



# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON

# **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON**

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**Note: Friday is the Rest Day for our Vicar & Anne.**

## PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage  
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*Dear Friends*

### TIME

One of the great joys of living in a rural area is the dawn chorus, the singing of the birds welcoming in the new day – that is, it is a joy when you are not trying to enjoy a lie-in! But interestingly, neither the birds of the air, nor the sheep and cattle of the fields are aware of the time of day. For them, the dawn is the dawn, they do not know the hour or whether the clocks have gone forward or back.

Time, the passage of time and the measuring of time is marked by human beings and is important to human beings, because time is an extremely precious commodity for human beings. We are aware of time and we are aware that we have a fixed length of time, traditionally three score years and ten but possibly 80, 90 or for the fortunate, 100 plus.

One popular Bible reading at funerals reflects this importance and awareness of time:

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh...”*

*Ecclesiastes 3.1-4*

But the author of these famous words also concludes that there is nothing new under the sun; everything has already been done; there is no point to work; no point to pleasure; no point to your legacy; no point to anything – life is meaningless.

How you spend your life, how you spend your precious time is all meaningless...unless you have a relationship with God. If you have a relationship with God then your life, your time has meaning and purpose.

As the dawn breaks earlier and the evenings draw out, we will feel that we have more time, but we don't, it is an illusion. Yes, we have more daylight

hours but we do not have more time. So, let us use the time we do have, wisely and meaningfully.

*Blessings in Christ*

*Brian & Anne*



## COLTON CHRONICLES

The Annual Parish Church Meeting was its usual success, attended by the ‘faithful few’, who enjoyed the wine. It is such a pity that the parishioners of Colton have such little regard for the well being of our church in that they cannot attend just one meeting in the year. Financially, due mainly to the generosity of past generations, we are far from broke, but our general fund showed a loss of £3,228.13 for the year 2016.

A £100 of that loss was due to those failing to pay for their Parish magazine!

It would seem that the ‘modernisers’ are enjoying a revival and that their ‘good intent’ is destroying tradition. According to reports the T20 cricket game could well destroy the County Game with its long history and closer to home Bath Abbey has caused consternation among their congregation by abandoning centuries of use of Matins from the Book of Common Prayer and introducing a “familiar” form of modern English, or as a member of the congregation put it “supermarket English”.

Apparently what was customary in the Anglican Church is no longer acceptable, despite the wishes of church goers. This attitude completely ignores the fact that the constitution of our country is based on tradition.

It was unfortunate that the **Christian Aid Lunch at Rusland** did not get wider publicity and so was not as well attended as before, however it was hugely successful with the supporters giving generously and raising £371.

Special thanks from Susan King to all the helpers and those who provided a wonderful range of tasty soups. (ed. And special thanks to Susan.) *Donald.*



*“I live on good soups, not fine words.”*

Moliere

## PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to tell you of the death of Neville Stark of Bouth who past the 90 mark some years ago. Neville was a very quiet reserved man who had a varied career and was a hugely talented pianist whose genre was 'Trad Jazz'. Many of us were privileged to hear him play and his keyboard playing at the W I Christmas party was also much appreciated. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family.

We also send our good wishes to Joanna & Bob for speedy recoveries as they has not been too well, of late.

**Bouth Bunny Bingo:** It was a dark and stormy night ..... but we would like to thank the dedicated band who braved the weather to come, spend and make for a very entertaining and enjoyable evening.

Thanks to our commercial sponsors,

Karen and Mike (Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway)

Peter ( Butcher, Greenodd)

Ken and Sue (Crakeside Fish & Chips, Greenodd)

Steve (Barrow AFC)

plus all the individuals who donated prizes, helped and assisted; not forgetting our 'caller', Roger Perry, whose individual approach added to the hilarity.

