

# ST BRANDON'S CHURCH

## BRANCEPETH



## NEWSLETTER: JUNE 2023

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In June we will again link to **Christian Aid** and think about  
**Peas and Potential!**



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 3-5pm in church**  
**news\*\*crafts\*\*Bible story\*\*songs\*\*tea**

**ALL WELCOME:**

**a great way to round off Fathers' Day!**

**SAVE THE DATE -**

**Messy Church**

**Summer Picnic**

**in Castle courtyard, Sunday 16**  
**July 3-5pm**



Peter Bailey, from Brancepeth, was one of over twenty people confirmed on 29th April by the Bishop of Jarrow, Rt. Revd. Sarah Clark. This was in a service for churches across Durham Deanery, held in St Mary's church Coxhoe.



## Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Anna Brooker (0191 3780578) or <a href="mailto:rector@stbrandon.org.uk">rector@stbrandon.org.uk</a>
Associate Minister	Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (0191 3789670) <a href="mailto:alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk">alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk</a>
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***Newsletter entries no later than June 18th please.***

***NB The next issue will cover both July and August.***

**Please send to Sue Morgan – [sueatpeppermires@gmail.com](mailto:sueatpeppermires@gmail.com)**

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Dear Readers,

I feel that I might have got the short straw in having to write the Newsletter letter for June. What happens in June?

May seemed to get more of its fair share of goodies-two religious festivals-Pentecost and Ascension Day; three Bank Holidays and a coronation. What not to like?

Of course, there are a few Saints days in June, e.g., Barnabus, Peter and Paul but what else? My friend Mr Google tells me that in June I could, amongst other suggestions, celebrate World Oceans Day, World Giraffe Day and guess what- Sausage Roll Day.

So, I'm going to change tack and write about something that is not a celebration and to ask for your help.

Apparently, food and drink prices rose by 20% in the 12 months up till March. That means your weekly shop has gone up by an average of £12. I do most of my food shopping online and so, apart from occasionally thinking that the total does seem quite a lot, I don't give it too much thought. But I know that I am the lucky one. Even my 18-year-old student grandson is constantly complaining how much the price of cheese has gone up and he's only been a student for 8 months. For many families this is a real struggle. And of course, it's not just food prices that have risen.

The Trussell Trust was founded in 1997 to improve conditions for children sleeping in Sofia Central Railway Station in Bulgaria. Its first food bank in the UK opened in Salisbury in 2000. Hardly a city most of us would associate with deprivation but maybe proves how widespread is the problem. In 2006 the trust distributed 2,814 food parcels. In the last 12 months it has distributed almost 3 million from its 1,200 centres.

The Trussell Trust It is based on, shaped and guided by Christian principles. In Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25 Jesus tells his followers a parable about sheep and goats; animals that can look very similar. In this story Jesus says that those who feed the hungry (and do many other good deeds) will enter his kingdom.

At St Brandon's, we have tried to follow that Christian principle of helping those in need. We have a lovely bright yellow bin that is based at the back of church, and we encourage both members of the congregation and those who live in the village to put a gift in it and, if possible, to do so regularly. There is a printed list saying what the bank would like but we particularly home in on long-life milk and fruit juice. David and I regularly take the contents to the weekly foodbank in Brandon. From there it goes to the centre in Chester le Street for distribution.

There are many reasons why people find themselves in food poverty, mostly not their own fault. "I've worked all my life and never thought I'd be in the situation where I'd need a foodbank" said one user.

A big thank you to those who regularly donate to our yellow bin. If you don't maybe you could think about it; it doesn't have to be a big donation, every little helps.

So maybe we could together make June (and every month) very special.

Fiona Eltringham

## St Brandon's June 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 at 8.15am***

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

***Thursday Evening Prayer at 7.30pm is shared via Zoom fortnightly.***

***- please phone or email for further details***

### Thurs June 1<sup>st</sup> Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b>	
Readings:	First:	Edward Staines	Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end
	Gospel:	James Morgan	Matthew 28: 16-end
	Psalm 8		
		Nick Brooker	Intercessions

<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 2</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b>	
Readings:	First:	Hester Higton	Hosea 5:15- 6:6
	Gospel:	Wilfred Foxe	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
	Psalm 50: 7-15		
		Carys Funnell	Intercessions

### Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

<b>June 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 3</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b>	
Readings:	First:	Mike Higton	Romans 5: 1-8
	Gospel:	Janette Foxe	Matthew 9:35- 10:8 (shorter reading, not inc.vv 9-23)
	Psalm 100		
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions
		<b>MESSY CHURCH 3:00-5:00pm</b>	

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Marriage of Richard Gibbons and Samantha Waude 2.00pm**

<b>June 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 4</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b>	
Readings:	First:	Ken Howe	Romans 6: 1b-11
	Gospel:	Carys Funnell	Matthew 10:24-39
	Psalm 69: 8-20		
		David Eltringham	Intercessions

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>      Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm**

<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 5</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b>	
Readings:	First:	David Eltringham	Romans 6: 12-end
	Gospel:	Jean Hodgson	Matthew 10: 40-end
	Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18		
		Edward Staines	Intercessions

### **Sidespersons**

June 4<sup>th</sup> Annette Johnson & Bonny Bainbridge  
 June 11<sup>th</sup> Pat Sharples & Jean Hodgson  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> Sue Morgan & Nick Brooker  
 June 25<sup>th</sup> David & Fiona Eltringham  
 July 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Stout & Josie Armstrong

### **Flowers**

Eileen Crawford  
 Iris Waggott  
 Hillary Moss  
 Wedding  
 Christine Dodd

### **Coffee**

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hillary Moss
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Geraldine Jennings
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Annette Johnson
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dianne Coles
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeanette Metcalfe

### **Church Cleaning**

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

### **Grass Cutting Rota 2023**

<b>29<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Stephen Hodgson, Geoff Harrison
<b>12<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Tom Hobbs, Richard Hobbs
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Simon Elliot, David Jackson



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**

**June to July 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

June 4, 18

July 2, 16\*\*

\*\* Annual BBQ – location to be confirmed

*Leaders*

Geoff Moore

373 5674 [durmoores@btinternet.com](mailto:durmoores@btinternet.com)

Martin Peacock

07503 242074

### **THANK YOU FROM THE FLOWER GUILD**

A belated thank you to everyone who contributed towards the cost of the Easter flowers in church. The arrangements were much admired and the flowers lasted for nearly 3 weeks so it was money well spent!

Thank you for your continued support.

## Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary June 2023

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

(Sunday quotes are from Evelyn Underhill d1941, spiritual writer, remembered June 15<sup>th</sup>)

- 1 Give thanks for this time of year, with the long daylight hours
- 2 Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 3 Pray for farmers and the challenges they face
  
- 4 **Trinity Sunday ‘We are the children of the Eternal Perfect, whose essential nature is generous love’**
- 5 Castle and Lodge
- 6 For students in exam season particularly as they live with the effects of the Covid years
- 7 Quarry Hill, the cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 8 *Corpus Christi* – give thanks for bread and wine, potent symbols of the body of Christ
- 9 *St Columba*, d597, abbot of Iona. Give thanks for the present day Iona Community and its work
- 10 Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks, Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm
  
- 11 **Trinity 1 ‘Christians exist to be the wide-open channels of the inpouring Spirit of Charity’**
- 12 *Barnabas* the apostle, known as the encourager. Give thanks for those who encourage you.
- 13 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scripton Lodge, Scripton Farm
- 14 Stockley Lane, Village South,
- 15 *Evelyn Underhill*, spiritual writer. Give thanks for writings that have opened your mind and deepened your life
- 16 Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View
- 17 Pray for Ukrainian guests living in the Durham area as they build new lives here
  
- 18 **Trinity 2 ‘Christ’s Spirit, if I let It, can act through mine. . .one more transmitter of God’s Power and Love’**
- 19 For those caught up in the housing crisis, particularly those made homeless by the rising costs
- 20 Goodwell Lea
- 21 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 22 *St Alban*, d254?, Britain’s first martyr and saint, who refused to hand over his Christian guest or to renounce his new found faith. Pray for courage to be like him in standing up for what is right.
- 23 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, Springwell Farm, South Brandon Farm, Brawns Den
- 24 Whitworth Lane, Black House
  
- 25 **Trinity 3 ‘We’re led up to Christ glorified, revealed at last as the very meaning of the universe’**
- 26 For those working to find just solutions to the many current work disputes about pay and conditions
- 27 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres, Thornberry Garth
- 28 Durham Rd and the Forge
- 29 *Peter and Paul*, apostles. For our characters to be channelled by the Holy Spirit and focussed for good, as theirs were
- 30 Pray for governments to have determination and take long term action in response to our climate crisis
- 31 For those who are living with chronic illness and those who care about and for them

If you would like something included in the Prayer Diary, please contact Alison Moore,  
[durmoores@btinternet.com](mailto:durmoores@btinternet.com)



## Christian Aid with a difference!



A big **thank you** to all who contributed so generously to this year's Christian Aid appeal.

