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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

One 'treat' that was missed last year by all flower lovers was the annual Chelsea Flower Show. This year it will take place in September and presumably will be on our screens as usual. You may be interested to know that one of the gardens being exhibited this year has been designed by a Christian garden designer and is based on the biblical Psalm 23. Often a popular choice at both weddings and funerals, it is probably the best known of the Psalms with its opening line 'The Lord is my shepherd'. Its popularity was further enhanced by being the theme tune of the Vicar of Dibley!

Perhaps the words resonate with us because we are a rural community and see sheep regularly but also because it describes the reality of life with its ups and downs (none more so than in the past year). It captures the peaceful times in our lives 'green pastures and still waters' but also the times of deepest darkness.

What the Psalmist is saying here is that God never leaves us. He is there in our sadness, our disappointments, our anger and with our unanswered questions.

A man called Rob Lacey wrote a book paraphrasing the Bible in modern 'street' language (called The Street Bible). His aim was for young people to connect and see the Bible as relevant to their lives. At the time of writing he was suffering from terminal cancer and when he arrived at Psalm 23 and was trying to make sense of 'the valley of the shadow of death', he interpreted it personally

‘I crawl through the valley of the shadow of cancer; I know, you know the answer and the battle won’t rattle me.

You’re around, and I’ve found there’s something about your empathy, your symphony of sympathy, that comforts me’.

It may not be your type of language but the sentiment is heartfelt!

The musician, Stuart Townend, recently wrote a modern version of Psalm 23, as a hymn. For the refrain he chose these words, taken from the closing lines of the Psalm, looking ahead beyond life, to a home with God forever.

‘And I will trust in you alone, And I will trust in you alone For your endless mercy follows me. Your goodness will lead me home’.

Remembering Anne with love ... who knew the truth of Psalm 23.

Pam



COLTON CHRONICLES

We have all been shocked and saddened by the news of the unexpected death of Anne Streeter, the beloved wife of our vicar Brian.

Brian and Anne arrived in our benefice in February 2015 and they have always been a real team, even when they were dividing their time between Windermere and Penny Bridge. Brian and Anne were newlyweds when they arrived and were evidently very happy together. Anne was always very supportive of Brian’s ministry, and of the churches he serves, and one was always left with the impression that she was a steadying hand on Brian’s shoulder, helping him, working with him and praying with him. Anne’s legal expertise and skills, together with an analytical thoroughness, were a real benefit and support to Brian and the benefice, especially when it came to the paperwork.

The last couple of years have been very challenging for them both and the global pandemic meant that she was particularly vulnerable so many of us have only seen Anne on screen over recent months. Anne celebrated a significant birthday this year and also had a new grandchild. For me, this makes this all even harder. The sad news that Anne has gone to be with her

Lord is so difficult to comprehend. I hope you join with me in sending out deepest condolences to Brian and the rest of Anne's family at this devastating time. Please keep them all in your prayers. cs

"May she rest in peace and rise in glory"



There have been numerous letters in National Newspapers complaining of the lack of care and support for Rural Churches by those in authority and we in Colton are only too well aware of this for whilst many non-rural churches have several services a week currently, we only have one, and that is not good enough. Not only does it deprive parishioners from practising and strengthening their faith but also deprives the church of much needed funds to keep it in one piece. We can only hope for better things when we are release from our covid bonds.

At the recent PCC meeting it was decide that as from 1 August our services will now take place at **10:00am and** to reinforce the above the Diocese want a 5% increase in our Parish Share.



Church Fete: Due to the extension of the Covid restrictions the date has been put back a week so will now be held on **Saturday the 24 July at 2:00pm, Church Hall and Church.**

Donations of tombola prizes and books would be gratefully appreciated! Tombola prizes can be left with **Margaret Sanders at Thurston View Colton** and Books for **Pam Priestley** can be left at the church.

Cakes, scones and other edible goodies for both the teas and the cake stall would be most welcome on the morning of the fete at the school room, along with any plants for the plant stall.

