

# st BRANDON'S church

## BRANCEPETH



newsletter: DECEMBER 2023

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## Christingle

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 3-5pm



\*construct our own orange    \*seasonal crafts    \*candlelit service  
\*followed by tea    \*collection for The Children's Society

everyone welcome- not just children!



Gathering at the Village Hall for the Light Parade on 31st October.

Thanks to everyone who provided warm welcomes and delicious treats as we paraded round the village!



save the date!

## New Year Party

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 3-5pm in church



fancy dress    games    activities    songs    tea

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

## 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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Church Wardens:	David Eltringham (07779938611) Carol Beeby (0191 3847431), (07592 975002)
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Treasurer	Mike Higton (0191 5974675)
Deanery Synod	Caroline Middleditch (0191 378 1400)

### Other members:-

Janette Foxe (07587 225 200) Ken Howe (07710098705, 0191 3840589)  
Tom Hobbs (07857437860) Sue Morgan (0191 3781172)  
Catrin Morgan (0191 4476520)

Prayer Team	Alison Hobbs (01913789670), Sue Hope, Alison Moore (0191 373 5674).
Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Rev'd Anna Brooker
Organist	Richard Hird
Village Choir	Martyn Jones (0191 3789297)
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Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (0191 3735674)
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Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (0191 3781871)
Churchyard	Edward Staines (0191 3780858)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (0191 3735674), Martin Peacock (07503242074)
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AdminTeam	Carol Beeby, Rev'd Anna Brooker, Janette Foxe, Sue Morgan, Gillian Smellie.
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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If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please contact Hester Higton on [hesterhigton@phonecoop.coop](mailto:hesterhigton@phonecoop.coop).

Dear Friends

I wonder what gifts you are anticipating receiving this Christmas? Perhaps you've not a clue? Perhaps you've put out some strong hints, requests even. I wonder what sort of gifts you most enjoy or welcome: is it the absolute surprise of something most improbable that you would never have dreamt of? Or is it the utilitarian item for the house or garage? Shiny and sparkly? Or well made and quality?

Chances are, many of you reading this will be thinking that that's the last topic on your mind right now, that solving those questions on behalf of others comes first, surely: 'What on earth can I get so-and-so for Christmas?' 'Will we have enough ... ?' 'When will I/we ...?' Catering, provision and travel logistics can be a dominant feature at this stage!

And yet, with all the focus and worry on 'others', maybe we are missing out on a vital part of Christmas? Maybe we risk letting our Christmas gift get buried under the pile, overlooked in the distractions of our duties.

And our own Christmas gift is?

It's shiny and huge, it's tiny and precious, it's extraordinary and entirely unexpected, it's unique and improbable, it's unachievably highest quality, it's amazingly practical and functional: all we could ever imagine and more, all we needed but didn't know it. Oh God! O Christ!

The gift we are each invited to receive anew this Christmas is that of being loved beyond measure, forever accepted as who we are, in all our feeble ways, stained and grubby, battered and bruised. The baby in the manger that we and wise men adore, has come to adore us. Take time this Christmas to unwrap that, and everything else you do will be eased and warmed.

With blessings this Advent and Christmas,

Alison Hobbs

## St Brandon's December 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 Advent***  
***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*

### DECEMBER

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**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

**Thurs 7th**

**Online Evening Prayer for Advent 7.30pm**

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent 2**

**Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings

First:

Ken Howe

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Gospel:

Linda Waterman

Mark 1: 1-8

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-end

Colin Waterman

Intercessions

**Christingle Service 3.00pm** *hosted by the Messy Church  
congregation and followed by refreshments.*

**ALL WELCOME**

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent 3**

**Morning Worship 10.15am**

*with baptism of Annie and Elsie Webster*

Reading:

Gospel:

Edward Staines

John 1: 6-8, 19-20

Hester Higton

Intercessions

**Carol Service 6.30pm**

*Readings and readers as arranged*



**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Online Evening Prayer for Advent 7.30pm**

**Sun Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Advent 4 / Christmas Eve Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings:	First:	Alison Moore	Romans 16: 25-end
	Gospel:	Mike Higton	Luke 1: 26-38
	Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26		
		Wilfred Foxe	Intercessions

