

St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth



Newsletter: November 2023

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Remembrance Sunday

12th November



Parish Eucharist 10.15am
with Act of Remembrance
at the memorial cross 11.00am

St. Brandon's Church, Brancepeth
0191 378 0578 www.stbrandon.org.uk

Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Anna Brooker (0191 3780578) or rector@stbrandon.org.uk
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PMC Team:	Anna Brooker (ex-officio), Nick Brooker, Carys Funnell, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Tom Hobbs, Alison Moore, James Morgan, Sue Morgan, Jane Stout, Colin Waterman.
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Dear Friends

Lest we forget

I write this the day after the tragic destruction of the Al -Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza City, in which many hundreds lost their lives. Yet today's focus of news is the apportioning of blame for the attack, rather than help for the victims. You may have heard the BBC interview with Richard Sewell, Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem. When asked 'What can you do to help?', his answer was this: '*We are praying* for the situation and the people, for their sustenance and their courage...' Let us never overlook the imperative to pray as our first response, the heart's cry of pain, outrage, bewilderment and shock. When there is nothing we can do, in human terms, we can *pray*, and we must pray. These images, and those seen less frequently now from Ukraine, will impact how we approach Remembrance Sunday on 12th November.

I will also be recalling our visit to Gallipoli, famous for the bloody and futile First World War campaign in which thousands died, on a narrow strip of land, whose proximity to the Dardanelles Straits had long made it attractive to invading armies. We went, in part, to remember a relation who died there, as well as two others, relatives of friends. Thus, one sun-bathed April evening, we sought and found all three names on the huge Hellas Memorial at the tip of the peninsula, its Portland stone gleaming pale against the blue of sea and sky. Panel upon panel of names convey the enormity of loss. And the next day we visited the largest Turkish memorial, which holds as many names again.

Gallipoli today is a place of eerie peace and beauty, locked in time since its designation as a UN National Park and Protected Area, with no industrial or tourist development. Preparations were being made for the commemoration of Anzac Day, when young people from across Turkey come to stay overnight near the beach, holding a dawn service to recall the invasion and its response.

What surprised me most was the lack of blame attributed to the British and Commonwealth invaders, though their distant commanders, safe on a Greek island, were rightly criticized. Visitors are afforded a warm welcome, shown the sites without bias, but rather with the hope of ensuring we do not forget. How tragic it is each time that hope is dashed, and how vital that our children, like their Turkish peers, hear, remember and seek to break cycles of violence in their own generation.

Please do join us on Remembrance Sunday at St Brandon's, and do bring children, grandchildren and younger friends and neighbours with you. With every year the need to remember grows, and for me the awareness that the God of Love, who died for the sins of the whole world, weeps with all his children in the midst of tragedy and destruction. Let us remember and let us pray.

With all good wishes

Anna Brooker

Priest in Charge

St Brandon's November 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**- **all are welcome to attend**-
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 2nd	All Souls	Service of Remembrance 7:00pm
	First:	Martin Peacock 1 Peter 1: 3-9
	Second:	David Eltringham John 6: 37-40

Nov 5th	All Saints	Parish Eucharist 10.15 am
	First:	Caroline Middleditch Revelation 7: 9-end
	Gospel	Carys Funnell Matthew 5:1-12
	Psalm 34:1-10	
		Nick Brooker Intercessions

Nov 9th	Thursday	Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm
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Nov 12th	Remembrance Sunday	Parish Eucharist 10.15 am
	<i>with Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial from 10.55am</i>	

First:	Richard Devonshire	Amos 5: 18-24
Gospel:	Jean Hodgson	Matthew 25: 1-13
	Geoff Moore	Intercessions

Nov 19th	2 before Advent (St Cecilia)	Parish Eucharist 10.15
		<i>Café Church with Focus on Partnership for Missional Church and Salvation Army Christmas Collection Day</i>
	First:	Alison Moore Philippians 1:27; 2: 5-11
	Gospel:	Nick Brooker Luke 10:1-12
		Wilfred Foxe Intercessions

