

# Brancepeth Parish

## Newsletter



**Rev'd Dr Ros Lane, our new incumbent at St Brandon's**

## April 2026

Also online at [www.stbrandon.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.stbrandon.org.uk/newsletter)

## Activities for Children over Easter

### *Palm Sunday 29th March* *10am*



Meet at the crossroads to walk down to Church singing and making a loud noise, to commemorate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Join us at Sunday school to hear the story and join in making

arts and crafts.

### *Messy Church on Palm Sunday* *29th March 3 -5pm*



Come and join in the fun with a story, singing, games, trails, news and, of course, tea. Our theme is Journeys. Children remember to bring your adult!

All welcome!

### *The meaning of Easter on Good Friday* *3rd April 10.15am*



Short and interactive service followed by seasonal refreshments.

All welcome!

### *Easter Morning* *Sunday 5th April at 10.15am*



Family Eucharist service with children activities and Easter Eggs

Sunday school will resume on Sunday 19th April after Easter

## 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 (07592 975002)
Secretary	Colin Waterman (07713637128) <a href="mailto:colinwaterman069@gmail.com">colinwaterman069@gmail.com</a> )
Treasurer	Vickie Jackson (0191 3783581) <a href="mailto:treasr@stbrandon.org.uk">treasr@stbrandon.org.uk</a>
Deanery Synod	Jane Stout (0191 3860618) 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 (07592 975002)
Organist	Peter Downey
Village Choir	Martyn Jones (0191 3789297)
Sacristans	Carol Beeby (0191 3847431), Valeria Dietz, Pat Sharples.
Safeguarding Officer	Geoff Moore (07854 696664)
Church Hire coordinator	Janette Foxe <a href="mailto:events@stbrandon.org.uk">events@stbrandon.org.uk</a> .
Electoral Roll Officer	Jean Hodgson ( <a href="mailto:jean.hodgson33@gmail.com">jean.hodgson33@gmail.com</a> )
Flower Guild	Lynne Hastie (0191 3781871)
Churchyard	Edward Staines (0191 3902304 or 07729855076)
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 April 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).

## A new appointment at St Brandon's

In early March, seventeen months after the retirement of Anna Brooker, the congregation at St Brandon's heard the happy news that a new 'incumbent' (that is, in effect, a new vicar) had been appointed: the Revd Dr Ros Lane. The post had been advertised four times over those months, and there had been three interview processes, so it was both a relief and a delight that everything had finally come together. Ros's licensing (the service where she formally takes up her role as incumbent) will be on 30<sup>th</sup> June, and we'll share more details about that soon, but for now Ros has written to introduce herself:

I am very much looking forward to being with you in Brancepeth after a successful appointment process. Let me introduce myself.

My name is Rosalind Lane, Ros for preference. I am coming to you from the Diocese of Ely where I have lived and worked for the past seventeen years. I was ordained in the Diocese of Wakefield in 1995 and served my title at St Peter's Huddersfield and All Saint's Paddock, a local ecumenical partnership. Whilst serving there I was asked if I would like to become assistant chaplain at HMYOI New Hall, a local women's prison nearby in Wakefield. Having been a volunteer at HMP Frankland whilst a student, this was where my call to ordination originated from. The late 1980s was a difficult time for women in the Church as the priesthood was not open to them but, with the vote passed in the General Synod in 1992, I was able to begin training at Westcott House in Cambridge in 1993. After my curacy, I was called into full time prison ministry until 2012. During this time I completed my doctoral studies and was awarded my Doctorate on Practical Theology called 'Imprisoned Grief'. I also trained as a psychotherapist and received specialist training in working in forensic psychiatry. I come to you with a background more recently of working in school chaplaincy and NHS chaplaincy. I will be bringing my daughter Sophia and son Richard with me to Brancepeth as well as our cat Amethyst.

I am really looking forward to being amongst you and getting to know you.

We are excited about Ros's appointment, and look forward to welcoming her to the church and the village.

Mike Higton and Carol Beeby, Churchwardens

## Consecration of the Venerable Rick Simpson as Bishop of Durham

The consecration of the Venerable Rick Simpson, former priest-in-charge of St Brandon's Brancepeth, will take place on Thursday 30 April at 11.00am at York Minster.

Rick will be installed as Bishop of Durham later in the year, at a service in Durham Cathedral, on Sunday 7 June.