And special thanks to our friend Martin Peacock who took his mowing duties to a new level!

Bravely done, Martin. (or should we now call you 'Sean'?)

A great effort all round, thank you everyone.

Nick Brooker

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 13 & 27 June 2023 at 11:00  
Tuesdays 11 & 25 July 2023 at 11:00



For more information, please email [alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk](mailto:alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk)  
Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church

***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](mailto:moorealisonm21@gmail.com)

## Vestry Report

### Confirmation

Peter Samuel Bailey, confirmed on 29th April 2023 by the Bishop of Jarrow, Rt. Revd. Sarah Clark at St Mary's church Coxhoe.

### Baptism

Louis James Lunt

7th May 2023

## St Brandon's Music Co-ordinator

As many of you will know, Richard Gooding will be leaving us soon to join Amy as she begins her curacy. This is a great loss!

As well as leading the Choir, there were a lot of other things that Richard did as part of his role to maintain and enhance the musical dimension to our regular worship. We are therefore looking to appoint to the role of Music Co-ordinator to carry out that range of tasks.

However, we have been speaking with Martyn Jones, known to many in the Village, who has agreed to lead a Village Choir. This will provide music for Easter, Christmas and other significant one-off events in Church. As a result, the new role is different in that it will involve liaising with Martyn and the Village Choir, but not running the Choir itself.

If you are interested, a role description is available from Anna or me, and both of us are very happy to discuss the role further. We would like expressions of interest by 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Geoff Moore

Chair of Worship Team



## Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

## Village Hall

7 <sup>th</sup> June	Margot and Val
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Martyn and Christine
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Vivienne and Janiece
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Rosemary

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

## Garden Club News

The Garden Club held its annual spring show on April 29<sup>th</sup> and attracted a creditable 79 entries. As usual, the village hall was transformed. Overall winner was Alison Young who also collected the cup for best exhibit. Bonnie Bainbridge came second and she also collected the Cook Cup for best daffodil.

The show was followed by the club's Annual General Meeting. Barry Dickinson resigned as chairman after serving in post since the inception of the club thirty years ago. Barry was thanked for his years of sterling service. Edward Staines was elected as chairman in his place. Peter Allatt has also resigned after many years as club treasurer (he was a founder club member) and was thanked in his absence for his careful stewardship of club finances which are in a healthy state. He is to be replaced by Bea Basu who has relinquished secretarial duties to Bonnie Bainbridge.

The next Garden Club event will be the annual village walkabout on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6 p.m. to be followed by supper in the village hall. This year it is the turn of the village street and the allotments to show off their gardening and growing prowess.

Edward Staines (chairman)

Brancepeth Garden Club

### **ANNUAL GARDEN WALKABOUT**

**Friday 14 July 2023**

### **ALLOTMENTS AND VILLAGE STREET**

Please meet at the Castle Gates at 6.00 p.m.

*Supper will follow in the Village Hall no later than 8.00 p.m.*

*Please bring your own wine. The Village Hall will be open for you to deposit your wine before the Walkabout.*

Tickets: Members: £15.00 Non-members £17.50 (cash or cheque)

Closing date to buy tickets: Monday 10 July

#### **Tickets available from:**

Wednesday Coffee Morning

Gerry Jennings, 6 Goodwell Lea, 378 1583

Fred & Bonny Bainbridge, 4 Stockley Grove, Brancepeth Tel: 378 9304



## Scarecrow Alert!



The Scarecrows are coming in July!  
Put your scarecrow out in the Village and Allotments  
Winners and photographs in Summer Newsletter  
Prizes awarded from Brancepeth Garden Club

## **Men's Social**

### **Village Hall**

**7pm**

**Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Fish Supper

(Price increase this time)

Pay as you eat and drink

£2 admission for hall hire.

