

St Brandon's Church Brancepeth



Newsletter July / August 2024

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A CHOIR! A VOICE!

Ladies Choir

presents

MUSIC TO HEAR

An eclectic evening of beautiful
and inspirational music

FRIDAY 12th JULY at 7.30pm
(doors open 7pm)

St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth,

Durham DH7 8DF

(Plenty of parking at the church)

Tickets at the door- £10

(under 18 years £8)

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Parochial Church Council

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Newsletter entries no later than August 18th please.

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Dear friends,

What next?

As I write in mid- June, I'm aware that much may have changed by the time you read this letter.

We might have a very different government and Prime Minister; Brancepeth may have won gold in Northumbria in Bloom or, less likely perhaps, England may be heading for triumph in the football Euros!

Certainly, Brancepeth will be blooming - in readiness for the Garden Walkabout, the Open Gardens and eventually the Garden Show in September. What a summer of gardening ahead, and what a beautiful and fruitful place to be.

We know that none of this beauty and fruitfulness happens without hard work and partnership between friends and neighbours, as evidenced also by the other 'Bloom' project, the tiled mural at the village bus stop. I had the privilege just yesterday of a sneak preview of the tiles (laid out on our extended dining room table) and they look wonderful.

Every tile is unique in its subject, style and colours; every tile plays its part in the whole, even and especially those painted by 'non- artists' like myself. The mural is an image of how we relate to one another and to God, in all our variety and individuality, everyone needed and valued, everyone able to 'have a go', however lacking in confidence they may feel. We all look forward to seeing the mural in situ, for locals and visitors to enjoy as they walk, cycle or drive past, or wait for the X46! As we wait to see 'what next' for our nation, our village, our team (sporting or other) and ourselves, may we be open to what is new, especially where life may feel hopeless or bleak. Change and renewal are part of God's ongoing care for all creation, as the prophet Isaiah foretold:

***See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43 v.19)***

With best wishes for a refreshing summer,

Anna

Anna Brooker, Priest in Charge, St Brandon's Church

St Brandon's July and August 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**.*

Thurs 4 July

Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

Sun 7 July 6th 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

Sun 14 July 7th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings

First:

James Morgan

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel:

Tom Higton

Mark 6: 14-29

Psalm 85: 8-end

Intercessions

Hester Higton

Thurs 18 July

Online Evening Prayer 7.30pm

Sun 21 July 8th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings

First:

Hester Higton

Ephesians 2: 11-end

Gospel:

Wilfred Foxe

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

Psalm 23

Intercessions

tbc

Sun 28 July 9th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings

First:

Mike Higton

Ephesians 3:14-end

Gospel:

Janette Foxe

John 6: 1-21

Psalm 145: 10-19

Intercessions

Alison Moore

AUGUST

Sun 4 Aug 10th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings	First:	Kenneth Howe	Ephesians 4: 1-16
	Gospel:	Martin Peacock	John 6: 24-35
	Psalm 78: 23-29		
		Intercessions	Geoff Moore

Sun 11 Aug 11th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings	First:	Steve Hodgson	Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
	Gospel:	Carys Funnell	John 6:35, 41-51
	Psalm 34:1-8		
		Intercessions	Martin Peacock

Sun 18 Aug 12th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings	First:	David Eltringham	Ephesians 5: 15-20
	Gospel:	Jean Hodgson	John 6: 51-58
	Psalm 34: 9-14		
		Intercessions	Geoff Moore

Sun 25 Aug 13th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings	First:	Nick Brooker	Ephesians 6: 10-20
	Gospel:	Linda Waterman	John 6: 56-69
	Psalm 34: 15-end		
		Intercessions	Colin Waterman

SEPTEMBER

Sun 1 Sept 14th after Trinity

Parish Eucharist 10.15am

Readings	First:	Colin Waterman	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
	Gospel:	Alison Moore	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
	Psalm 15		
		Intercessions	Wilfred Foxe

