

# Brancepeth Parish Newsletter



**June 2025**

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Come and join the fun with crafts and stories from the bible.

We get together after the first hymn and rejoin the service for Communion.

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Sunday 8th June 3-5pm

Bring a picnic tea and a blanket to sit on

games\*\*songs\*\*news\*\*fun\*\*trails

If the weather is good we hope to meet outside the Castle,  
but if the weather is rainy we will picnic in church!

## Parochial Church Council

Priest in Charge	currently in vacancy	
Associate Minister	Rev'd. Alison Hobbs (0191 3789670) <a href="mailto:alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk">alison@brancepethcastle.org.uk</a>	
Church Wardens:	Mike Higton	(0191 5974675)
	Carol Beeby	(0191 3847431), (07592 975002)
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	Peter Bailey	(0781772896)

### Other members:-

Janette Foxe (07587 225 200) Kenneth Howe (07710098705, 0191 3840589)  
Alison Moore (0191 373 5674), Catrin Morgan (0191 4476520) Hannah Pokhylko (07392958934)

Lay Reader	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
Prayer Team	Alison Hobbs (01913789670), Alison Moore (0191 373 5674).
Sunday School	Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Messy Church	Carol Beeby (0191 3847431), (07592 975002)
Organist	
Village Choir	Martyn Jones (0191 3789297)
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Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (0191 3781871)
Churchyard	Edward Staines (0191 3780858)
Youth Club	Geoff Moore (07854 696664) Martin Peacock (07503242074)
Worship Team	Carol Beeby, Janette Foxe, Hester Higton, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Alison Moore, Geoff Moore, Martin Peacock.
AdminTeam	Carol Beeby, Janette Foxe, Sue Morgan, Gillian Smellie.
PMC Team:	Alison Hobbs (ex officio), Alison Moore, James Morgan, Sue Morgan, Jane Stout, Colin Waterman.
Fabric:	Mike Higton (chair), James Morgan, Rev'd Alison Hobbs, Tom Hobbs, Steve Hodgson, Edward Staines, George Rae.
Website	<a href="http://www.stbrandon.org.uk">www.stbrandon.org.uk</a>

***Newsletter entries no later than June 18th please.***

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

If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please contact Hester Higton on [hesterhigton@phonecoop.coop](mailto:hesterhigton@phonecoop.coop).

# Brancepeth Youth Club

June - July 2025

***The Youth Club is an Open Club run by the Church, and 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 at 6-8pm, although we may finish earlier when numbers are low. The dates for the rest of this term are:

June 1, 15, 29

July 13 (BBQ in the Castle grounds)

## *Leaders*

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

Martin Peacock                      07503 242074

## **Book Club**

Our next meeting will take place on 6th June in the afternoon at 2.30pm. We will meet at the home of Linda and Colin Waterman, 58 High West Road, Crook. DL15 9NT to discuss 'The Murder Room', by PD James.

The following meeting will be on 11th July at 2.30pm. We will meet at the home of Suzanne Bradley, 38 Albert Street, Durham. DH1 4RJ. Please bring suggestions for future reading.

All welcome                      Val Gibbons.

*Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June - 2.00pm*

*The National Trust in Northumberland*

Phil Burton, who gave us 'A House Built on Love and Chocolate' returns to talk about properties in Northumberland hoping to tempt us to visit some of them over the summer.

Usual refreshments and a chance to have a chat afterwards £4.50 for members and £6.50 visitors.

NB Tam Mayor is the speaker for 21<sup>st</sup> July. She is catchment Manager for The River Wear's Trust and will outline efforts and volunteering work to improve the quality of our local rivers.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Parish council membership

Following the local elections at the beginning of May, and the decision of councillor Balshen to take a well-earned break after four years sterling service, most of them as Chair (thank you, Hassall!), it looks like there will be at least one vacancy on the PC. Please do not hesitate to contact our Clerk or have a chat with any of the current councillors or, indeed, pop down to the next PC meeting and observe us in action (!) if you are interested in taking on this role.

