

# St Brandon's Church

## Brancepeth



# Newsletter June 2024

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*Village Hall Centenary  
Champagne Tea  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
3pm*

**Only 4 tables left!**



Glass of fizz on the table, live music & magician for entertainment.

Host your own table or sit with others. Bring your own cakes, sandwiches, teapot and china. Prize for the best dressed table.

For further info & tickets contact Josie:

[jo.arm@me.com](mailto:jo.arm@me.com) / 07882 233118

Tickets: £5 members / £7 non-members  
children half-price / under 5s free

Raffle, proceeds to the BCA



## **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>
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Secretary	Colin Waterman (07713637128) <a href="mailto:colinwaterman069@gmail.com">colinwaterman069@gmail.com</a> )
Treasurer	Mike Higton (0191 5974675)
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### Other members:-

Janette Foxe (07587 225 200) Kenneth Howe (07710098705, 0191 3840589)  
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Lay Reader	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
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PMC Team:	Anna Brooker (ex-officio), Nick Brooker, Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Alison Moore, James Morgan, Sue Morgan, Jane Stout, Colin Waterman.
Fabric:	David Eltringham (chair), James Morgan, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Edward Staines, Rev'd Anna Brooker, Nick Brooker.
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If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please contact Hester Higton on [hesterhigton@phoncoop.coop](mailto:hesterhigton@phoncoop.coop).

Dear Friends,

Once upon a time, a group who lived in a nice (posh) village, met together for a purpose. Not everyone was familiar with each person present, so the convener suggested that they went round in a circle giving their names and saying one thing about themselves. The first one to speak said 'My name is..... and I have lived in the village for ..... (big number) years. The second person followed suit and gave their name and how long (more big numbers) they had lived in the village. And so it continued. The last members of the group to speak said, 'my name is ..... and I've lived in the village for 8 days'. Not a very encouraging welcome for the newcomers.

Sadly, that story is mainly true. Readers, that was us. I know because my husband and I were the ones who hadn't even unpacked all our removal boxes. Fortunately, I can't remember who was there and I'm sure the intentions of the old timers were good even if they lacked a bit of imagination and forethought. I am now amazed to think that that meeting took place 27 years ago. But, in truth, despite feeling a bit saddened by my story I also recognise that making people feel welcome isn't always straight forward or easy; nor is trying to fit into a well-established community.

Last month, Alison wrote about our village, which apparently has been defined in the press as one of the 48 poshest villages in the UK. I'm sure we'd all agree with her that being posh and picturesque, is not what really counts but what matters is that it is 'alive' and has 'a heart'.

One of the ways that we can see the life and heart of the village in action is through its groups. For a small village, Brancepeth has an amazing number and variety of activities going on. However, many of these groups have failed to maintain their numbers post pandemic. I suppose folk got used to having to stay at home and others missed out on the opportunity to be welcomed as a newcomer. A problem shared with many communities across the UK I suspect.

As a church, St Brandon's has recently been focussing on how we could welcome newcomers better. But we also thought we could learn from other groups about their issues and how they might be dealing with them. We certainly don't claim to have all the answers, but they say that two heads are better than one so we have decided to host an event where people from different groups can share their concerns and hopes together.

What this means in practice, is we will hold an event/meeting/social in the village hall on **Friday 14 of June**. A couple of people from each of the village activity groups will be invited and for 90 minutes have the opportunity to share with and listen to others, while we enjoy some refreshments. We have no idea where this will lead except we hope that it might encourage and support what Alison called our 'genuinely caring community'.

If you are one of those people coming, I look forward to seeing you there. If not please spare a thought or a prayer for us on that evening. Please talk to your group leader and tell them your thoughts.

It's Brancepeth and whether you are an old hand or a newby you are always welcome.

Fiona Eltringham

# St Brandon's June 2024 – 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.***

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

## Sun 2 June 1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity

Readings	First:	Steve Hodgson	<b>Parish Eucharist 10.15am</b> 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 <b>nb</b> <i>changed from list in May newsletter</i>
	Gospel:	Nick Brooker	Mark 2: 23- 3: 6
	Psalm 81: 1-10		
		Intercessions	Wilfred Foxe

## Thurs 6 June

### Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

## Sun 9 June 2<sup>nd</sup> after Trinity

Readings	First:	Linda Waterman	2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1
	Gospel:	Gillian Smellie	Mark 3: 20-end
	Psalm 130		
		Intercessions	Colin Waterman
		<b>Messy Church 3-5pm</b>	

## Sun 16 June 3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity

Readings	First:	Edward Staines	2 Corinthians 5: 6-17
	Gospel:	Mike Higton	Mark 4: 26-34
	Psalm 92 1-4; 12-end		
		Intercessions	Hester Higton