Sidespersons

July 7th Jean Hodgson & Annette Johnson
July 14th Sue Morgan & Jane Stout
July 21st Hanna Pokhylko & Vira Melenets
July 28th Pat Sharples & Josie Armstrong
Aug 4th Peter Bailey & Nick Brooker
Aug 11th David & Fiona Eltringham
Aug 18th Bonny Bainbridge & Annette Johnson
Aug 25th Jean Hodgson & Sue Morgan
Sept 1st Jane Stout & Josie Armstrong

Coffee

July 7 th	Diane Coles
July 14 th	Catrin Morgan
July 21 st	Jean Hodgson
July 28 th	Annette Johnson
Aug 4 th	Sue Morgan
Aug 11 th	Jeanette Metcalfe
Aug 18 th	Jane Stout
Aug 25 th	Alison Moore
Sept 1 st	Gerry Jennings

Flowers

Christine Dodd
Diane Coles
Nick Brooker
Gerry Jennings
Hillary Moss
Anne Elliott
Lynne Hastie
Sheena Murray
Gerry Jennings

Tech Team

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

Church Cleaning

July – Team C

Carole Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Sarah Nicholson, Nick Brooker

August – Team A

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

September – Team B

Sue Morgan, Fiona Eltringham, Annette Johnson, Hillary Moss

St. Brandon's Church – Grass Cutting Rota 2024

24th June – 7 th July	Simon Elliot, David Jackson
8 th - 21st July	Dave Armstrong, David Eltringham
22nd July – 4 th Aug	Mark Gazzard, Doug Lamb
5th - 18th Aug	Barry Dickinson, Michael Stephenson
19th Aug – 1st Sept	David Wilkes, James Morgan

SUMMER PRAYER SPACE

"Summer's lease hath all too short a date" – William Shakespeare

So, some prayer suggestions for this short season:

- for those on holiday
- for those who, for whatever reason, won't have a holiday
- for those who work in the holiday and hospitality industry
- for summer visitors to our village and our church
- for those who work in our nature reserves
- for students in the summer "in between times"

"May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand" – A Celtic Blessing for Summer

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 9th, 23rd July 2024 at 11:00
Tuesdays 6th, 20th Aug 2024 at 11:00



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

Moving On

Two dozen people gathered in the Village Hall on a June Friday evening to share experiences of the different village groups, and see if there are ways we can encourage each other in 'Moving on'. Every group in the village was invited to send someone along, and most did – just look at the list at the back of the Newsletter to get the idea.

We talked about the good things and the concerns. Some groups are

thriving, others are shrinking; some are attended only by villagers, others have members from outside the village. People appreciate the community spirit in Brancepeth, and there were stories of being



warmly welcomed. The variety and number of activities, the social side, the comprehensive Newsletter, the Village Hall . . . all these were 'Good'.

'Concerns' included financial pressures, overload on some people because of fewer members / leaders, maintaining old buildings, not enough awareness of what's happening, events clashing . . .

Next steps? Better communication between groups to avoid clashes; alerting people to the variety of available venues; creating some kind of 'welcome pack' for people who move into the village; better use of social media (alongside paper!); working together on practical co-ordination. . .

We hope a few people will gather again to 'Move On' these suggestions. Contact Sue Morgan (sueatpeppermires@gmail.com) if you would like to be one of them. (NB this would be a short-term commitment!)

Alison Moore St Brandon's

PCC news

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met via Zoom link (due to a number of members suffering from Covid) on Monday 10th June.

Peter Bailey and Jane Stout were unanimously elected and welcomed as Deanery Synod representatives, having both been proposed, and seconded, by members of the Electoral Roll. They will represent St. Brandon's until 2026. George Rae has agreed to become part of the Fabric and Finance .team

Reports were received from the various committees and teams including one from Anna, who is due to retire at the end of October, outlining plans as we move forward. It is hoped to strengthen our present teams on 'Volunteer Sunday' to be held on 23rd June. Teams highlighted as requiring further volunteers include flower arrangers, Tech team, churchyard maintenance, sidespeople, events, cleaning and newsletter distribution.

Dates confirmed by the Worship team are Harvest Festival on 15th September and Shoebox Sunday on 13th October.