Messy Church 3:00pm- 5:00pm

Nov 23rd

Thursday

Online Evening Prayer 7:30pm

Nov 26th

Christ the King

Parish Eucharist 10.15 am

First:

Sue Morgan

Ephesians 1: 15-end

Gospel:

Edward Staines

Matthew 25: 31- end

Psalm 95: 1-7

James Morgan

Intercessions

DECEMBER

Dec 3rd

Advent Sunday

Parish Eucharist 10.15 am

First:

Colin Waterman

I Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel:

Gillian Smellie

Mark 13:24-end

Psalm 89: 1-8,18-20

Alison Moore

Intercessions

Sidespersons

Nov 2nd Nick Brooker (7.00pm)
Nov 5th David & Fiona Eltringham
Nov 12th Sue Morgan & Peter Bailey
Nov 19th Bonny Bainbridge & Annette Johnson
Nov 26th Jane Stout & Josie Armstrong
Dec 3rd Pat Sharples & Jean Hodgson

Coffee

Nov 5th Gerry Jennings
Nov 12th Diane Coles
Nov 19th Alison Moore
Nov 26th Jeanette Metcalfe
Dec 3rd Jean Hodgson

Church Cleaning

November – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Jane Stout, Sue Hope

December – Team B

Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Hillary Moss, Annette Johnson

Flowers

June Robson
Remembrance Sunday
Lynne Hastie
Sheena Murray
1st Advent - Greening

Tech Team

David & Fiona
Higtons
Higtons & Peter
Geoff & Alison

Events News for November/December

The church is booked on the following days

6th November Diocesan Event

12th November a concert by the Bishop's Consort

23rd November Diocesan Event for National Church

2nd December Diocesan Event

Keep an eye on our Website and Facebook page for more details of the concert on the 12th November.

Janette Foxe

Vestry Report:

Funeral	17 th September	George Rae	R.I.P.
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Baptism	15 th October	Elle-Louise Bedford	
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Thanks from the Rae family

The Rae family would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and beautiful flowers received following the loss of George.

Thank you so much for all your generous support during this difficult time. It has been greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

Isabel

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

Brancepeth Youth Club

November to December 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 for the rest of this term are:

November 12, 26

December 10

Leaders

Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

Worship Team – new members needed!

Worship Team is a group that plans services, and reviews previous services and what has gone well and what might have been done differently or better. It makes an important contribution to our worship.

As well as those who are members by virtue of their role, we also have two 'ordinary' church members. These provide a really valuable input 'from the pew', listening out for groundswells of opinion from the congregation. Sue Morgan and Janette Foxe have fulfilled this role brilliantly for the past three years, but have now come to the end of their term of office. So, we are looking for other people to come on board.

Anyone is welcome to put their name forward. We would particularly welcome people from younger generations and men, since these are currently under-represented!

More information from Anna or me, and please let either of us know if you might be interested.

Geoff Moore

St Brandon's Partnership for Missional Church (PMC)

Part 1 of the three year project known as PMC (Partnership for Missional Church) is drawing to a close. Facilitated by the Diocese, we have carried out a number of tasks to help us get a realistic sense of our story, and what we are like as a church. It has been all about listening. We have gathered information, stories and views from a range of people and sources to help us see ourselves more clearly — and to see where God is at work. The Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 19 November** will focus on our progress so far. With our tables and chairs set café style, we'll first discern God's guidance by "Dwelling in the Word", with interactive engagement during the morning's sermon. The Core Team will briefly summarise the data gleaned about our church life over the last 10 years, backed up by information sheets, booklets and display boards. This will be followed by a report of what we have heard during our interviews with members of the congregation and our local community. But it won't all be one way — there'll be plenty of opportunity for discussion! We look forward to seeing you there and sharing reflections on what we have been learning.