**Crib Service by Candlelight 5pm**

**Midnight Communion 11.30 pm**

*using Christmas Day readings sheets*

Readings:	First:	James Morgan	Isaiah 52: 7-10
	Gospel:	Sue Morgan	John 1: 1-14
	Psalm 98		

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day All Age Eucharist 10.15am**

*special readings sheet to be printed*

Readings	First:	Hester Higton	Micah 5; 2&4
	Gospel:	Steve Hodgson	Luke 2: 1-14
		Hobbs / Dobsons	Intercessions

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Christmas 2 Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings	First:	Wilfred Foxe	Isaiah 61: 10- 62: 3
	Gospel:	Caroline Middleditch	Luke 2: 15-21
	Psalm 148		
		Martin Peacock	Intercessions

**JANUARY**

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Epiphany Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings	First:	Tom Hobbs	Isaiah 60: 1-6
	Gospel:	Janette Foxe	Matthew 2: 1-12
	Psalm 72		
		Geoff Moore	Intercessions

**Messy Church New Year Party 3 - 5pm**

## Sidespersons

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Sharples & Jean Hodgson  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> David & Fiona Eltringham  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Bonny Bainbridge & Annette Johnson  
Dec 17<sup>th</sup> (Carol service) Sue Morgan & Peter Bailey  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Jane Stout & Josie Armstrong  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup> (Crib Service) Jeanette Metcalfe  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup> (Midnight) Sue Morgan & Nick Brooker  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Sue Morgan & Nick Brooker  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Pat Sharples & Jean Hodgson  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup> David & Fiona Eltringham

## Coffee

Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jean Hodgson
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Annette Johnson
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> 10.15am	Diane Coles
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> 10.15am	Sue Morgan
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> 11.30pm	
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jeanette Metcalfe
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Stout

## Flowers

1st Advent – Greening  
Advent  
Advent  
  
Guild  
  
  
Epiphany  
Lynne Hastie

## Tech Team

David & Fiona  
Higtons & Peter  
Geoff & Alison  
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Geoff & Alison

## Church Cleaning

*December – Team B*

Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Hillary Moss, Annette Johnson

*January – Team C*

Carol Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Nick Brooker

## *Events notice*

*The church will be in use for a private event on Saturday*

*2<sup>nd</sup> December until 1pm. Thank you for your cooperation throughout the year.*

*Janette Foxe*

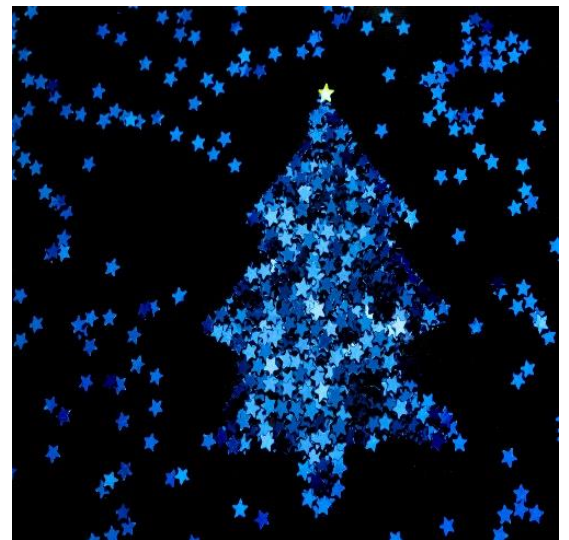
**The All Souls Day service in November offered an opportunity to remember loved ones in a quiet and reflective evening setting.**



## **Remembering our Loved Ones at Christmas**

Memories are strong at this time of year- we miss people even more than usual. From late November, there will be a special tree in church with a basket of silver star tags.

**Everyone is welcome** to pop into church, write on a star the name/s of those you have loved and see no longer, say a prayer and hang it on the tree.



***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)***



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 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 at 11:00  
Tuesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024 at 11:00



*I am on holiday the first fortnight of January, so we will miss one Tuesday then resume the fortnightly pattern.*

*For more information, please email [alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk](mailto:alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk)*

*Rev. Alison, St Brandon's Church*

### **Village carol singing**

All are very welcome to join the band of carol singers that as usual will be touring the village on Saturday 23rd December (north of Durham Road) and Sunday 24th (south of Durham Road). As it is the weekend, can we please meet at **5.30pm** on Saturday 23rd, at the crossroads; Sunday meeting at the customary time of 6.30pm. We shall be collecting for Brandon & Langley Moor Salvation Army, and Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange), proceeds to be split evenly between the two.