We have our regular band running the stalls but would welcome any volunteers who would like to help as none of us are getting any younger!

Stalls: Teas - Tombola – Cake Stall – Books – Plants – Big Raffle – Small Raffle – Children's Activities

If you are able to sell Raffle Tickets, please contact **Susan King T: 861 173**

We are hoping for a fine day! Any queries you may have please contact Johnny Tarr on **T:** 586 174 or **E:** john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk



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WELCOME: A somewhat belated welcome to Caitlin Nugent who came to reside in Bouth twelve months ago and got lost under the village radar. Caitlin is just a few months away from being a qualified 'Forest School Practitioner' and will be working with groups and at local schools.

She tells us that she is enjoying the local community and is looking forward to helping and contributing. Village Green & Village Hall organisers, please note!



THE NINETIES: Congratulations to Ms. Kathy Skelton and Mr. Gordon Pickles who both will be celebrating their ninetieth Birthdays. We wish them good celebrations and a happy and healthy 91st. year



THE WHITE HART: The White Hart, Bouth has finally been sold and although we do not know the details we understand it has been bought by a business family from Lancashire who already own two Inns. A manager is now in charge and a recent visit indicates that nothing, as yet, has been changed. We look forward to the day when we can stand at the bar. We wish the new management well.

A grateful thanks to Kathy and Nigel Barton mine hosts for more years than we can remember and who have looked after us exceptionally well for all those years. We wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement.



BOUTH W I: The message from the ladies says that they have nothing to say. Surely, this must be a first!



OXEN PARK AND CYCLE ORIENTEERING AGAIN

TUESDAY 20 JULY

This is the time of year for the ‘famous’ 6 weeks of Tuesday cycle Orienteering events. This is the 25th Year and is the anniversary of the first ever event which was held at Oxen Park in 1995 to celebrate National Bike Week. Two hours of map reading on your bike, finding control points and accumulating as large a score as possible (10 points for each control).

Over the 25 years Oxen Park and Spark Bridge have been used many times as a base. This year, the final event on Tuesday 20th July will be a repeat of the 1st event organised by Carol McNeill which had various celebrities taking part including C. Barr – was that the last time you were seen on your bike?

More of interest is that there will be a band playing outside the Manor for a celebratory shindig. If you can lend a hand with parking then please contact Carol. If you would like to dust your bike off and have a go then also contact Carol for more details; pairs, tandems and e-bikes OK. If we are lucky, it could be one of the first days of freedom ... don't hold your breath!

Carol.



RUSLAND HORIZONS

The days are at their longest and brightest now, with daylight stretching until well past 10pm on sunny evenings. There is so much light that at this time of year, and maybe this year more so because of the cool spring holding things back for a while, that if you stand in the woods long enough, you can practically SEE growth! The Rusland Horizons Trust has continued to be busy in the area, with a range of events including a popular Wildflower Walk led by Edward Mills and Colin Barr. Participants explored woodland and hedgerows in a circular walk starting and finishing at Rusland Reading Rooms, finding 33 species of wildflower. The walk was timed to coincide with the end of the bluebell season, which seemed particularly good this year, but species also found include Bugle, Cow wheat, Cuckooflower, Speedwell and Tormentil.

We've also enjoyed further instruction in our drystone walling skills, and thanks to the excellent tutorage of Jim Doherty, who works a lot as a waller in the valley, some of our regular wallers will be becoming quite adept at selecting precisely the right stone for the right place! We are looking to fix some walling dates over summer months in different spots - look out for details on our website. Walling is a wonderful heritage skill, and we are hugely grateful to Jim for giving of his time so generously to teach others.