Colin Waterman on behalf of the PMC Core Team (Nick Brooker, Carys Funnell, Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Alison Moore, James Morgan, Sue Morgan, and Jane Stout)

Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary

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

The quotes marking each Sunday are from a reading for that day

- 1 For the peace of the world
- 2 **All Soul's Day** For all who mourn the loss of a loved one
- 3 For those who live in Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 4 For all who flee famine, war and poverty and for those who support and help them
- 5 **All Saints' Day** 'See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God!'
- 6 For all whose faith is weak at present, for strength, encouragement and perseverance
- 7 Village South, The Castle and Lodge
- 8 **Saints and Martyrs of England** May those on different sides of a divide be nevertheless bound together in the love of Christ
- 9 All who live in Quarry Hill, the Cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 10 Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks, Culmoran Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton Farm
- 11 For the Stockley Lane area
- 12 **Remembrance Sunday** 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'
- 13 For Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 14 For all whose vocation is in the creative arts, for vision and for the seeing of truth
- 15 Goodwell Lea
- 16 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres, Thornberry Garth
- 17 For those who attend, and work with, our Sunday School and Youth Club
- 18 For all who are weary and heavy laden, that they may let Christ share their burden
- 19 **Second Sunday before Advent** 'Since we belong to the day...let us put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation'.
- 20 We give thanks for the joy of knowing Christ and of walking with him day by day
- 21 Whitworth Lane, Black House
- 22 For our families
- 23 Wooley Grange, High Wooley, Weather Hill, Springwell Farm, South Brandon Farm, Brawns Den
- 24 Durham Rd and the Forge
- 25 For all who are sick in heart, mind or body
- 26 **Christ the King** 'God...raised Christ from the dead, and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places...'
- 27 For all in our community who make groups and gatherings happen for our delight and pleasure
- 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 those who work 'behind the scenes' in our church and community, hidden but valued!
- 31 We give thanks for our wealth – food, water, shelter - and pray for those who have little of these

*If you would like something included in the Prayer Diary, please contact Alison Moore,
almoore@btinternet.com*

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 3, 17 & 31 Oct 2023 at 11:00
Tuesdays 14 & 28 Nov 2023 at 11:00



For more information, please email alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk
Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church



ALL SOULS' DAY
Thursday 2nd November 2023

On **Thursday 2nd November at 7.00pm** there will be a service of commemoration at St Brandon's Church Brancepeth. **All are welcome.**

During the service we remember those who have died, and a list of their names will be read out. There will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

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.

Alan Hubert Nugent 08.02.1942 – 01.09.2023

The Brancepeth Years 1985 – 1994

The role of Priest-in-Charge at St. Brandon's church in Brancepeth was linked to the role of Durham Diocesan Director of Education in the 70s and 80s. So when the then Lord Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins, appointed Alan Nugent to this post in early 1985, he moved here with Wendy, Meredith and Rhidian to take up residence in the Rectory and become Priest-in-Charge in the village. I think it is fair to say that he was thrown in at the deep end. 1985 marked the nine hundredth anniversary of the known church in the village (subsequent events proved that in fact Christian worship on the site pre-dated 1085 by several centuries) and it was inevitable that the village priest would take a central role.

It soon became clear that Alan relished this opportunity. While his democratic style of leadership was in marked contrast to the more dictatorial style of his predecessor (and this contrast was not welcomed by all members of the congregation) he was able to make his mark and led the celebrations with aplomb. And this set the tone for his tenure here with all the family throwing themselves into village events. Obviously, his church ministry took centre stage in his priestly activities but his pastoral ministry to both church-goers and non-church-goers was much in evidence.