Elizabeth Dobson

### **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 in the Castle Dining Room: great conversations by the log fire!

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

### **Choral Evensong**

with the Chapel Choir of St John's College Durham

directed by Louise Reid

**Sun 21 January 2024, 3:00pm at St Brandon's**

*All Welcome*



## Prayer and Thanksgiving Diary December 2023

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

***'Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life. . .'***

- 1 Pray for inner peace for those who find December a difficult month
- 2 The Castle and Lodge
- 3 **Advent Sunday** *'Let us not stray from you who are the way'*
- 4 Pray for the Parish Council and councillors, for satisfaction in the work they do
- 5 For Quarry Hill, the cottages, Morley Farm, Littlewhite farm, Goodwell Field
- 6 **St Nicholas' Day** Give thanks for those who are generous to others
- 7 Jewish festival of Hannukkah begins. Pray for protection and support for Jewish communities in the UK at this fragile time
- 8 Stockley Grove, Bridge Road, Tanglewood
- 9 Village Show tonight. Give thanks for fun, for community, for laughter
- 10 **Advent 1** *'Let us not distrust your promises who are the truth'*
- 11 Pray for joy for all who attend Youth Club, Messy Church, Sunday School
- 12 For those who live in Village North, Station House, Railway Cottages
- 13 Stockley Lane, Village South,
- 14 **John of the Cross** 16C Spanish poet and mystic. Give thanks for those who open our eyes to God in new ways
- 15 Whitworth Lane, Black House
- 16 Peppermires, Holywell, East Parks, Tudhoe Lodge, Nafferton farm
- 17 **Advent 2 Carol Service** *'Let us not rest in anything but you who are the life'*
- 18 Durham Rd and the Forge
- 19 The Rectory, Rectory Cottages, Bridleway, Constable Meadows, Hoppy Acres, Thornberry Garth
- 20 Park Lodge, Garden House, Nursery House, East Bothy, Scripton Lodge, Scripton Farm
- 21 Goodwell Lea
- 27 All who live in Foxes Row, Russell Close, North Field View
- 28 **Holy Innocents' Day** Pray for determination for those who work to keep children safe
- 29 Pray for peace in Ukraine
- 30 Give thanks for what has been good in 2023
- 31 **New Year's Eve** As we start a new year, pray for leaders to protect our planet

*(Sunday quotes from a prayer by Erasmus)*

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

*Moore, [durmoores@btinternet.com](mailto:durmoores@btinternet.com)*

## **Sponsored organ voluntaries**

This is something new! Although, if you were at the service on 19<sup>th</sup> November, you will have heard a taster.

The idea is that people can ask for a piece of music to be played at the end of the service, identifying the date and purpose (e.g. an anniversary), and making a suggestion for the music (a particular piece or a composer, for example) if they wish. Wilfred Foxe is happy to act as a channel for these, and will liaise with Richard Hird who will choose the actual piece to be played.

Once agreed, the sponsor(s) – or their named representative – would announce the item in the normal Notices section of our weekly worship and outline the rationale. They or Richard would then announce the piece, and people would be invited to listen to it before engaging in conversation or heading for coffee.

The sponsors would then make a donation of their choice to the Church – there is no fixed amount so as to accommodate different means.

PCC has agreed to trial this until Easter next year, so make use of the opportunity!

Geoff Moore

## **Brancepeth Youth Club**

**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. Our final meeting this term is on 10 December.

### *Leaders*

Geoff Moore                      07854 696664      [durmoores@btinternet.com](mailto:durmoores@btinternet.com)

Martin Peacock                07503 242074

## **Book Club**

Our next meeting is on 12th January. The book will be 'The Cleaner of Chartres' by Salley Vickers. The venue is the Rectory.

All welcome

Val Gibbons



## Thank you Jean!

On Monday 9th October the Admin team showed their appreciation to Jean Hodgson for all her work over the last 15 years, as Chairman of the committee. She received a bowl of cyclamen as a token thank you for her many years in the role.