Consecration is the service which marks Rick becoming a Bishop in the Church of England, and the installation (sometimes known as enthronement) marks the beginning of his public ministry as Bishop in the Diocese of Durham at which he is welcomed by the diocese and its cathedral.

Both of these joyful events are public services of worship that mark the beginning of Rick's ministry as Bishop of Durham and you are very welcome to attend to support Rick as he takes up his new role.

If you wish to attend the consecration in York Minster, please simply arrive in good time and you will be directed to the seating area for the service.

Further details of the installation in Durham Cathedral will be made available closer to the time.

# EASTER AT ST BRANDON'S

## St Brandon's April 2026 – 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>7.30pm Thu 2 April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Eucharist &amp; Foot Washing, followed by Vigil</b>	
Readings	First	Jean Hodgson	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
	Gospel	Alison Moore	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Intercessions as set in service booklet			
<b>10.15am Fri 3 April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>The Meaning of Easter</b>	
Readings and story narration: Martin Peacock			
<b>1.30pm Fri 3 April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Prayers at the cross with reserve sacrament</b>	
Readings	First	Wilfred Foxe	Hebrew 10:16-25
	Gospel	Edward Staines	John 18:1-end of 19
	Psalm		Psalm 22
Intercessions as set in service booklet			
<b>5.30am Sun 5 April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>Dawn Vigil with Eucharist</b>	
Readings	As advised		
	Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10	

<b>10.15am Sun 5 April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
Readings	First	Colin Waterman	Acts 34-43
	Gospel	Gillian Smellie	John 20:1-18
	Psalm		118:1-2, 14-24
Intercessions		Martin Peacock	
<b>Sunday 12th April</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
Readings	First	Timothy Elliot	Acts 2:14a. 22-32
	Gospel	Sue Morgan	John 20:19-end
	Psalm		16
Intercessions		Alison Moore	
<b>Sunday 19th April</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
Readings	First	Helen Elliot	Acts 2:14a. 36-41
	Gospel	Mike Higton	Luke 24:13-35
	Psalm		116:1-3. 10-end
Intercessions		Edward Staines	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	
	First	Linda Waterman	Acts 2:42-end
	Gospel	James Morgan	John 10:1-10
	Psalm		23
Intercessions		Colin Waterman	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Morning Worship with Baptism</b>	
	First	Janette Foxe	Acts 7:55-end
	Gospel	Kenneth Howe	John 14:1-14
Intercessions		Hester Higton	

## Sidespersons

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> (Maundy Thursday 7.30pm) Sue Morgan  
Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> (Good Friday 1.30pm) Sue Morgan  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup> (Dawn Vigil 5.30am)  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Vera Melenets & Hanna Pokhylko  
Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Annette Johnson & Josie Armstrong  
Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Diane & Gordon Cassap  
Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Jean & Steve Hodgson  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Sharples & Richard Fenwick

## Flowers

Easter Sunday - Guild  
Lynne Hastie (Wedding)  
Eileen Crawford  
Meg Dewhirst  
Diane Coles

## Church Cleaning

*April – Team C*

Carol Beeby, Vickie Jackson, Janette Foxe, Gillian Smellie

*May – Team A*

Alison Moore, Anne Elliott, Pat Sharples, Jane Stout

## Coffee

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> (Maundy Thursday)

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Sue Morgan

Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Jeanette Metcalfe

Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Alison Moore

Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Annette Johnson

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Hodgson

## Tech Team

Peter

Geoff & Alison

Hester & Mike

Peter

## Churchyard Mowing Rota 2026

- 26<sup>th</sup> April Martin Peacock, Edward Staines, Michael Lowe

27<sup>th</sup> April - 9<sup>th</sup> May David Jackson, David Armstrong

## **FLOWER GUILD - DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS**

Donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers would be greatly appreciated as we would like to make the church look as beautiful as possible with our limited funds. The envelopes in church can be delivered to any of the following Guild members or put in the church post box (near the visitor's book). Thank you for your continued support.

Jessie Brown: Kirkstone, The Forge

Christine Jones: 32 Goodwell Lea

Hillary Moss: 1 Stockley Grove

Lynne Hastie: 26 Goodwell Lea

## APRIL PRAYER SPACE

*Spring is sprung, Buds have burst, Christ is crucified, darkness descends; death defeated: He is risen indeed! - Risen and Radiant. So starts this month of sun and rain, of pain and joy, and, as the month progresses, so does the certainty that summer is around the corner; that there is an unquenchable joy in the very air we are offered, so drink deep and breath big!*

Life is full of contradictions and surprises: Where have you been surprised by new life emerging recently? Where have you found joy in the midst of, and despite, very real challenge?