In September 1986 Alan organised a weekend away at the Diocesan retreat centre at Brotherswater in the Lake District for any families wishing to go. I am unable to recall numbers but it was hugely popular and cemented many family friendships in the village. I have recently been given a copy of a contemporaneous report of the weekend and it is clear that we had a hilarious (and exhausting) time. Never one to fight shy of an opportunity to appear on stage, Alan was a stalwart of the village Christmas shows. His performance as one of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Three Little Maids' was unforgettable.

By 1994 there was so much educational legislation being enacted that the joint role so ably filled by Alan for nine years was untenable and thus he and Wendy left Brancepeth to live in Durham for a short period before his move to Lincolnshire.

On a personal note Alan and I developed a firm friendship based upon our mutual love of fell walking in the Lake District. Our conversations on these outings ranged from the intellectual to the banal but were always stimulating. What must it have been like to be a member of the French resistance during the war? (The Band on the way up to Bow Fell). The trivialisation of the news that round-the-clock news services made inevitable. (Blencathra). At the time of the TV series 'Queer as Folk' did an actor have to be gay to play the part of a homosexual? (Robinson on the way up to Dale Head). And perhaps most importantly in the development of my own Christian faith – who is God and what is heaven? (Great Gable). That I can so clearly remember these conversations and where they occurred is perhaps my greatest tribute to Alan.

May he rest in peace.

Edward Staines

St Brandon's on Facebook

Some of you will know that we have an account for St Brandon's on Facebook. We have slowly been building up our followers but we do need a little bit of help from you. Even if you follow a page (like ours) on FB you will only see our posts in your feed if FB considers our posts interesting enough! The more interaction with our posts the more people FB will show our posts too.

If you follow us please and are not seeing many posts from us (we post at least 3-4 times a week) please go directly to our page and read and interact with our posts. The algorithm that FB uses changes regularly but essentially, if you can do any (or all) of these things FB will consider our posts more interesting and show them to more of our followers.

- Love (the little red heart) a post - this is more effective than liking (the little blue thumbs up)
- Comment - we will usually reply - we love a good chat!
- Share to your own FB feed
- Were you married at St Brandon's? Were you children baptised at St Brandon's?
- If you are willing to share any photographs or stories of your happy day we would love to share them on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/StBrandons>)
- Calling all photographers
- Church events are always well attended and now we all have cameras in our pockets we take a lot more photos than we did years ago. If you have photographs of events held at St Brandon's that you (and the people in the photographs if appropriate) are willing to share we would love to share them on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/StBrandons>)

Please send any photos and/or stories and news to Gillian Smellie (gillian@smellie.com)

Thank you
Gillian Smellie



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

01th November.	Rosemary and James
08th November.	Martyn and Christine
15th November.	Margot and Val
22nd November.	Vivienne and Janiece
29th November.	Rosemary and James

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

Brancepeth is Blooming ... Great!

Yes, we may already know that but it was nice to have it confirmed at two recent, prestigious events.

Firstly, **Northumbria in Bloom** bestowed a Silver Award on Brancepeth.

Not bad for our first efforts in the competition for several years and we now know what we need to do to upgrade the colour to gold. Very many thanks to those who supported us before and during the judging visits; your efforts were awesome.

In the Special Awards categories, we gained three golds. These were for best Private Garden (Annette Johnson), Golf Club (Sheena Murray's miraculous transformation) and the Allotments (Sue Morgan and the Allotmenters should be delighted – especially with a judge's comment that it was one of the best he had seen.)

The Church received a disappointing Silver Gilt which does not reflect the efforts of Alison Young and Edwards Staines and his team of mowers. Better luck next year.

Finally, the In Your Neighbourhood awards, a scheme run in conjunction with the RHS, Maud's Garden received a level 2 Award which we know will be even better next year. Well done to Maud and those who have been supporting her recently.

Special thanks must also go to our County Councillors, Olwyn Gunn and Fraser Tinsley for their encouragement and support.

Then, onto the **Beautiful Durham** presentation.

Brancepeth won the Best Small village. Credit goes to everyone who did their bit. Thank you.