Domino and Snooker games

Last social until the end of October.

**Contact David Jackson**

**07711 648752**



## **Book Club**

Next time we will meet at Mark and Ro Monument's, 7 Goodwell Lea on Friday 2nd June at 7.30 p.m. to discuss The Lifeboat by Charlotte Rogan.

Our following meeting is scheduled for Friday 28 July at Audrey and Dick Dumbledon's house, 20 St Monica Grove (Neville's Cross). For July we will read The Second sight of Zachary Cloudly by Sean Lusk.

We also have a meeting arranged on Friday 1 September. We will meet at my house, 3 The Forge, 7.30 p.m. to discuss My name is Leon by Kit De Waal.

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

## **Opera Nova**

### **Diary Date**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Opera Nova will be performing a new concert, 'Verdi: Love and Loss', in the Village Hall.**

The concert will feature stirring choruses, passionate love duets and popular arias from Falstaff, Rigoletto, Aida, La Traviata, Otello and Il Trovatore

Tickets cost £15 (earlybird £12) and are available from Mary Coffield (email: [mary.coffield@googlemail.com](mailto:mary.coffield@googlemail.com), tel: 07936080535.



## Indoor Bowls – Village Hall

**Held weekly on: Thursdays, 10am - 12 noon**

Please contact Martyn Jones ([martynjones553@gmail.com](mailto:martynjones553@gmail.com)) for further information or just turn up and have a go! The first session is free, £2 per weekly session thereafter for BCA members.



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## Village Hall – casual sports

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

**Snooker, Table Tennis, Badminton & Soft Tennis**

Contact [brancepethca@gmail.com](mailto:brancepethca@gmail.com) or 07876 624626 to book your slot

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## Our Village Hall will celebrate '100 Years' in 2024!

To mark the occasion a publication is being created charting the hall's history, life and uses. Have you celebrated a life event in the building, or did you run a group activity? Do you have any old photographs? Please get in touch:

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Jo Dalton ([jdalton2103@gmail.com](mailto:jdalton2103@gmail.com))

Richard Jackson ([pinetops18@icloud.com](mailto:pinetops18@icloud.com))

Richard Harden ([rdh2479@gmail.com](mailto:rdh2479@gmail.com))

**Thank you!**

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



## **Brancepeth Neighbourhood Plan**

### **OPEN CONSULTATION EVENT**

*Village Hall 11.00-2:00 and 7:00-9:00*

*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

This event is important because a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) gives a community the opportunity to define how their local area should grow and change. Future planning applications will be judged against the NP as well other relevant statutory plans. From the Parish Council's stakeholder discussions and surveys so far, we think we have a clear idea about parishioners' priorities, and so we have produced a **draft NP\*** for Brancepeth.

#### **Before we finalise the NP, you now have the chance to comment**

Please drop in on the 14<sup>th</sup> to see some **displays** and a short **presentation** (delivered in both time slots) which will explain how the NP will help to shape the development of the Parish. We shall also precis the full NP into a **Summary Leaflet** for your convenience. You can discuss our plans with us during the Event and have your say over a cup of coffee.

We'll invite you to complete a **Feedback Form** in which you can share your thoughts on the suggested policies. Alternatively, you can simply give your comments via a note in the Suggestion Box in the Hall, or scribble something on a 'post-it' note for our 'Graffiti Wall' on the day. **If you don't have time to do this on the 14<sup>th</sup>**, please take the Form home and **return via the Village Hall post box**, or to 24 Goodwell Lea, or 3 Foxes Row.

We look forward to seeing you there, but if you cannot attend, then **please download a hard copy of the Form from our website\*** and return as above. If printing your own copy is not possible then contact Nick Ellis on [n.t.ellis@durham.ac.uk](mailto:n.t.ellis@durham.ac.uk) or 0191 378 2939.

Please note that we can only take into consideration feedback returned within 6 weeks of the Event, i.e. by 26th July 2023.