### County councillors

Speaking of changes to local governance, we were pleased to welcome our two new Durham county councillors to the last PC meeting: Cathy Hunt and Emma Hunt. They explained their new roles in the DCC cabinet, and, in turn, we were able to update them on some of the issues facing our parishioners. On two of these, the state of the A690 and poor mobile/internet reception (see below), Cathy and Emma promised to see if they could help us via their contacts at the county level and by using their knowledge of actions in other parishes.

### State of the village

We have commissioned a tree survey for the allotment site, and it has confirmed that there is one old, dead tree that will need to be felled for safety reasons, along with a further tree that requires limb removal – work should start once planning permission has been sought.

You may have noticed the efforts of councillor Davison and Karen Davison in painting and cleaning the red benches in the village – thanks Phil and Karen!

Also, as part of the Beautiful Brancepeth initiative, we are looking to get bigger planters with more evergreen plants to replace some of those currently being looked after by villagers.

Another issue is the condition of the A690 – we are pleased to report that the County Council have repaired the potholes at the crossroads; and we are now exploring the possibility, in the longer term, of the DCC replacing stretches of the road surface to see if that could reduce traffic noise.

### Mobile phone survey

We have received several responses from network operators following letters we sent them which included the data from the survey; however, these are rather disappointing in terms of any commitment to resolve the problem or, in some cases, even recognising that there is a problem! We are trying to take this further and will keep you informed. Meanwhile, we urge you as individual phone users to raise the issue of the poor signal with your own providers: apparently these firms tend to respond if threatened with enough requests for refunds on peoples' bills due to not meeting their full commitments to customers!

## Proposed housing estate at Red Barns, Brandon

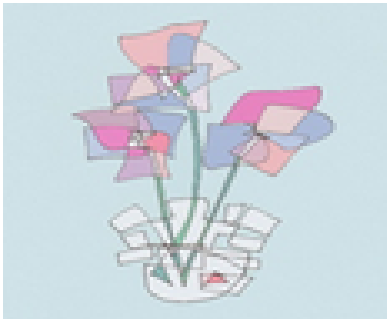
The PC is minded to comment formally on this in due course, but we are waiting to see how various parties respond to the proposal, including the DCC highways department regarding road safety and the GP surgery regarding access. The development will entail a protracted application process, so it appears we have a fair amount of time to formulate a response.

## Date of next Parish Council meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025** at 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:

[clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk)

## **Beautiful Brancepeth**



Like last year, Brancepeth Village is entering the Northumbria in Bloom (NiB) competition and ahead of the judges visit on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** we are organising another **Village Tidy Up Day** on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. If you can spare an hour or more! to litter pick, weed paths or plant up tubs etc, please meet at the Village Hall at 9.30. Refreshments

will be available at 11.30am at 1 The Forge.

Brancepeth Village always looks wonderful, let's make it look extra special ahead of NiB judges visit and more importantly for ourselves and visitors to enjoy this summer !

Thank you

Karen

## **BRANCEPETH GARDEN CLUB**

### **ANNUAL GARDEN WALKABOUT – FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025**

The annual garden walkabout takes place this year on Friday 4 July 2025 and visits gardens in North Goodwell Lea. Meet at either the Castle Gates or the corner of Foxes Row at 6.00 p.m. The walkabout will be followed by supper in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. prompt. A plan of the gardens we are visiting will be supplied.

Ticket prices are:

Members Walkabout and Dine	£16.00
Non-members Walkabout and Dine	£17.50
Members Walkabout only	Free
Non-members Walkabout only	£5.00

Tickets are available from Alison Young, Email [gfamyong@gmail.com](mailto:gfamyong@gmail.com)

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**AUTUMN SHOW: SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Further details in July/August Newsletter

### **The Garden Club Trip to Newby Hall**



Garden Club members enjoyed a visit to Newby Hall near Ripon on Saturday 17th May, spending the day looking round the magnificent gardens which are privately owned and have the National Collection of Cornus which had motivated the Chelsea Flower Show organisers to invite the Newby Garden team to do a show garden there this year for the first time, which is a great honour.