After Alison Young received Highly Commended for her medium sized garden, Bonny and Fred Bainbridge not only won the best Large Garden category but also were the winners of the Best Overall Entry. Massive congratulations to them. It is a great shame that because of the rules, we cannot enter them into Northumbria in Bloom. We are now planning for **Northumbria in Bloom 2024** so please watch this space so you can come and join the winning team.



The Changing face of Area Action Partnerships

A message to all Brancepeth Village Groups/Clubs who have had financial help from the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership and/or Neighbourhood Budget grants via our County Councillors in the past or might want to seek grants in the future.

You may be aware that the AAPs, as we know them, will be changing into something called Local Networks. Derek Snaith from the Mid Durham AAP is offering to give a small presentation about how these will operate.

As the Community Association and quite a few village groups and activities have been supported by the AAP over the years and some might want to apply for help in the future, I thought it would be useful if Derek could come along and update representatives from those groups.

I have provisionally arranged for him to come to the Village Hall on the morning of Wednesday 8th November, 11.00 – 12.00 noon in the upstairs hall.

The Tai Chi session should be finished by then and, with luck, anyone coming to hear Derek might be able to enjoy a mug of tea or coffee prior to his presentation.

If someone from your group (or more than one) would be able to come along, could you let me know, please, so we can organise chairs, and extra coffee/tea in advance.

From Vivienne Lowe Tel: 0191 3780974 or e-mail 17vivienne@gmail.com



The Brancepeth Archive has just produced a new publication entitled **"Brancepeth in the Past"**.

It is A5 in size, contains 50 pages each showing a black and white photo of an aspect of life in Brancepeth over many

years, and with a description of each image. It is hot off the press and will be available by the time you see this newsletter.

At the very modest price of £4.00, it is an interesting small gift to post or give to friends or family for Christmas or just to have for yourself!. Copies will be available at the November Castle Craft Fair, the Village coffee mornings, the Burg Schneider Teashop at the Castle, or from Archive and History Committee members - Geoff Harrison, Vivienne Lowe, Jim Merrington, Dave Armstrong, Ian Stoker, Peter Storey or Peter Burdess.

Thursday, 16th November at 2.00pm - Golf Club Dining Room **Steve Owens – Teesdale & Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue**

The Brancepeth Ladies always try to support a few charities every year and this time Steve Owens will be coming to give a presentation about the work and experiences of this local team of volunteers. Hopefully we will be able to use the Golf Club dining room and there will be the usual refreshments and welcome to anyone who is interested.

Book Club

Our next meeting is November 17th when we will discuss 'The Escape Artist' by Jonathan Freedland at Val Gibbon's home, 3 The Forge. Into the New Year, 12th January is the date for your new diary. The book will be 'The Cleaner of Chartres' by Salley Vickers. The venue is the Rectory.

All welcome.

Val Gibbons

A request from Knit & Natter

If you have any wool you no longer require the Knit & Natter group would be pleased to put it to a good use. This year they sent a large bag of knitted items to the Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal to supplement gift boxes that were short of hats, scarves and gloves. Please contact Mavis Henderson or leave with a note in the Village Hall.

Men's Social
Village Hall
7pm
Friday December 1st
Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink
£2 admission for hall hire.
Domino and Snooker games
Contact David Jackson
07711 648752

Parish Council updates

The preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan continues. Following a meeting with Durham County Council, some fine-tuning is now taking place with a revised draft expected later this month.

State of the Village – A Litter Pick is being organised – A date hasn't yet been agreed, but Michael Stephenson will be publicising the details soon.

Contact Michel Stephenson, Stephenson15@me.com to volunteer.

The PC had a meeting with DCC to discuss the state of the village and request trimming / cutting of verges / trees / bushes etc, cleaning of the street furniture and clearing and repairing footpaths. Discussions continue.