## Thurs 20 June

### Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

## Sun 23 June 4<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

Readings	First:	Wilfred Foxe	2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
	Gospel:	David Eltringham	Mark 4: 35-end
	Psalm 107 1-3; 23-32		
		Intercessions	tbc

**Sun 30 June 5<sup>th</sup> after Trinity****Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings	First:	Jean Hodgson	2 Corinthians 8: 7-end
	Gospel:	Alison Moore	Mark 5: 21-end
	Psalm 30		

Intercessions	Edward Staines
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**Thurs 4 July****Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm****Sun 7 July 6<sup>th</sup> after Trinity****Parish Eucharist 10.15am**

Readings	First:	Sue Morgan	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
	Gospel:	Tom Hobbs	Mark 6: 1-13
	Psalm 123		

Intercessions	Nick Brooker
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**Sidespersons**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Johnson & Sue Morgan  
 June 9<sup>th</sup> Jane Stout & Nick Brooker  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> Pat Sharples & Josie Armstrong  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup> David & Fiona Eltringham  
 June 30<sup>th</sup> Peter Bailey & Bonny Bainbridge  
 July 7<sup>th</sup> Jean Hodgson & Annette Johnson

**Flowers**

Gerry Jennings  
 Iris Waggott  
 Hillary Moss  
 Joan Taylor  
 Lynne Hastie  
 Christine Dodd

**Coffee**

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeanette Metcalfe
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Morgan
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Stout
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Geraldine Jennings
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Moore
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Coles

**Tech Team**

Peter
Higtons
Higtons
Geoff & Alison
David & Fiona
Peter

**Church Cleaning***June – Team B*

Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Annette Johnson, Hillary Moss

*July – Team C*

Carole Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Nick Brooker

**St. Brandon's Church – Grass Cutting Rota 2024**

27 <sup>th</sup> May – 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Stephen Hodgson, Geoff Harrison
11 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tom Hobbs, Richard Hobbs
24 <sup>th</sup> June – 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Simon Elliot, David Jackson

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 11:00  
Tuesdays 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 11:00



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



## JUNE PRAYER SPACE: PRAYER WALKING

*This month's suggestions are about **how** we pray, as well as **who** and **what** to pray for.*

### Walking in our Homes:

- As you go up or down stairs, give thank with & pray for those whose lives are 'up' or 'down' because of joys or sorrows
- Pray in a different room each day: e.g. for all who are hungry, in the kitchen; for all who are tired, in your bedroom...
- Let pictures or ornaments bring people and places to mind, and pray for them

### Walking in our Neighbourhood:

- Those who live in each house you pass (you don't have to be on foot!)
- Local businesses, shops, leisure facilities and all who use them
- Transport and service providers e.g. police, healthcare, as you see vehicles go by.

### Walking around the World:

- As you hear, read or see news, pray for that place and situation.
- If you go on holiday, pray as you enjoy other cultures and experiences.
- Recall places you've visited and turn memories into prayers of thanksgiving, supplication and hope.

## **'Moving On. . .'**

**Invitation to a Gathering of Brancepeth Village Groups.**

**Village Hall, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.30 - 9**

**Reminder!**

**An opportunity to meet up and pool our ideas for moving on, now we've got going again after Covid.**

**Please send a couple of people from your group, club, gathering, organisation, sports class. . .**

**There will be refreshments! **RSVP Sue Morgan****

**Save the dates: CHORAL EVENSONG at St Brandon's  
Sunday 21 July 6pm: Sung by *Colla Voce*, an ad hoc choir  
who sing throughout the region, in churches and cathedrals.**

**Sunday 8 September: *Come and Sing* Evensong, conducted  
by Richard Gooding. **Full details next month.****

**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)**



# Brancepeth Youth Club

June to July 2024

**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 9, 23

July 7 - annual BBQ in the Castle grounds

## *Leaders*

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

Martin Peacock            07503 242074

## **Durham Singers Concert – 29th June**

**(see poster on back page)**

The Durham Singers present their summer concert 'Fauré and His Pupils' to celebrate the centenary of the composer's death, and his legacy, on Saturday 29 June 2024, 7.30pm, at St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth, Durham. Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924) is highly regarded as a French organist, composer and teacher, working at the Paris Conservatoire, and at the famous Madeleine church in the city.

Our programme includes a well-known song by Fauré's teacher Saint-Saëns 'Les fleurs et les arbres', Fauré's own 'Cantique de Jean Racine' and his pupil Nadia Boulanger's 'Cantique'. Choral pieces by pupils Ravel (arr. Tarney) and Roger-Ducasse, and Franck's 'Prélude, fugue et variation' (organ soloist, Adam Heron) follow.