**Bouth Village Green AGM:** Committee chairman David Hamer reported that a number of maintenance tasks had been carried out during the year, the most significant of which was a replacement cross-beam on the swing. He thanked everyone who had helped with the maintenance of the Green. Village Green funds are in a healthy state with no major projects planned for the near future. The beech hedge is now thriving. Was there ever any doubt that the outcome would be otherwise? (Certainly not from the editor of this magazine!)

**Squirrels:** In order to encourage Red Squirrels back to our area a three year project – 'Rusland Reds' – has been created to support the local community to make more space for them. Thanks to the Rusland Horizon Scheme Lottery Funding has been made available allowing access to tester feeders, wildlife cameras, traps and bait. But help is needed to report both greys & reds and to allow grey control. A steering group has been organised

co-ordinated by Ian Lumsden **T:** 01229 860 605 & Bob Cartwright of Westmorland Red Squirrels **T:** 01539 561 514.

**Rusland Horizons: “Fields and Field Patterns in the Lake District”- on Tuesday 9 May, Outback Hall, Leven Valley School 7:30 – 9:30pm.** Professor Angus Winchester, a notable landscape historian will be giving a talk on ‘The Lakeland Fieldscape’ from medieval times to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Century. Taking part is free and all are welcome, but it is essential to book; to book or contact **T:** 015395 792 698.

**W:** [www.ruslandhorizons.org](http://www.ruslandhorizons.org) - **E:** [rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk](mailto:rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk)

**“Hidden Hedgerows – Survey Training for Volunteers” – on Wednesday & Thursday 17/18 May, Rusland Reading Rooms 9:30am – 4:30pm.** In order to help in surveying the hedgerows throughout the Rusland Valley and Fells during June to October there will be two Training Days for volunteers to attend. To book contact Cumbria Wildlife Trust:-

**T:** 01539 816 300 or **E:** [mail@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:mail@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk)

**“Practical Conservation Volunteer Working Parties” on Wednesdays 10 May & 14 June, LDNPA Office, Lane Ends Haverthwaite, LA12 8AB.** Join our monthly working party and get hands on experience helping to restore beautiful coppiced woodland. Book through [www.ruslandhorizons.org](http://www.ruslandhorizons.org)

*Donald.*



## **BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE**

At our April meeting speaker Lynne Shamal gave us a great talk about “Dragon Boats - Paddlers for Life” a U K charity for cancer survivors, particularly breast cancer, and their supporters. Members paddle splendid Dragon boats in the beautiful scenery of Windermere.

The physical activity and team support foster the well being of those with the experience of cancer; celebrating life and raising the spirits by exercising out in the fresh air, enjoying the sun, song and rhythm of the drum. They are based at Low Wood, Jetty, Windermere and all ages are welcome for those who ‘want to have a go’ from April – September.

Our next meeting which will be an ‘Open Meeting’ and be held on **Wednesday 10 May, Village Hall, 7:15pm.** When our speaker will be Michaela Robinson-Tate, her subject – “My Cumbrian Life” *Jenny.*

## THANK YOU

We live in a wonderful and caring Parish for which we should give thanks and Easter was a wondrous reminder. Our church was beautifully decorated by just four dedicated ladies, a fitting tribute to a well attended Easter Sunday Service and Baptism delightfully conducted by our Vicar, Brian Streeter. We welcomed into our Faith a very well behaved Joseph George Tarr, son of Rebecca & Luke and grandson of Rachel and John.

After the service we were generously treated to tea, coffee and cakes by the family. Thank you.



## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **A personal note to Colton residents from the out-going Parish Chairman.**

At the Parish Council's forthcoming AGM, I shall be standing down as a Councillor after 10 years in the Chair. It has been an honour and a privilege to work with such a go-ahead Council over a challenging period, with increasing pressures on services and facilities always at the forefront of our thinking.

However, I am stepping down with some concern for the future: by an unfortunate set of circumstances, it is likely that by mid-May the Council will have four unfilled vacancies leaving only five stalwarts to continue the work of the Council. There are vacancies in all three parish wards so if you would like to do your bit and make a difference to the wellbeing of this great community and its beautiful parish, why not volunteer for one of these positions?