More Bulb planting will be carried out and the tubs and planters replenished ready for a spring display and **Durham in Bloom competition**. To volunteer to help with these efforts please contact Hassall Balshen Hassall.balshen@gmail.com

Christmas Tree: Investigations are under way to find a better way to light the Christmas Tree this year. Please contact Mike Lowe Michael.lowe@zen.co.uk if you have any suggestions.

Next PC meeting: Monday 20th November 2023, 7:30pm in the Village Hall

The Christmas Show

In

The Village Hall

On

Saturday December 9th

Doors open 6pm - Show starts at 6.30pm

Please come and support the glittering array of talent on the stage
- if you are new to the village it's a great chance to meet everyone.

There will be a short interval with drinks and ice creams
followed by an after show party with buffet
(contributions of finger food will be gratefully received)

Tickets - BCA Members £7 Adult £3 Children
Non Members £8 Adult £4 Children

Available at Dress Rehearsal
or from Josie Armstrong 0788 22 33 118. jo.arm@me.com

Proceeds to Brancepeth Community Association
reg charity 504318

Dates for the Diary:-

Nov	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Nov	Mondays	-	Yoga resumes on 18th Sept, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Nov	Monday	-	Knit and Natter, 13th & 27th & 11th Dec, Village Hall 2-4 pm.
Nov	Tuesdays	-	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal
Nov	Wednesdays	-	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Nov	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Nov	Thursdays	-	Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
Nov	Thursdays	-	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Nov	Sundays	-	Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Nov	Sunday	-	Youth Club, 12th & 26th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm			
Nov	8th Wed		AAP grant change meeting, 11.00am, Village Hall
Nov	16th Thurs		Ladies Group Talk, Weardale Search & Rescue, Golf Club, 2.00pm
Nov	17th Fri		Book Club, 7.30pm, 3 The Forge
Nov	17th Fri		Garden Club talk, Richard Barnes, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Nov	19th Sun		Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Nov	20th Mon		Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Dec	1st Fri		Men's Social, 7.00pm Village Hall
Dec	9th Sun		Christmas Show, Village Hall
Dec	11th Sun		Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church

Photos

Front cover – ©- Josie Armstrong – Wreaths at the War Memorial

Inside front cover – ©Anna Brooker – A Remembrance Service Invitation

Inside back cover – ©Janette Foxe & Anna Brooker. Salvation Army Christmas Appeal & Messy Church with Shoe Boxes before they are sent off to Eastern Europe.

Back cover – ©– Anna Brooker – Adverts for Messy Church and The Light Parade.

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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 (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)
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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)

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The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal 19th November



It's time to gather up your gifts of toys, sweets, children's books, etc for our collection in support of the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Our collection will be held on the 19th November please bring your gifts to church or speak to Janette to arrange collection. As the cost of living crisis deepens for many local families our gifts will be even more precious.

Thank you

Janette

Messy Church helping out with the Shoe Box Appeal





Sunday 19th November

3-5pm in church

***news**crafts**Bible
story**songs**tea***

***ALL WELCOME and PLEASE
INVITE FRIENDS***

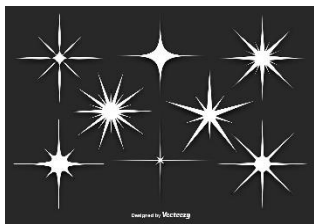
SAVE THE NEXT DATES:

**December 10th (including
Christingle Service)**

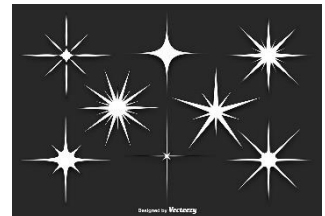
January 14th '24 - New Year Party

also at the end of October:

Tuesday 31st October 5.30 -6.30pm



**The
Light**



Parade

starts and ends at Brancepeth Village Hall

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

**If you'd like the parade to call at your house, please put this note
in your window or door on 31st October
or phone 0191 378 0578**