**Pray for more of this gift of 'joy-despite' for those that most need it:** those in great hardship, those overwhelmed, those hurting, those without hope, those who feel overlooked in love.

**Pray for the signs of new life:** pray this in solidarity of hope-despite for the war-torn; pray for expectant mothers and for those dealing with emergence from grief; for farmers and land stewards big and small (that includes the window box gardeners).

**Pray for resurrection in your own life:** perhaps a recovery in health or a renewal of a relationship; fresh energy for something that takes you out of yourself and fresh energy for your interior life with Christ.

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.

**Wednesday \*15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 12:00**

**Wednesday \*\*6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 12:00**



*2 services each month, note: \*3-week gap \*\*1-week gap*

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

*Rev Alison, St Brandon's Church*

## World Day of Prayer service in St Brandon's

'World days' of this or that sometimes make the news, often because they are obscure or slightly odd. A World Day of Prayer might seem odd too, and it is indeed unusual. Firstly, this Day is actually marked in countries all around the world. So when a mixed group from DH7 met in St Brandon's this year, (it's always on the first Friday in March), it was quite spine-tingling to know that we were part of a sort of 24 hour relay, and that the exact same service had already been shared in some countries and would move on to others later in the day. Secondly, this is not just about words – the vision is 'Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action'. Any money raised is used towards responsible action. And thirdly, WDP is unusual because it's a global ecumenical movement, and organised by lay people. Each year, the service is created by women from a different country.

This year's service was created by women in Nigeria, with the theme 'I will give you rest', from Jesus' saying, 'Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest'. We heard the stories of three Nigerian women who are really burdened with poverty, violence, oppression, shame, bereavement, and yet find 'rest' and strength through the presence and power of God. It was inspiring to hear their words. The prayers were honest and strong, about injustice and hope.

Thanks to Alison Hobbs and the DH7 group who made it happen here.

Alison Moore

## PCC news

**PCC met on Monday 16th April in church with two members offering their apologies.**

**It was a full agenda requiring approval of the Annual Church report 2025, annual accounts 2025 and the terms of reference and policies, which had been updated by Standing Committee in February. This was all in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which is to be held in church on Sunday 26th April at 11.30pm. We were reminded that there are some vacancies on the PCC and to encourage anyone who is interested to talk to a PCC member.**

**Those present approved the funding of new light bulbs in church (80 in total) and a new switching system which will mean the corolla over the altar will work again. The funding for the reinforcement of some of the benches and chairs was also approved.**

**The Partnership Core Group (formerly PMC) are organising an event on St. Brandon's Day on 17th May.**

**Carol Beeby Churchwarden**

**SOUP**

**SANDWICH &**

**SWEET LUNCH**

**ALL WELCOME**



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
2026**

**from 12.00 midday  
in St Brandons  
Church**

**in aid of the Church**

**£10**

Contact - Diane Coles 07754958341  
([diane.coles@icloud.com](mailto:diane.coles@icloud.com)) or list in  
Church for signing up to event

## **THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

The annual review of St.Brandon's Electoral Roll is now due, and the up to date numbers of the Roll will be reported to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

If you consider yourself to be a 'regular' at St.Brandon's, then you should also consider being on the Electoral Roll – it is a parish church's register of electors and being on Electoral Roll means that you can play an important part in the day to day running of St.Brandon's.

To apply you must meet ALL the following conditions:

- You must be aged 16 or over
- You must be baptised.
- You must be a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England\*) and
- EITHER live in the Ecclesiastical Parish of St.Brandon's
- OR if you live outside the parish, you must have attended the church regularly for at least 6 months.

The application form will provide more details regarding eligibility\*, and will need to be completed by the **11<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

**If you are already on the Electoral Roll of St. Brandon's you do not have to do anything further this year.....**

but if your contact details have changed in the last twelve months, it would be really helpful if you would let me know.