The role of the Admin team has evolved over the years to highlight areas requiring attention in the mission of St. Brandon's. Their responsibilities include the production and distribution of this newsletter; enhancing visitors experience of St. Brandon's; the hire of the church and latterly its presence online.

In order to raise funds, along with others, Jean has developed and promoted St. Brandon's as a venue for outside hirers, helped produce leaflets and greeting cards for its many visitors, and spent many hours planning and ensuring the teams responsibilities are meticulously adhered too.

We are thankful that she has agreed to continue to ensure that visitors will continue to benefit from a supply of leaflets and cards by keeping supplies up to date.



## Dare you?

..... become a member of **Team NE Tandem Skydive?**

The Children's Society is organising this event to raise money for this great charity.

**Date:** Saturday 16 March 2024

**Venue:** Durham Airfield

**Time :** tbc

Cost: you are asked to raise a minimum of £395.

If you are interested, please contact me at [davefi122@btinternet.com](mailto:davefi122@btinternet.com) or

Gill Dean at [gill.dean@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:gill.dean@childrenssociety.org.uk)

*Fiona Eltringham*

## Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

**Thank you to everyone who so generously brought gifts for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal to church in November. More details will follow in the New Year.**

**Janette**





# Spruce up day

Question: Who would have believed that cleaning could be fun?

Answer: Sixteen people from the congregation and village on St. Brandon's Spruce up Tuesday! There was much activity and laughter as cupboards in every area of the church were emptied, cleaned, 'rationalised' and sorted. No-one got cold despite no heating as there was a ready supply



of hot drinks; with soup, cheese scones and cake for lunch. Thank you so much to those that came along, sorted areas and supplied sustenance. We will probably have another similar day next year!



The baptism of Elle- Louise Bedford on 15th October 2023.

Elle- Louise with her parents Daniel and Catherine and siblings Ebony- Rose and Frankie, who were also baptised here.



## Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

### Village Hall

6 <sup>th</sup> December	Martyn & Christine
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Margot & Val
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Vivienne & Janiece
27 <sup>th</sup> December	No Coffee Morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Rosemary & James
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Martyn & Christine
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Margot & Val
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Vivienne & Janiece
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Rosemary & James

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

## 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**

## BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE AND HISTORY GROUP

### **Christmas get together and social evening –**

As life is so busy in December, we thought it sensible to hold our Seasonal get together **In January** instead.

**This will take place in the Village Hall, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 7.00p.m.**

No charge for members, guests welcome but we would ask for a small contribution to help cover costs. If anyone is able to bring a plate of food, that would be much appreciated

A few members will be giving short presentations about topics that interest them, and there will be a quiz to test your knowledge of Brancepeth!

Please let Vivienne know if you hope to be able to come (3780974) – to ensure we have sufficient refreshments.

**We still have Christmas Cards for sale, and the new “Brancepeth in the Past” booklet of photos, which is proving to be very popular.**

If you are planning to go to the **Castle Craft Fair**, all our publications will be on our stall in the Archive Room. If you have an hour or so to spare, those manning the stall always value being able to take a short break!

**Memberships** fall due in January, still only £5.00. For those who renewed or joined at the October talk, your membership covers you for the coming year.

### *Chocolates at Christmas* *Brancepeth Ladies - Friday, 8th December*

*We are delighted to welcome Richard Jackson who will be coming to give us a demonstration of how to make his delicious chocolates.*

Please note the change of date  
but we will be in the Golf Club dining room at 2.00pm as usual members  
£3.50 / £5.50 for guests

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

Dec	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Dec	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Dec	Monday	-	Knit and Natter, 11th Dec, Village Hall 2-4 pm.
Dec	Tuesdays	-	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal
Dec	Wednesdays	-	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
Dec	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Dec	Thursdays	-	Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
Dec	Thursdays	-	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Dec	Sundays	-	Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
Dec	Sunday	-	Youth Club, 10th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm			
Dec	1st	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm Village Hall
Dec	8th	Fri	Ladies Group Talk, Chocolates at Christmas, Golf Club, 2.00pm
Dec	9th	Sun	Christmas Show, Village Hall
Dec	11th	Sun	Messy Church, Christingle, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Dec	17th	Sun	Carol Service, 6.30pm, Church
Dec	23rd	Sat	Carol Singing, 5.30pm, Crossroads
Dec	24th	Sun	Carol Singing, 6.30pm, Crossroads
Jan	1st	Mon	Cheese and Chat, 12.00noon – 2.00pm, Castle.
Jan	7th	Sun	Messy Church, New Year's Party, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church
Jan	12th	Fri	Book Club, The Cleaner of Chartres, 7.30pm, Rectory.
Jan	19th	Fri	Archive & History Group, social evening, 7.00pm Village Hall.
Jan	21st	Sun	Choral Evensong, 3.00pm, St John's College Choir, Church.