The evening culminates in a performance of Fauré's *Requiem*; the choir is joined by Laura Oldfield for the soprano solo in 'Pie Jesu'. We celebrate the lasting effect of a composer who was, in his time, considered radical and modernist and whose unique voice in French composition has continued throughout the twentieth and into the twenty-first century.

# The Baptism of Ferne May Lavelles -5th May 2024



Mum, Jemma is holding Ferne and David, her father, is to her left. Joshua is little guy in front. He is Ferne's brother.

The godparents are left to right - Leanne, Paul, James, Shaun, Melanie and Natalie holding her little girl Nieve. A lovely occasion for the Lavelles, Tolley and Wade families.



## Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

5<sup>th</sup> June  
12<sup>th</sup> June  
19<sup>th</sup> June  
26<sup>th</sup> June  
3<sup>rd</sup> July

Margot and Catherine  
Rosemary and James  
Martyn and Christine  
Vivienne and Janiece  
Margot and Val

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

**BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB  
ANNUAL GARDEN WALKABOUT  
FOXES ROW**

**Friday 5 July 2024**

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

*Supper will follow in the Village Hall no later than 8 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 1 July

Tickets available from: Wednesday Coffee Morning (from Wednesday 29 May)

Gerry Jennings 0191 378 1583

Fred and Bonny Bainbridge 0191 378 9304, 07495848 997 or

E mail [alisonbainbridge53@gmail.com](mailto:alisonbainbridge53@gmail.com)

Alison Young 07989 614770 or Email [gfamyong@gmail.com](mailto:gfamyong@gmail.com)

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**20 July 2024                      VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN FOR  
THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME – 11 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

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**ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW – SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Schedules, including entry forms for the show, will be available at the Wednesday Coffee Morning and from committee members from early August. The show will be open for viewing from 2.30-3.30 p.m. More information in the July/August newsletter.



In partnership with the BCA and the Castle,  
the Garden Club is pleased to announce  
that the village is entering the National  
Garden Scheme (NGS)

## Brancepeth Village NGS

**Open Gardens Event**  
**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**11am – 4:30pm**

**Tickets: Adults £5 (free entry for children)**

Contact Alison Young for further information:  
[gfamyong@gmail.com](mailto:gfamyong@gmail.com)

ticket sale proceeds to NGS  
Car parking at Brancepeth Castle

**Teas, coffees, cakes & other refreshments**  
**available in the Village Hall**  
**11am – 4pm**

Proceeds from the tea shop to the BCA for repair works. Please contact  
Jo Dalton on 07876 624626 if you can contribute a cake or other baking  
and/or if you can help serve refreshments on the tea shop rota.

Thank you.



## Great North Air Ambulance Service – Allee Longstaff

The charity are now facing huge problems trying to raise funds to keep them in the air. There are no more door to door collections which is why I want to continue to receive donations from you which I can then arrange to have collected. Please help as much as you can by bringing your items to 2 Foxes' Row during the week commencing Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. Ring 01913780707 beforehand so that I can open the garage door for you. I do have plenty of GNAAS bags.

Please note that they are only taking clothes, shoes, belts, handbags.

## 'Lewis Carroll' by Chris Lloyd of The Northern Echo

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June - 2pm at the Golf Club

'All of Lewis Carroll's fantastic Alice in Wonderland characters were inspired by the ludicrous stories that he learned during his childhood in Croft-on-Tees, from shape-shifting waters to quarrelling landowners to the tyranny of railway time to fire-breathing dragons to grinning cats.....'

Ladies' Club members £3.50 / Non members £5.50 (including light refreshments) and please remember that anyone interested is very welcome.

## **Book Club**

Our next meeting will be on Friday 31st May at the home of Audrey & Dick Dumbledon, 19 St Monica Grove, Crossgate Moor, Durham. The book to read is,

'The Night Manager', by John Le Carre.

The following meeting will be on 5th July at the home of Sue Hope, 14 Sunderland Bridge, DH6 5HD

The book on this occasion is, 'The House of the Spirits', by Isabel Allende.

All welcome

Val Gibbons

# Tile Painters at work in the Village Hall



## **Blooming Bus Shelter Tile Triptych**

Here are a few of the many village artists who have been painting ceramic tiles, part of the large mural depicting familiar local landmarks. The three main images are framed by 46 individual floral images: bluebells to bird of paradise flower; clematis to campanula: daisies to daffodils. The range is amazing. It's been an exciting community project. Thank you to all our volunteers!

Once all tiles are glazed and fired the triptych will be mounted in the Durham-bound X46 bus shelter. Watch this space...

## **Christian Aid Thanks**

Following the annual Christian Aid Week, I want to thank everyone who generously donated to this worthy cause, supporting resourceful groups in drought-ridden and impoverished communities in Burundi and beyond. Your generosity will make a significant difference, bringing hope and encouragement to many families.