Forms are available from Jean Hodgson, Electoral Roll Officer  
[jean.hodgson33@gmail.com](mailto:jean.hodgson33@gmail.com) or 07821004560

## Brancepeth Youth Club

April - July 2026

*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 6.00-7.30pm, the dates for this term are:

April 26

May 10, 24

June 7, 21

July 5, 19 – BBQ in the Castle grounds

Leaders

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

Martin Peacock 07503 242074

## Children's Society boxes



It's time to dig out your Children's Society box.

I will be sending our annual return and funds to the Children's Society on 1 May. So please may I have your box by SUNDAY 26 APRIL. Any boxes returned after that date will be held over until 2027.

Please bring your box to Church, if I am not there it will be kept safely in the Vestry or you can drop it off at Morley Farm. If I am not in it can be put through the cat flat on the big brown door in the courtyard! If you need me to pick up your box please email me ([gillian@smellie.com](mailto:gillian@smellie.com)) and I'll arrange a suitable time for you.

Thank you for your continued support for the work of The Children's Society.

Gillian Smellie

### Churchyard Tidy-up

**It's that time again to bring out your ploughshares and pruning hooks. I plan a churchyard tidy day on Saturday 11th April and would welcome volunteers to spend an hour or three from 09.30 that morning. No experience necessary - turn up and I'll find you a job. Please bring general gardening equipment if you have it but, most importantly, bring yourselves. Refreshments will be provided at 11.00.**

**Edward Staines**

## April 2026: Beautiful Brancepeth Update



We hope you are enjoying the blooming daffodils popping up throughout the village now that Spring has arrived at last!

Please remember we need your help on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March for the Village Spring Tidy Up Day**. We are meeting at 9.30am at the Village Hall. There is a job for everyone! Whether that is sweeping up leaves, picking up litter or washing and repainting our village benches! Everyone welcome.

Another date for your diary!  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am**. Our next Beautiful Brancepeth project is

to repaint the metal railings around the copse at The Village Hall. We would love residents to volunteer to help even just for half an hour!

## Garden Club Spring Show Results

28 entrants with 130 separate class entries (not including the on-the-day decorated eggs)! An all-round cracking event. Well done all!

Congratulations to our winners:

Best daffodil, Charlotte Brown.

Best exhibit, Bonnie Bainbridge

Best U7 decorated Easter egg, Ariana Brown

Best O7 decorated Easter egg, Charlotte Brown. Overall points winner, Bonnie Bainbridge.

Thank you to all that contributed to make it such a fantastic success and a great social occasion, with us all enjoying tea and the wonderful Easter and chocolate cake offerings from our entrants!

(See photos on the back page)

We look forward to seeing you at the next Garden Club event at the Walkabout in Stockley Farm on 3 July.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Neighbourhood Plan

You may recall from our prior information events and local consultations that a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is an important document as it gives a community the opportunity to define how their local area should grow and change. Future planning applications in the parish will be judged against the NP as well other relevant statutory plans.

Well, we are pleased to inform parishioners that the DCC level of consultation for the Brancepeth NP has now officially started. Please see the following link:

[Neighbourhood planning - what's happening? - Durham County Council](#)

Under the heading '*Current consultations*' you will find '*Submission consultation for Brancepeth Neighbourhood Plan*' with a list of NP-related documents that can be opened on the DCC site. A note advises that 'The consultation runs from 6 March 2026 to 17 April 2026. Comments should be made to the County Council by 5.00pm on 17 April 2026.'

If you have any comments, whether they are new observations, or you wish to reiterate what you have previously told us at the PC level, please let the DCC know your views. You will of course also have the opportunity to vote on the NP in a local referendum later this year – more information will follow once the DCC examination process has taken place.

### Beautiful Brancepeth

The Beautiful Brancepeth working group reported on several matters. There was a reminder that the next Village Tidy day will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at 9.30am outside the Village Hall. Please see separate notices for more information. Also, the Church Yard Tidy day is 11th April.

Plans are well underway for painting the railings around Village Hall garden, with materials being sought and a provisional date of 9<sup>th</sup> May, subject to agreement with the BCA and the Golf Club.

Happily, the DCC tell us they have no objections to the group renovating the flower bed by the white gate on Wolsingham Road. So, a bunch of enthusiastic volunteers will be embarking on this soon. Watch out for some Hi-Viz jackets and maybe even a digger courtesy of David J!

Noting the large volume of leaves that are regularly swept up by conscientious residents in our beautiful tree-lined parish, tests are being undertaken on a possible

communal leaf composter. The group will then seek sites North and South of the Village.