Mike (our treasurer) also noted that a small grant St. Brandon's receive annually has tripled in amount, along with an increase in revenue from the contactless giving machine situated in church. This apparently helps keep us on an 'even keel', but it has to be taken into account that in September 2023 the PCC had to make a difficult decision not to fulfil the full amount of 'Parish Share' for 2024 requested by the Diocese.

The PCC meets again on 16th September.

Carol Beeby, Church Warden

Brancepeth Youth Club

All young people in the Village (and beyond, and their friends) are warmly welcome. The age range is from 11 to 17 years inclusive.

Our final meeting before the summer break is our annual BBQ in the Castle grounds, 6-8pm on Sunday 7 July. The cost is £2 per person.

Leaders

Geoff Moore 07854 696664 durmoores@btinternet.com

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



ACTIVITIES AND STORIES FROM THE BIBLE.

WE GET TOGETHER AFTER THE FIRST HYMN AND REJOIN THE
SERVICE FOR COMMUNION.

The last Sunday school will be on 21st July and will resume on 3rd September although we aim to have activities for children out in church.



SUMMER PICNIC

Sun 7 July 3-5pm

in Brancepeth Castle Courtyard

games** crafts** story** ice cream

please bring your own tea to share

ALL WELCOME - do invite friends too

also...

**Come and visit us at the FAMILY AREA
in the courtyard during the
Castle Craft Fair, 26-28 July**



**ADVANCE NOTICE: NEXT DATE FOR MESSY CHURCH:
Sunday 15 Sept, 3-5pm, when it will be HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL at St. Brandon's
Sunday 15 September 10.15am
more details in next newsletter**



Patrick, Juliette and Martin planting up
the Messy Church summer tub at the
Castle gates

A CHOIR! A VOICE!

Ladies Choir

'Music to Hear'

A Choir! A Voice! was formed in 2010 by Musical Director, Pianist and Singing Teacher Pamela Pritchard and was originally based in Durham before recently relocating to Brancepeth.

On March 23rd 2020 the original large mixed choir, consisting of four smaller choirs, was silenced and all singing ceased. It was difficult to imagine ever singing together again. Happily though the choir reformed as a ladies choir in 2021 and is very excited to be giving its first concert since 'lock down' at St Brandon's Church.

With something for everyone our programme includes a beautiful setting of Shakespeare's Sonnet no 8 'Music to Hear' and pieces, both known and unknown, from the world of Early Music, Opera, Musical Theatre, Jazz, Popular and Spirituals.

Pamela and the choir would love you to join them for an evening of beautiful, inspirational and foot tapping music!



A donation of £200 has been gratefully received from an anonymous donor. A heartfelt thank you! Additionally, a big shout out to the Tai Chi Group for their £250 end-of-year donation. Both contributions will go towards replacing the old and damaged chairs in the village hall committee room. Thank you!

Just a reminder that the Village Hall hosts the following regular activities, many of which continue throughout the summer holidays. For additional contact details, see the back page or visit: www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk

<u>Group/Activity</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Art Group	Tuesday	7-9pm
Badminton	Thursday	7:30-9:30pm
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	10am-12 noon
Capoeira Class	Sunday	10-11:30am
Coffee Morning	Wednesday	10:30-11:30am
Community Choir	Tuesday	7-8pm
Knit & Natter	Monday (fortnightly)	2-4pm
Snooker	Monday	7-10pm
Tai Chi	Wednesday	9:30-10:30am
Yoga	Monday	7:30-9pm
St Brandon's Youth Group	Sunday (fortnightly)	6-8pm



Please use the hall to play **casual snooker, badminton, soft tennis and table tennis** (members only: £5ph racquet games and £7ph snooker). To book, please contact: brancepethca@gmail.com or 07876 624626.



Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

3 rd July	Margot and Christine
10 th July	James and Catherine
17 th July	Martyn and Christine
24 th July	Vivienne and Janiece
31 st July	Val and Catherine
7 th August	Martyn and Christine
14 th August	James and Val
21 st August	Vivienne and Janiece
28 th August	Christine and Catherine

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

Monday, 15th July - 2pm - Golf Club Dining Room

*The speaker this month at the Brancepeth Ladies' Club is Jane Gulliford Lowes, who will be explaining and outlining how she came to research and write her book, *The Horsekeeper's Daughter*, a true story of a 22yr old Seaham girl who went to Australia in 1886 as part of the Single Female Migrant Programme. There will be the usual refreshments and chat afterwards. Do please remember that anyone interested is welcome to join us. £3.50 members / £5.50 guests*

Book Club

Our next meeting will be on **12th 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. **(NB. Date change so as not to clash with the Garden Walkabout)**

Following that we will be meeting on September 20th to read, 'Oh Caledonia', by Elspeth Barker. We meet at the home of Linda & Colin Waterman, 58 High West Road, Crook. DL15 9NT

All welcome

Val Gibbons

SUNDAY JULY 21st at 6.00 – BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EVENSONG WITH *COLLA VOCE*

Colla Voce began life in 2010 as *Cantoris*, a choir founded by the late Stephen Pettitt when he retired from teaching at the King's School, Tynemouth. Revd Chris Clinch became our musical director of the renamed choir in 2015. Chris was ordained in following a career as a music teacher, has since served in parish ministry and school chaplaincy, and now works as a hospital chaplain in the Northumbria Healthcare Service. The choir is an *ad hoc* group, rehearsing for short and intense periods only when a performance is in prospect. As well as giving concerts for charity, the choir has sung services in many churches and cathedrals – Carlisle, Derby, Leicester and most recently Lincoln. It has also sung in Westminster Abbey, Beverly Minster and St George's Chapel, Windsor. Our accompanist, Malcolm Soulsby, is a church musician of long standing, working as organist at Christ Church, North Shields, St Mary's, Willington Quay, and at the Church of the Holy Saviour, Tynemouth.

The St Brandon Evensong will include a choral introit, a sung psalm, a full choral setting of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* as well as a choral Lesser Litany and Collects. There will also be congregational hymns, so come prepared to sing as well as to worship as you listen.



Colla Voce at Beverley Minster, July 2023.

Revd Chris Clinch [*Musical Director*] back row, far right:
Malcolm Soulsby [*Accompanist*] middle row, third from right.

John Pearce [Bass]

Beautiful Brancepeth at its Best

On 15th July, we will be visited by the *Northumbria in Bloom* Judges and on 20th July by the public coming to see some of our beautiful gardens in the *National Gardens Scheme*.

Your help will be very much appreciated to let them see Brancepeth at its best by giving an hour or two of your time on the

Village Tidy Up Days

From 10.00 Saturday 6th July and 10.00 Saturday 13th July

Meeting places are the Castle Gates and
the Red Bench on Wolsingham Road.

Cake and Non Alcoholic Refreshments will be provided at both locations

For further information, please contact Michael Stephenson
(details at the back of the Parish Newsletter)

Thank you MS

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

We have 12 gardens willing to open for the National Open Gardens Scheme in the Village on 20th July together with the allotments. We have Northumbrian Pipers coming to play and a Bee Keeping Demonstration to be set up in the allotments for the day. If there is any other gardener who would like to join in please let Alison, gfamyoun@gmail.com, know. Helpers for catering are requested to contact Jo Dalton.

Alison Young

BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GARDEN WALKABOUT FOXES ROW

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) and from Committee members

20 July 2024
SCHEME

VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN FOR THE NATIONAL GARDENS

11 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Refreshments in the Village Hall

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 mid-August. The show will be open for viewing from 2.30-3.30 p.m. This year we hope would like to encourage as many villagers as possible to get involved by entering an exhibit in one or more of the classes on the show schedule, especially those who have never entered anything before.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024 2.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

We have arranged for Mala Janes to come and give us an illustrated talk on Woodland Plants Mala is a member of the Alpine Garden Society. She is a very knowledgeable gardener and a keen grower of alpine and woodland plants.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Some items from the last Parish Council Meeting:

Brancepeth in Bloom

The PC received further updates from Richard Jackson. To ensure that we are looking our best for the judges, Councillor Stephenson is working with Richard to plan the Village Clean-ups scheduled for two Saturdays: 6th & 13th July. Please check the newsletter, website and the noticeboard for any updates. The council also noted the possible need for supporting the Bloom initiative with further funding.