(\*The full draft NP, the Summary Leaflet and the Feedback Form will be available in the Village Hall and on the Parish Council website: <https://brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk>)

## **Dates for the Diary:-**

June Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
June Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
June Monday - Knit and Natter, 12th & 26th Village Hall 2-4 pm.  
June Tuesdays - Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall  
June Wednesdays - Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall  
June Wednesdays - Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am  
June Thursdays - Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall  
June Thursdays - Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
June Sundays - Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall  
June Sunday - Youth Club, 4th & 18th 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall  
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

June 18th Sun Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church  
Jun 2nd Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, 7 Goodwell Lea  
Jun 14th Wed Neighbourhood Plan Event, 11am & 7pm, Village hall  
Jun 16th Fri Sampler Event –Brancepeth Pandemic Exhibition, 7.00-9.30pm, Armour Gallery, Castle  
Jun 17th Sat Pandemic Exhibition, 11.00 -17.00, Castle  
Jun 18th Sun Pandemic Exhibition, 12.00 -16.00, Castle  
Jun 30th Fri Men's Social Evening, 7.00pm, Village Hall  
July 8th Sat Opera Nova, Village Hall  
July 14th Fri Village Walkabout, 6.00pm Castle Gates  
July 16th Sun Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Castle Courtyard  
July 28th Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, 20 St Monica Grove  
Sept 1st Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, 3 The Forge

## **Photos**

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NB double issue next month covering July AND August

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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 &amp; Bookings</i>	Jean Merrington	<i>Social Secretary</i>
Ian Stoker	<i>Treasurer</i>	Anna Brooker	<i>Church Representative</i>
<a href="http://brancepethcommunityassociation.btck.co.uk/">http://brancepethcommunityassociation.btck.co.uk/</a> Tel: 0191 3783952			

## Parish Activities

Chairman B.C.A.	Martyn Jones, 32 Goodwell Lea (0191 3789297)
Secretary	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (07876 624626)
Treasurer	Ian Stoker, Castle Lodge (0191 3784986)
Membership	Val Gibbons, 3 The Forge (0191 3784200)
Hall Bookings	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (0191 3780771)
Archives & History	Vivienne Lowe, 17 The Village (0191 3780974)
Art Group	Jeanette Metcalfe, (0191 3781646)
Badminton	Sue Morgan, (0191 3781172)
Brancepeth Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Club	Sue Morgan, Carole Reed & Liz Burdess baacommittee3@gmail.com
Book Club	Val Gibbons (0191 3784200)
Drama	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Flower Guild	Jessie Brown (0191 3782748)
Garden Club	Edward Staines (0191 3780858) or Secretary, Bonny Bainbridge, (0191 3789304)
Snooker Bookings	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (07876 624626)
Wednesday Coffee	Christine Jones (0191 3789297)
Yoga	Lynne Hastie (0191 3781871)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (0191 3735674)

## Parish Council

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*The Durham Singers*  
Music Director: Tom Edney

# *Music for a Summer's Evening*

*Music by Byrd, Weelkes, Vaughan Williams  
Coleridge-Taylor and others*

**SATURDAY 8 JULY 2023**  
**7.30PM**

**ST BRANDON'S CHURCH**  
**BRANCEPETH**  
**DURHAM**

*Tickets £15*  
*Students £10*  
*Under 12s free*

*Available from choir members*

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/durhamsingers>

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# The Great Brancepeth Pandemic



## Exhibition

at Brancepeth Castle



**The story of the Covid 19 Outbreak through  
the eyes of our villagers, by our villagers, from the heart.**

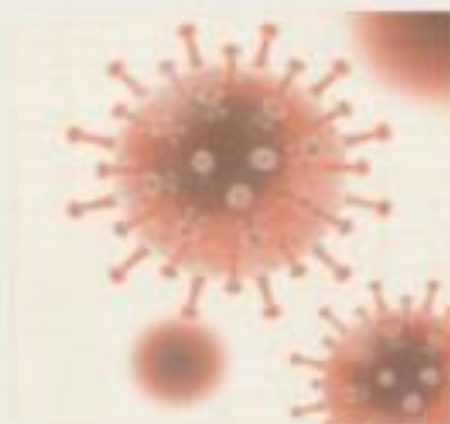
**Taster Evening – Ticketed** (see info below)  
with wine & nibbles

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7pm to 9.30pm

**Exhibition – Free Entry**

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 4pm

Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 12noon to 5pm



Wheelchair access. Free parking. Refreshments available.

**Taster Evening Tickets**

**BCA & BAHG members £6.00 / non members £7.50**

via Richard Jackson(3783271), Vivienne Lowe (3780974), Anna Brooker (3780578)  
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