The recently restored rock garden was a highlight with

water features, unusual plants and shrubs and a stunning layout. Despite the drought all the planting looked wonderful in the spring sunshine where formal and informal planting was just joyful.



**Winners of the children's section of the Spring Show**

## From the Archive this month



An early nineteenth century wine bottle with the seal of Brancepeth Castle. At this time, it was customary for large houses to have their own bottles which were refilled at the wine merchants.

In the 1970s a large stock of these magnum bottles, still containing Cockburn's port, were offered for sale at Christies by Lord Boyne. Two were opened for tasting, one with the touch of death and the other faded but which recovered its breath and opened up fragrantly.

This is just one of the items which can be seen in the Archive Room in Brancepeth Castle. Open on the first Saturday in every month 9am-1pm.

## Art Exhibition in the Village Hall



Brancepeth Art Club and The Little Green Hut, based in East Hedleyhope, joined together to display their art work on Saturday 10th May in the Village Hall. Art from the estates of two local ladies were also on display and for sale. About 70 visitors enjoyed the displays and consumed excellent cakes and coffee generously donated and served by local volunteers raising over £300 for the Village Hall.

A number of paintings were sold and the public were enthusiastic in their praise for the efforts of our local amateurs.



## **Some thoughts from Rev Alison Hobbs:**

May and June, the fairest of months and traditional favourites for brides – but no church bells will ring out newly-weds from St Brandon's.

St Brandon's has had fewer requests for church marriages year on year for the last decade or two, and none booked between last summer and July 2026. When I started as a curate in 2012 with Rick, the number of weddings per year created a significant workload, and it seemed reasonable that the Church of England's laws prevented free-for-all. A regulation called a 'Qualifying Connection' requires one of the couple to 'belong' to the church they want to marry in, having lived in the parish, or joined the church family through worship, baptism, etc. This was intended to prevent 'pretty churches' being inundated, and less glamorous ones beleaguered. Sensible in its day, perhaps.

Couples nowadays want to own their own weddings, it is no longer for parents and vicars to organise and provide. Couples want the day to express who they are, and what they value. Within that 'valuing', is often a desire for 'something' that has a deeper meaning and connection than celebration and sentiment can provide. 'Something' they find hard to nail if they have no faith language, yet can recognise it when they see it, if they get opportunity to look without pressure.

The pressure starts when they compare their options: Civil marriages can be in exotic and beautiful locations, and highly attractive. The pressure increases when the couple assume – wrongly – that only baptised and/or church-goers can have a church marriage service: everyone has the right to be married in their parish church. If circumstances mean they look beyond their parish, the pressure crushes them the moment the vicar explains the Qualifying Connection: unless they can fulfil the narrow criterion, they feel, and are, rejected. Do we really need such strong filters still? In an age where fewer have an active faith, fewer have basic understanding of religious practices, fewer are going into or surviving marriage, do we need to be so off-putting to couples seeking a blessing on their marriage?

A favoured compromise, is a civil marriage followed by a service of blessing, as it is popularly known – except it isn't called that, its proper title is, '*A service of Dedication following a Civil Marriage*', and is as joyous as the title suggests. By way of illustration, compare the two collects. For a marriage service, we pray: '*God our Father, from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life. Pour out your blessings upon N and N, that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship, in holiness and commitment to each other. Amen*'. For a 'blessing' service, we pray: '*God our Father, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law. Grant to your servants that, loving one another, they may continue in your love until their lives' end. Amen*'.

Surely, we can do better than this when our mission is to reach those beyond the church, helping them find and know God to be a loving, inclusive, faithful fount for life-long relationship.