Although certain residency conditions apply, no previous experience is necessary and great support is offered by all concerned. For further details, please contact the clerk, Karen Birch on **T:** 01229 860115 or **E:** [coltonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:coltonpc@btinternet.com), or speak to a Councillor.

Parish councils are important in representing local views and in exerting pressure on the principal authorities, as well as promoting local issues. Please don't let our progressive and lively Council founder at this crucial time.

*Kind Regards, Colin Barr.*

**P S.** Unfortunately we have not received other news from the Parish Council but hope that normal service will be resumed next month.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### LEVEN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Leven Valley Primary School took part in the 'Extreme Reading Competition', it looked like lots of fun and reading took place in some very strange places. Class 2 and 3 took part in the Children's Book festival at Wray Castle which included working with two authors. The children also participated in the Ulverston Victoria High School Dance Platform, a wonderful performance enjoyed by friends and families.

The children have had a busy term and as it draws to a close for Easter sunflower seeds are being sent home. The seeds are harvested from last year's sunflowers. Everyone is looking forward to seeing the results. The children are participating in the Rusland Spring Show and sharing the outcomes from their oral history project. If you manage to get there you may meet the talking bucket. Class 3 have been working with a film maker called Tim Fleming based in the Rusland Valley who has led workshops involving interviewing and recording conversations with local residents. This is part of a Rusland Horizon project. Class 2 have been involved in designing a logo for the soon to be established Greenwood Trail and are working with a local artist.

Rev Rachel Stavert supported Everyone Together which was enjoyed by children, parents, governors, friends and neighbours. A cross made of daffodils was made and taken down to church to be displayed there. The term ended with an Easter service led by the children.

*Sue S.*



*Judge not according to the appearance'*

Lord, purge our eyes to see  
Within the seed at tree,  
Within the glowing egg a bird.  
Within the shroud a butterfly:

Till taught by such, we see  
Beyond all creatures Thee,  
And hearken for thy tender word,  
And hear it, 'Fear not: it is I'

Christina Rossetti



## CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

### Can I claim sick pay?

**I took 7 days off work for flu and my employer won't give me sick pay. I work on a flexible shift contract and when I called in sick they just took me off the rota and didn't pay me till I came back. Is this right?**

Whatever your contract type, your entitlement to statutory sick pay is the same. It is paid from the fourth day you are off work. You need to earn £112.00 a week or more before tax, and to report your sickness according to your workplace rules.

Removing you from an agreed rota cannot change your entitlement to sick pay. The first step is to ask your employer to fill in the government form SSP1 explaining their reasons for not paying you, then call the number for HMRC on the form. They'll clarify whether you're entitled and if you are, make sure you're paid.

If your employer won't fill in the form, contact HMRC, who have a legal duty to solve issues around sick pay.

For further help and advice, contact your nearest Citizens Advice.

*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. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – **T: 03444 111 444** for an appointment and help, **T: 015394 46464** for debt and on-going enquiries. South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity, No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574*



## The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles

Year

1014 In this year on St. Michael's Eve [September 28] that Great sea-flood came widely throughout the country, and ran further inland than ever it did before, and drowned many settlements and a countless number of human beings.....

1041 All that year was a very heavy time in many and various ways: both in bad weather and crops of the earth; and during this year more cattle died than anyone remembered before, both through various diseases and through bad weather.

*"Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose."*



*“Uncle Vanya”*

*Sonia* My misfortune is perhaps greater than yours, but I am not plunged into despair. I endure my sorrow, and shall endure it until my life come to a natural end. You must endure yours too... You must endure your sorrow, Uncle Vanya, you must endure it...

*Uncle Vanya* Oh, my child I am so miserable; if you only knew how miserable I am!