### State of the village

We have received a report that a couple of tiles had become dislodged from one of the bus shelters on the A690, our marvellous Clerk leapt into action and organised an immediate repair from PC funds.

County Councillor Cathy Hunt who attended our last meeting confirmed that funds held by her, and her fellow counsellor Emma, should have been released in order to replace the decaying white gates at each end of the village on the A690. We are still awaiting a date for work to commence.

### Date of next Parish Council meeting:

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026** 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)



## Wednesday Coffee Morning

10:30-11:30am

Village Hall

April 1st	Vivienne and Janiece
April 8th	Margot and Val
April 15th	Rosemary and James
April 22	Martyn and Christine
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Vivienne and Janiece

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

*Thank you)*

**Mens Social**

**Village Hall**

**7pm**

**Friday April 24th 2026**

Fish Supper

Pay as you eat and drink

**£3** admission for hall hire.

Domino and Snooker games

**Contact David Jackson**

**07711 648752**

## **Book Club**

On Friday 24th April, we will meet at Val Gibbon's home, 3 The Forge, at 7.30 p.m. The book is, "The Fine Art of Invisible Detection", by Robert Goddard. If you have a suggestion for the May meeting, please bring it along.

All welcome, Val Gibbons

## Dates for the Diary:-

Apr Mondays - Snooker, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Apr Mondays - Yoga, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Apr Monday - Knit and Natter, 13th & 27th Village Hall, 2-4pm.  
Apr Tuesdays - Village Community Choir, 7.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall  
Apr Wednesdays - Art Group, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hal  
Apr Wednesdays - Tai Chi 9.30 -10.30, Village Hall  
Apr Wednesdays - Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall, 10.30-11.30am  
Apr Thursdays - Indoor Bowls, 10.00-12.00, Village Hall  
Apr Thursdays - Badminton, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Apr Sundays - Capoeira Classes, 10.00 – 11.30am, Village Hall  
Apr Sunday - Youth Club, 8th & 22nd, 6.00pm -8.00pm, Village Hall  
1st Saturday each month - Archive Room in Castle open between 9.00am – 1.00pm

Mar	28th	Sat	Village Spring Tidy Up, 9.30am, Village Hall
Mar	29th	Sun	Messy Church, 3.00pm -5.00pm, Church
Apr	9th	Thurs	AGM, Community Association, 6.30pm, Village Hall
Apr	11th	Sat	Church Yard Tidy-Up, 9.30am onwards, churchyard
Apr	20th	Mon	Parish Council, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Apr	24th	Fri	Men's Social, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Apr	24th	Fri	Book Club, 7.30pm, 3 The Forge
Apr	26th	Sun	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 11.30am, Church
June	20th	Sat	Brancepeth Village Open Gardens Event
July	3rd	Fri	Garden Club Walkabout, Stockley Grove
Sept	5th	Sat	Garden Club Autumn Show, Village Hall

## **Photos**

**Front cover –** ©- Rev'd Dr Ros Lane, our new incumbent.

**Inside front cover –** ©- Carol Beeby: Adverts for children's April activities in church.  
© - Archive & History group: Item of the Month.

**Inside back cover –** ©- Carol Beeby: Thank you for the Mothering Day Gifts for the Women's Refuge

**Back cover –** ©– Sue Morgan & Helen Todman: Pictures of the Village Spring Show

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You can also join us on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/StBrandon>)

## **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>
Val Gibbons	<i>Treasurer</i>		<i>Church Representative</i>

[www.brancepethcommunityassociation.co.uk](http://www.brancepethcommunityassociation.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	Val Gibbons, <a href="mailto:valmgibbons@gmail.com">valmgibbons@gmail.com</a> (0191 3784200)
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	James Morgan (Chair), Richard Hobbs (Sec), Martin Welsh (Treas) <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)
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## Thankyou!

Thank you to everyone from St. Brandon's, the village and Golf Club who brought a gift for the Women's Refuge on Mothering Sunday. The staff were overwhelmed with the gifts, and wished me to pass on their thanks to you all. Many thanks to Sunday school for making a beautiful card to accompany the lovely gifts.

Carol Beeby

## From the Archive this month



A collection of cannonballs, musket balls and bullets all found within a mile of Brancepeth Castle. 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.



**Pictures from the Village Spring Show**