Special thanks to envelope collectors, postcard artists and those who bought them at St Brandon's, Art Group, the Golf Club and Coffee Morning (over £300 raised to date). An update on the total raised in the church and village will appear next month, though this won't include all of you who donated online or who activated Gift Aid.

Thank you everyone!

Nick Brooker

### **Children's Society Boxes**

Dear box holders, I haven't forgotten you. I have just moved the box opening to June, so we don't clash with Christian Aid. Once again many thanks for your efforts.

Please bring your box to church, drop it at my house or give me a call and I will pick it up.

If you don't have a box and would like one please speak to me or call me.

Fiona Eltringham 07546384312

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council's May Annual Meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The Chair, Hassall Balshen stood down from the position, thanking his colleagues and the clerk for their support and assistance during his 3 years in office, and explaining that he felt that while the position of Chair shouldn't be "rotated" each year; that 3 years was a long enough term for him, and that it was now time for a fresh approach. The new Chair is Mike Lowe, and Tom Hobbs is Vice Chair.

The Parish Council also was pleased to co-opt a new Councillor, Catherine Stevenson. Her breadth of experience and her enthusiasm for the Brancepeth community makes her a most valuable new asset to the PC.

The meeting received a report from Richard Jackson on the progress being made by the "Bloom" group, and in particular, the "Tile Mural" project for the bus shelter – it looks really impressive, and should be complete and in place very soon.

A meeting with a Neighbourhood Planning consultant is being arranged for early June, and next steps should be clearer after that.

Dates for Parish Council meetings for the coming year are:-

- 17 June 2024
- 15 July 2024
- August – recess
- 16 Sept 2024
- 21 October 2024
- 18 November 2024
- December – no meeting
- 20 January 2025
- 17 February 2025
- 17 March 2025
- 21 April 2025
- 19 May 2025



## Dates for the Diary:-

June Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
June Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
June Monday - Knit and Natter, 10th & 24th 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 Sundays - Youth Club, 9th, 23rd, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall  
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

May 31st Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, 19 St Monica Grove  
June 9th Sun Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Church  
Jun 14th Fri Village Groups Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
Jun 17th Mon Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club  
Jun 17th Mon Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Jun 29th Sat The Durham Singers, 7.30pm, Church  
July 5th Fri Book Club, 7.30pm, 14 Sunderland Bridge, DH6 5HD  
July 7th Sun Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Picnic, Castle Courtyard  
July 15th Mon Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
July 20th Sat NGS Open Gardens Event, village, 11.00am-4.30pm  
Sept 14th Sat Garden Club Autumn Show, Village Hall  
Sept 22nd Sun Champagne Tea, Village Hall

## **Photos**

**Front cover** – ©- Jane Stout, original painting of the East Window during Art Group

**Inside front cover** – © -Jo Dalton Advert for Champagne Tea to Celebrate the Village Hall's Centenary

**Inside back cover** – ©-Dean Maynard- advert for new Golf Club restaurant menu

© Anna Brooker - advert for Messy Church

**Back cover** – ©– The Durham Singers – concert advert

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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	
		Josie Armstrong	<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)
Social Secretary	Josie Armstrong, <a href="mailto:jo.arm@me.com">jo.arm@me.com</a> / 07882 233118
Membership	Val Gibbons, 3 The Forge (0191 3784200)
Hall Bookings	Jo Dalton, 1 Rectory Cottages (07876 624626)
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 & Richard Hobbs <a href="mailto:baacommittee3@gmail.com">baacommittee3@gmail.com</a>
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**

Mike Lowe, Chair (tel: 0191 3780974)

Thomas Hobbs, Vice Chair: Email: [tom.rhobbs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tom.rhobbs@hotmail.co.uk)

Hassall Balshen – (tel: 0191 3781295; email: [hassall.balshen@gmail.com](mailto:hassall.balshen@gmail.com))

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Catherine Stevenson

Parish Clerk Kirsty Charlton [clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk)

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June's Messy Church is all about Fruit- of the Spirit!

Sunday 9 June, 3-5pm  
in church

*crafts \*\* songs \*\* Bible story  
games \*\* tea*



**ALL WELCOME - do invite friends too**



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Messy Church Summer Picnic**

**Sun 7 July 3-5pm**

**in Brancepeth Castle Courtyard**

OPEN  
TO  
ALL

**New  
Menu  
Alert**

**Try it now!**



BRANCEPETH CASTLE  
— GOLF CLUB —



*The Durham Singers*  
Music Director: Tom Edney

# *Fauré & His Pupils*

*Conductor*

Tom Edney

*Organ*

Adam Heron

Featuring Fauré Requiem

Ravel, Boulanger,

Saint-Saëns

*and more*

Saturday 29 June 2024

7.30pm

St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth

Durham

*Tickets* £15

*Students* £10

*Under 12s* free

*Available from choir members*

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