## **Photos**

**Front cover** – ©- Sue Morgan – Christmas at St Brandon's

**Inside front cover** – ©Anna Brooker – Messy Church invitations and Light Party gathering

**Inside back cover** – ©- Nick Brooker – Visitor Book Entries & Jane Stout photo of the PMC Café Church Event

**Back cover** – ©– Jo Dalton – Christmas Show invitation.

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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>

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### **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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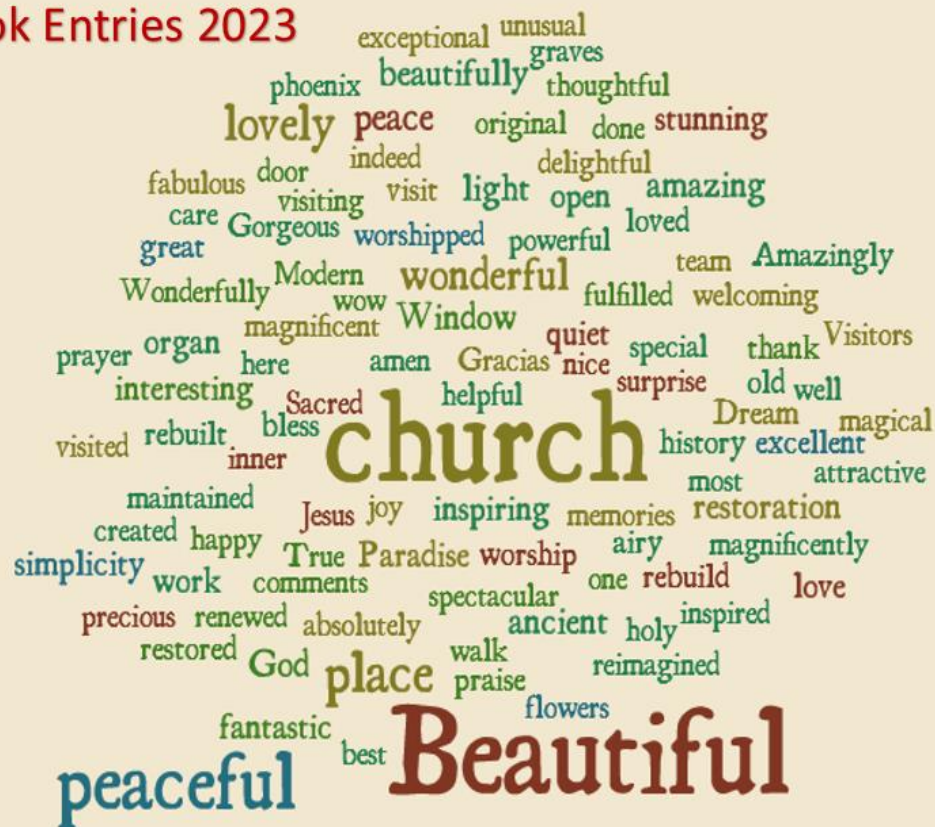
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## Visitor Book Entries 2023



The PMC (Pastoral Missional Church) Team reported back to the congregation about their first year's work at a 'Café Church' service on October 19th. The image above brings together some of the thoughts recorded in the Visitors' Book. Below the congregation had a chance to contribute some of their thoughts too.







**Brancepeth**

# **Christmas Show...ho ho ho**



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Village Hall**

Doors open 6pm – Show starts 6:30pm



## **Tickets**

BCA members - Adult £7 / Child £3  
Non-members £8 / £4

Includes: entrance, a drink, interval ice-cream  
& after show buffet

Contact:

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Val Gibbons - 07979 211015 [valmgibbons@gmail.com](mailto:valmgibbons@gmail.com)