A series of work parties at Great Lindeth Wood near Bouth over the past few months have been a fabulous opportunity to see the passing seasons as summer has developed in the woods; lots of our volunteers have enjoyed being in the same place and seeing the cycle of changes. Jo and Darryl, the woodland owners, are eager to make their woodland, from which they also derive a livelihood, as biodiverse as possible. The last work party there gave some of us the lovely opportunity of looking for young oak and hazel saplings in amongst the rapidly-unfurling bracken- when we found them, protecting them with a tree collar from the effects of browsing deer felt wonderfully positive. There have been a very large number of oak saplings coming up this spring as a result of the very good acorn year last autumn - we are eager to protect as many as we can. To join in the fun, come along to our next 'Tuesday for the Trees' conservation work party on Tuesday 13th July 9.30am – 1.00pm - book at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BAWM>

Our biggest venture over coming weeks will be a partnership project with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and Furness College. This new project will see six students from Furness College come into the Rusland area for a four-day work experience scheme. Trying out a variety of woodland-focused activities, students will be learning traditional and bushcraft skills, woodland health assessments, and producing and using their own charcoal, amongst other things. The students will finish the scheme knowing that there are a wealth of careers to explore in rural areas, and will also understand more about the challenges we all face, the importance of sustainability and how they have a voice in making change. UCLan are funding a local film-maker to document the students' experiences and how they progress throughout their time on the scheme; we hope to have a showing of this film at the Oxen Park Cinema Club in due course.

We are also excited to be holding a Butterfly and Moth Stroll starting from Oxen Park Reading Rooms on 27th June (9.00 – 12.00); suitable for all the family, this will be a fabulous chance to learn from one of the Rusland area's real expert amateurs - Rob Fitter- for full details and to book, please go to <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BCJH>.

By popular request we are also pleased to be offering two further Veteran Tree Guided Walks- these will be on Thursday 1st July and Saturday 10th July, starting at Finsthwaite Village Hall, 10am – 1pm. To book onto these, please go to <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BAWO>.

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Heather



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I've been living in my privately rented flat for years. I generally have a good relationship with my landlord but I just can't get them to carry out various repairs that have built up. How can I get them to act - and what exactly do they have to do?

The law states that your landlord must provide accommodation that is safe, healthy and free from things that could cause serious harm. If you have problems such as electrical wiring that you think might be faulty, or there's damp, or an infestation by pests, the landlord has a legal obligation to put things right.

Landlords are also responsible for the maintenance of the general structure, and fittings such as boilers and radiators or basins, baths and toilets and the drains.

The first step is to contact your landlord again, in writing. Include photographs of the problems. Keep a record of all communications and evidence relating to the disrepair.

If that doesn't prompt any action, the housing advisers at Citizens Advice can help with next steps. These could include contacting your local council (who will have dedicated officers for dealing with disrepair in private rented properties) or asking for a visit by the environmental health team.

Tenants can take their landlords to court to force them to carry out repairs. However, it's worth getting some advice and thinking carefully before embarking on this route.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. South Lakes Citizens Advice, your local charity, is here for you.

- Call 015394 46464 - this is being staffed from 9:30 – 2pm
- Adviceline: 0808 2787 984
- email advice via our submission page on our website www.southlakescab.org.uk
- Help to Claim (Universal Support): 0800 144 8 444



JULY CHURCH SERVICES

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

4 St. Luke's Torver	9:00am	Bikers Breakfast	Brian Streeter
4 St. Luke's Lowick	9:30am	Morning Worship	Richard Wood

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Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11 St Andrew's Coniston	11:00am	Holy Communion	Brian Streeter
11 St. Mary's Penny Bridge	11:00am	Holy Communion	Harry Welch

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Seventh Sunday after Trinity

18 St. Luke's Torver	9:00am	HC x Extension	Vivienne Plummer
18 St Mary's Penny Bridge	11:00am	Holy Communion	David Bickersteth

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Eighth Sunday after Trinity

25 St. Andrew's Coniston	11:00am	Holy Communion	Joanna Henson
25 Holy Trinity, Colton	9:30am	Holy Communion	Brian Streeter
25 St. Luke's Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	Sue Nichol



Colton Flower Rota

25 July Susan Smith

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PARISH COUNCIL

Normally we have a significant contribution from the Colton Parish Council which keeps us up to date with their activities, but unfortunately, of late, they have been busy and have been unable to help. We wish for better things in the future.