*Sonia* What can we do? We must live our lives. Yes. We shall live, Uncle Vanya. We shall live through the long procession of days before us, and through the long evenings; we shall patiently bear the trials that fate imposes upon us; we shall work for others without rest, both now and when we are old; and when our last hour comes we shall meet it humbly, and there, beyond the grave, we shall say that we have suffered and wept, that our life was bitter, and God will have pity on us.

Ah then dear, dear uncle, we shall see that bright and beautiful life, we shall rejoice and look back upon our sorrow here; a tender smile – and – we shall rest. We shall hear the angels. We shall see heaven like a shining jewel. We shall see all evil and all our pain sink away in the great compassion that shall enfold the world. Our life will be as peaceful and tender and sweet as a caress; I have faith.

My poor, poor Uncle Vanya, you are crying! You have never known what happiness was, but wait! We shall rest. We shall rest.

Anton Chekhov



## DIARY DATES

- 1 May **Philip & James, Apostles**  
Spring Bank Holiday
- 7 May **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 9 May Rusland Horizons: 'Fields and Patterns of the Lake District',  
Outback Hall, 7:30pm. (Leven Valley School)
- 10 May Rusland Horizons: 'Practical Conservation Working Party' LDNPA Office,  
Haverthwaite, also 14 June.  
Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 14 May **Mothering Sunday, Benefice Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**  
**Mathias, Apostle.**
- 17 May Rusland Horizons: 'Hidden Hedgerows – Survey Training for Volunteers'  
Rusland Reading Rooms, 9:30am – 4:30pm. Also on 18 May.
- 21 May **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 25 May Ramadan begins.
- 28 May **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 31 May **The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.**



## REGRETS

This magazine relies heavily on contributions and life being what it is each month is either a 'feast or a famine'. Regrettably, this month, it is a famine which is why there are so many 'in fills'. I do apologise and ask you to be patient. You may even enjoy.

*Donald.*



### In Memoriam

Alas friend Joseph  
His death was almost sudden  
As tho' the mandate came  
Direct from heaven  
His foot did slip and he did fall  
Help help he cried and that was all.  
(From Mylor Churchyard, near Falmouth)

# Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month May 2017

| Date                        | Readers                                          | Lessons                  | Prayer Leaders      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>7 May</b>                | <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>                   |                          |                     |
| <b>Morning Worship</b>      | <b>1. Margaret Sanders</b>                       | <b>Daniel 6:10-13</b>    | <b>Susan King</b>   |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Donald</i> | <b>2. Roderick Smith</b>                         | <b>Matthew 6: 5- 8</b>   |                     |
| <b>14 May</b>               | <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mothering Sunday</b> |                          |                     |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>       | <b>Benefice Service</b>                          |                          |                     |
| <b>10:00am</b> <i>Vicar</i> | <b>St. Luke's, Lowick</b>                        |                          |                     |
| <b>21 May</b>               | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>                    |                          |                     |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>       | <b>1. John Tarr</b>                              | <b>1 Timothy 2: 1- 4</b> | <b>Rachel Tarr</b>  |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Joanna</i> | <b>2. Donald Wroe</b>                            | <b>John 11:38-44</b>     |                     |
| <b>28 May</b>               | <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>                  |                          |                     |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>       | <b>1. Rachel Tarr</b>                            | <b>Ephesians 6: 1-20</b> | <b>Judy Redhead</b> |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Vicar</i>  | <b>2. Pam Priestley</b>                          | <b>Mark 9:14-29</b>      |                     |



## SIDESPERSONS ROTA

7 May Mrs. Susan King  
 14 May Benefice Service, Lowick  
 21 May Mrs. Susan Dean  
 28 May Mrs. Margaret Sanders



## FLOWER ROTA

7 May Mrs. Dewhurst  
 14 May Mrs. Dewhurst  
 21 May Wedding  
 28 May Wedding



*“Make the most of your regrets; never smother your sorrow, but tend and cherish it till it comes to have a separate and integral interest. To regret deeply is to live afresh”*

Henry Thoreau

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