## St Brandon's June 2025 – 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 for those services which are livestreamed (shown by \* below), or to view the recording later, at <https://www.facebook.com/StBrandons>*

<b>Sun 1st June</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
Readings	First	Linda Waterman	Acts 16: 16-34
	Gospel	James Morgan	John 17: 20-end
	Psalm		97
Intercessions		Alison Hobbs	
<b>*Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
Readings	First	Colin Waterman	Acts 2: 1-21
	Gospel	Wilfred Foxe	John 14: 8-27
	Psalm		104: 26-36, 37b
Intercessions		Edward Staines	
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
Readings	First	Jeanette Foxe	Romans 5: 1-5
	Gospel	Kenneth Howe	John 16: 12-15
	Psalm		8
Intercessions		Hester Higton	
<b>*Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
Readings	First	Carys Funnell	Galatians 3: 23-end
	Gospel	Steve Hodgson	Luke 8: 26-39
	Psalm		22: 19-28
Intercessions		Geoff Moore	

<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
Readings	First	Jane Stout	Galatian 5: 1, 13-25
	Gospel	Judith Minto	Luke 9: 51-end
	Psalm		16
Intercessions		Colin Waterman	
<b>*Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
	First	Jean Hodgson	Galatians 6: 1- 16
	Gospel	Mike Higton	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
	Psalm		66: 1-8
Intercessions			

### Sidespersons

June 1<sup>st</sup> Jean Hodgson & Jane Stout  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> Pauline Caygill & Josie Armstrong  
 June 15<sup>th</sup> Steve Hodgson & Annette Johnson  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> Diane & Gordon Cassap  
 June 28<sup>th</sup> Peter Bailey & Bonny Bainbridge  
 July 6<sup>th</sup> Hanna Pokhylko & Vira Melenets

### Coffee

June 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Moore  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> Jean Hodgson  
 June 15<sup>th</sup> Geraldine Jennings  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> Catrin Morgan  
 June 28<sup>th</sup> Annette Johnson  
 July 6<sup>th</sup> Diane Coles

### Flowers

Hillary Moss  
 Hillary Moss  
 Jean Hodgson  
 Diane Coles  
 Joan Taylor  
 Christine Dodd

### Tech Team

Mike & Hester  
 Peter  
 Geoff & Alison

### Church Cleaning

*May – Team A*

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

*June – Team B*

Sue Morgan, Hillary Moss, Annette Johnson, Diane Cassap

## Churchyard Mowing Rota

To 8th June

James Morgan / David Wilkes

9th- 22nd June

David Jackson / David Armstrong

23rd June - 6th July

Stephen Hodgson / Geoff Harrison

### Prayer Space June 2025

#### *Thoughts about Light. . .*

. . .*from nature* - June is the month of long **daylight**, which lifts our spirits

. . .*from poetry* - '**morning**, at the brown brink eastward, springs'

. . .*from figures of speech* - 'that sheds **light** on the matter' - 'he's in the **spotlight**' - 'she **lights up** the room'

. . .*from the Bible* - Jesus said 'I am the **light** of the world'

. . .*for others and ourselves* - '**Lighten** our darkness, Lord we pray'

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.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 11:00

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at 11:00



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

# Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall



4<sup>th</sup> June

James and Vivienne

11<sup>th</sup> June

Margot and Val

18<sup>th</sup> June

Martyn and Christine

25<sup>th</sup> June

Vivienne and Janiece

2<sup>nd</sup> July

Rosemary and James

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

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## Do you have a Children's Society Box?

It is time to open the boxes again. If you have a Children's Society Box please could you return it for opening by 15 June 2025. Please either:

- Bring your box to church on Sunday, if I am not in church please ask for it to be put safely in the vestry and I will pick it up during the week.
- Return it directly to me if you are passing (Morley Farm, DH7 8DS) if I am not in please leave in the outbuilding in the courtyard with the sign "Dad's Shed" on the door.
- If you are unable to deliver your box and need it to be picked up from yourself please call me on 07786 951524 or email [gillian@smellie.com](mailto:gillian@smellie.com)

If you don't have a collection box for your spare change and would like one please let me know and I can arrange one for you.

*Gillian Smellie*

# EVENSONG

Saturday, 7th June at 4pm

Conducted by a friendly informal group of (mainly elderly) singers who like to sing Evensong, village style (as opposed to Choral / Cathedral style), at a range of village churches throughout Durham, and will come to St Brandon's on this, the eve of Pentecost. Everyone welcome to attend and enjoy the simple service.

Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers in Brancepeth

Evensong – Sunday 22 June, 6 pm, St Brandon's Church

Come and hear the cathedral's top-notch volunteer choir at a special evensong in Brancepeth. The choir will sing music by Edward Bairstow, Francis Grier, George Dyson and John Stainer.

A great opportunity to enjoy a peaceful evening of choral music in a beautiful setting!



## Durham Singers Concert Saturday 5th July, 7.30pm

### Only In Sleep

*The Durham Singers present a concert exploring composers' responses to the idea of sleep. The programme features works ranging from Lucy Walker's beautiful setting of the office of Complaine to Parry's Songs of Farewell.*

*We hope you will come along to enjoy this poignant and peaceful musical landscape at twilight.*

*Tickets from [www.ticket-source.co.uk](http://www.ticket-source.co.uk) or choir members.*

### A date for your diary

Pamela Pritchard and her Ladies Choir will be returning on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July for their second concert at St Brandon's . I'm sure we all remember what a superbly entertaining evening the ladies gave us last year. More details in next month's newsletter.

## Dates for the Diary:-

June Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
June Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
June Monday - Knit and Natter, 9th, 23rd, Village Hall, 2-4pm.  
June Tuesdays - Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal  
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, 1st, 15th & 29th, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall  
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

June	4th	Sat	Evensong, 4.00pm, Church
June	6th	Fri	Book Club, 2.30pm, 58 High West Road, Crook
June	8th	Sun	Messy Church Picnic, 3.00pm -5.00pm
June	16th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
June	16th	Mon	Ladies Group, 2.00pm, Golf Club
June	21st	Sat	Village Tidy Up Day, 9.30am, Village Hall
June	22nd	Sun	Durham Cathedral Consort Singers, Evensong, 6.00pm, Church
June	24th	Tues	Northumbria in Bloom judging day
July	4th	Fri	Garden Walkabout, 6.00pm, Castle Gates
July	5th	Sat	Durham Singers Concert, 7.30pm, Church
July	11th	Fri	Book Club, 2.30pm, 38 Albert Street, Durham. DH1 4RJ
July	18th	Fri	Ladies Choir.
Aug	9th	Sat	Vintage & Classic Sports Car Day, Brancepeth Village
Sept	13th	Sat	Garden Club Autumn Show

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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	
	<i>&amp; Bookings</i>	Josie Armstrong	<i>Social Secretary</i>
Val Gibbons	<i>Treasurer</i>		<i>Church Representative</i>

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## **Parish Activities**

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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, Richard Hobbs, Liz Burdess <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**

Thomas Hobbs, Chair: email: [tom.rhobbs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tom.rhobbs@hotmail.co.uk)  
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Parish Clerk                      Kirsty Charlton [clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk)

**County Councillors: Cathy Hunt**

**Emma Hunt**

[www.brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk](http://www.brancepeth-parish-council.org.uk)

# CHARITY WALK

THE 37 MILE COASTAL CHALLENGE



Brancepeth Castle Golf Club's Tony Myers & Men's Captain David Morgan are taking on the Ultra 37 mile Coastal Challenge to raise money for St Cuthbert's Hospice.



DATE

**7 JUNE 2025**



DISTANCE

**37 MILES**

STARTING AT

**BUDLE BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND**

HOW YOU CAN DONATE

Every penny raised will help St Cuthbert's Hospice care for many people who need them, now and in the future



Donate Now



Tony Myers & David Morgan fundraiser for St Cuthbert's Hospice

[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)

*The Durham Singers*

# ONLY IN SLEEP

**PARRY**

Songs of Farewell

**WALKER**

A Service of Compline

**CONDUCTORS**

Tom Edney & David M. Harris

Saturday 5 July 2025

7.30pm

St Brandon's Church

Brancepeth

Durham

*Tickets* £15

*Students* £10

*Under 16s* free

*Available from choir members*

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/durhamsingers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/durhamsingers)

*Further information* [www.durham-singers.org](http://www.durham-singers.org)

