include securing access to the cricket field so that we can improve the range of outdoor activities to complement the indoor activities already available in the Village Hall and elsewhere. Environmental objectives focus on enhancing the environment of the Parish including the planting of roadside bulbs and shrubs and increasing the number of planters around the village.

A second round of consultations will be taking place in the coming weeks. If you wish to contribute to these consultations but do not belong to any specific groups and organisations within the Parish, you are invited to contact either Mary or Nick. Once the second round of group consultations has been completed, the NP will be updated. Full details will be made available and an open meeting will be held to enable further discussion of its contents. The NP will not be submitted by the Parish Council to Durham County Council until the full consultation process has been completed.

Dates for the Diary:-

Mar Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Mar Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Mar Monday - Knit and Natter, 9th & 23rd, Village Hall 2 - 4 pm.
Mar Tuesdays - Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall
Mar Wednesdays - Warm Wednesdays, 9.30am -4.30pm, Village Hall
Mar Wednesdays - Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Mar Wednesdays - Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Mar Thursdays - Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Mar Sundays - Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Mar Sundays - Youth Club, 5th & 19th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Mar 3rd Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, 19 St Monica Grove
Mar 4th Sat Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm
Mar 7th Tues Archive & History Group AGM & Talk, 7.30pm, Archive Room, Castle
Mar 12th Sun Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Mar 20th Mon Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Mar 23rd Thur Brancepeth Ladies, 2.00pm, Golf Club
Mar 31st Fri Men's Social Night, 7.00pm, Village Hall - downstairs
Mar 31st Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, 5 Stockley House Farm
Mar 31st Fri Garden Club Talk, 7.30pmpm, Village Hall -upstairs
Apr 1st Sat Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm
Apr 2nd Sun Stainer's Crucifixion –sing or listen. 6.30pm, Church

Photos

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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</i>	Jean Merrington	
	<i>& Bookings</i>		<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	Sue Morgan, (3781172)
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)

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)
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Mike Lowe, (tel: 3780974)
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

March's Messy Church will be a Celebration of Spring!



Sun 12th March 3-5pm at St Brandon's

*crafts Bible
tea*



story music

*the fun,
too...*

ALL WELCOME
come and join in
invite friends

LENT GROUPS AT ST BRANDON'S – exploring faith together -

We will be hosting weekly groups on

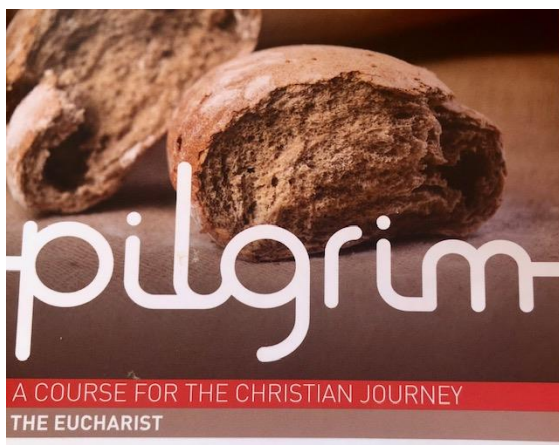
Tuesday mornings 11am

Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm

Thursday evenings, 7:30pm (online)

Everyone is welcome!

*Details from Anna Brooker
or Alison Hobbs*



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023

**I have heard
about your faith**

St. Catherine's
New Brancepeth
Friday 3 March
10.30 a.m.

Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for World Day of Prayer 2023. Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

PREPARED BY THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF TAIWAN
wwdp.org.uk

Sunday 2nd April

6.30pm

John Stainer Crucifixion

St Brandon's
Church,
Brancepeth
DH7 8DF

Come at 3pm to sing...
or come at 6.30pm to listen

<https://bit.ly/BrancepethStainer>