State of the village:

We noted the continuing problems with litter and fly tipping in the parish. Our Clerk reminded us of the need for villagers to report any incidents (even if they helpfully clean them up themselves) to Durham County Council (DCC) so that the DCC is aware of the issue. We are liaising with the DCC over signage and other deterrents.

We are also chasing the DCC re the need to repair and/or clear footpaths in the village, especially where the tarmac is broken along The Village itself and where some tree roots are still to be addressed on Wolsingham Road. Councillor Stevenson was going to provide some photographic evidence.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The PC agreed to appoint a specialist planning consultant with extensive experience of neighbourhood plans in the North East. She will begin work soon on enhancing the existing draft plan. We shall keep you informed of progress. Grant funding for this appointment is available centrally so should not impinge on the PC's finances.

Communications and community engagement:

Following the 'Moving On' event on 14th of June, members of the PC who attended noted the challenge of coordinating communication about events and activities across the parish. The PC resolved to explore options for improving this, including possible greater funding of the parish newsletter

to incorporate more clearly defined and better presented wider parish news alongside the comprehensive information from the church. This was in response to stakeholder comments regarding the (mistaken) perception that the newsletter was just about religious affairs. There was also a debate about the extent to which the PC website can be enhanced and whether or not the PC should be involved in more social media activity. Discussions are ongoing.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:

Monday 15th of July 2024 7:30 pm in the Village Hall

Members of the public are very welcome to attend but it would be helpful if you could let our Clerk know in advance so we can manage seating.

Kirsty Charlton is available at: clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk

Website:

Don't forget that updates and full details of PC meeting agendas and minutes can be found on our website:

www.brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk

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

Dates for the Diary:-

July/Aug	Mondays	-	Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall
July/Aug	Mondays	-	Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall
July/Aug	Monday	-	Knit and Natter, 10th & 24th Village Hall, 2-4 pm.
July/Aug	Tuesdays	-	Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal
July/Aug	Wednesdays	-	Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall
July/Aug	Wednesdays	-	Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am
July/Aug	Thursdays	-	Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall
July/Aug	Thursdays	-	Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall
July/Aug	Sundays	-	Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall
July/Aug	Sundays	-	Youth Club, 7th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, BBQ Castle grounds
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm			

Jun	29th	Sat	The Durham Singers, 7.30pm, Church
July	7th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm-5.00pm, Picnic, Castle Courtyard
July	12th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 14 Sunderland Bridge, DH6 5HD
July	12th	Fri	Music to Hear, 7.30pm, church
July	15th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
July	15th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
July	20th	Sat	NGS Open Gardens Event, village, 11.00am-4.30pm
July	21st	Sun	Colla Voce Evensong, 6.00pm, church
July	26th-28th Fri-Sun Craft Fair Castle.		
Sept	8th	Sun	Come & Sing, Choral Evensong, 5.00pm (tea 4.15pm)
Sept	14th	Sat	Garden Club Autumn Show, Village Hall
Sept	15th	Sun	Messy Church Harvest Festival, 3.00pm -5.00pm
Sept	16th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sept	16th	Mon	Parochial Church Council, 7.30pm, church
Sept	20th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 58 High West Rd, Crook, DL15 9NT
Sept	22nd	Sun	Champagne Tea, Village Hall

Photos

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Brancepeth Community Association - Management Committee

Martyn Jones	<i>Chairman</i>	Val Gibbons	<i>Subscriptions</i>
	<i>Vice chairman</i>	Geraldine Jennings	<i>Garden Club</i>
Jo Dalton	<i>Secretary, Website</i>	Jean Merrington	
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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)
Social Secretary	Josie Armstrong, jo.arm@me.com / 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)
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Come and Sing
Choral Evensong
for Accession Day
at St Brandon's

Sun 8th September, 5pm
tea served from 4:15pm

***Everyone is welcome to join in
this **Come and Sing** event***

Rehearsal for singers begins 1pm in church

All are invited – no previous experience

needed. **More details from Richard Gooding:**

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