



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,
St. Luke's, Lowick and St. Mary's the Virgin, Penny Bridge
“We are now in an **Interregnum** as we are bereft of a Vicar”.

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Pastoral Letter

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Dear Friends

The Lord Gave and Continues to Give Us All So Much

Do not take the heading too literally but this week in Sedbergh it has been a glorious week of wall to wall sunshine – just like being on holiday. The weather will change throughout the seasons.

The move went well if you like the excitement of opening box after box after box and not knowing where to put anything. But we have a bed to sleep on, a kitchen to prepare food in and a table to eat at – what more could we want? The “fun part” will be unpacking the books. (I wonder which year that will be in!).

You will always be welcome to drop in but as a contradiction please contact us first to make certain we are free. The address is **5 Highfield Road, Sedbergh, Cumbria LA10 5DH . The telephone number is 015396 22021 and the e-mail address is gary@eandgwemyss.co.uk.**

We would like to thank everyone involved in our last few weeks in the benefice. But also those who have supported out twenty three plus years living and working in the area. You will regularly figure in our prayer time and I pray we will in yours.

We received a large number of cards, many gifts and presents, a Landmark Trust holiday voucher from the deanery and another from the school and, of course, the cheque from the benefice which we have earmarked for a special holiday when all is settled.

We would also like to thank those who came and decorated before we moved in and those who came to clean the Vicarage after we had moved. It can only be said that we have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. There are many challenges to face – many exciting times ahead. I had hoped to have been there to share them with you – but that is not to be God’s will – and I trust in Him. We may not be with you but our prayers will be for you.

These are challenging as well as changing times in the diocese and deanery. Decisions may be made that you do not like but in all your decisions act prayerfully and unselfishly. Not for self preservation but for the good of the Gospel. You have decisions to make - you will not be abandoned – remember that God's spirit is with you if you open your heart to him.

Wait patiently – have faith – be encouraged – but above all pray. Pray for the next person to be appointed – his or her faithfulness – his or her enthusiasm – his or her love of the Lord.

Search your hearts and at all times follow Jesus – let the Holy Spirit dwell in each one of you richly – worship regularly for that is how the body of Christ gains strength – and love the Lord your God always.

And may God bless you in all you do in his name.

Elizabeth and Gary

On a lighter note the Lord has Taken Away – well someone has!

Two weeks ago one of the blue bins disappeared from the end of the Vicarage drive.

If anyone thinks they may have it by mistake the other blue bin would like its “friend” back.

It is easily recognised because originally it had Vicarage on it but time has taken its toll and some letters have disappeared – perhaps it now says Vic rage!

Gary



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS

Bible Study & Coffee 10.00 – 11.30 am

THE VIRGIN MARY

WED 2 APR: “NURTURING THE CHILD”

Wetherlam, Penny Bridge

WED 9 APR: “MARY’S DISCIPLESHIP

Water Yeat House

COLTON CHRONICLES

The Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Ministry of the Revd. Canon Gary Wemyss and the following lunch was, and perhaps sadly, a huge success with a great turnout. Our Farewell Gift was a cheque for £2,000.80, which we understand will go into their holiday fund; apparently just retiring is not enough.

Thanks to all those who contributed, to those who provided the food and for those from Penny Bridge who organised the event, served the refreshments and cleaned up afterwards. Elizabeth & Gary were spotted recently in Booths in Ulverston, strangely, in the wine department.

It is going to be hard for both Joanna & David in the coming months, both of whom are retired, so it is beholden for all of us to help and support their ministry; above all when things go awry, which we hope will not, do not whinge! **Our Church needs you!**

LENT: During this period a little more is expected of us, so it was all the more disappointing that only 9 from the Benefice turned up for the Ash Wednesday Service. During Holy Week there will be the following Services

Tuesday 15 April:

Holy Communion, 7:00pm, Colton, followed by the *APCM.

Maundy Thursday 17 April:

Holy Communion, 7:30pm, Lowick.

Good Friday 18 April:

Meditation, 2:00pm, Penny Bridge.



* The APCM is the Annual Parish Church Meeting where parishioners can come and discuss the running and the future of their church, unfortunately the good residents of Colton, other than the faithful few, rarely attend; the meeting also elects members to the PCC.

The current PCC work faithfully and hard to keep our church going but all agree we need 'new blood'. To put your name forward there are forms at the back of the church: please help as none of us are getting any younger.



Easter Flowers: The Church will be decorated for Easter on **Saturday 19 April, 10:00am**, help is always needed. Donations for the flowers will be gladly accepted, contact Sue Smith **T: 01229 861 370**.

PARISH NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you of the death of Birkett Cooper of Bouth. Birkett was a man of many parts, highly intelligent erudite, knowledgeable and with an unbelievable memory. He had led a varied life from farmer to high technology and had, as a lecturer, generously passed his knowledge on to others.

He worked tirelessly for the community of Bouth and was indeed the Father of that fair village using his cleverness in a more prosaic fashion; he, together with the late Noel Brooks, once conned this editor, newly resident in Bouth, into mowing the village green – for ten years.

We will all miss him and our condolences are prayers are with Elspeth and the family.

On a happier note, our congratulations to Brenda Patton of Bouth who will be celebrating her 80th.birthday this month.

Some will know that this editor foolishly fell and damaged his shoulder; I tell you this not to invite sympathy for I have been deluged with kindness, and love, so my thanks to all my wonderful friends, to those who helped me at the scene, the ambulance paramedics and the fantastic A & E staff at Furness General.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our March meeting Bill Myers gave fascinating entertaining talk on the Cumbrian Co-operatives which developed after the establishment of the movement in Rochdale in 1844 - from 'front room' shops to door to door deliveries and to what we see today. Evidently Bouth had its own Co-op group, but where? So did Penny Bridge who would not deal with Bouth, but then, the Crake has always been a barrier since Viking days.

Some groups were set up in secret, as in Dalton, as jobs could be jeopardised for what some saw as a conflict of interest. Sadly the movement has seen a

decline since the sixties but still survives and indications are that its future is secure.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 9 April, 7:15pm, Village Hall** when the subject will be 'Age UK', the speaker – Jean Park.

Spring Walk and Cream Tea: will be held on **Saturday 3 May 2014 at 1:00pm sharp**. The start is at **Bouth Village Hall** and everyone is welcome.

There are walks to suit all ages and abilities. Enjoy a lovely stroll through our beautiful countryside (map provided). A delicious cream tea is served between **3:00 – 5:00pm**.

Cost: £5 - adults, £1 - children under school age. We do ask that children are kept under control and dogs kept on leads. We look forward to meeting you and if you don't want to walk you can just come for tea.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lengthsman: Our Lengthsman, Archie Workman, has been working hard clearing drains at Rusland and Tottlebank during February and is now concentrating efforts on drains at Finsthwaite. He has removed some very large boulders which were blocking the flow of water under the church car-park, and has painted the safety railings there.

He has also cleared the drain ("J.Clitheroe of Blackburn") by Rock Cottage which he says yielded more earth than any other drain he has cleared, and another ("Warhurst of Ulverston") by the signpost to Stott Park. Our County Councillor, David Fletcher, is to allocate some of his funds to aid further work at Finsthwaite/Stott Park, especially to open up the narrow culvert which channels the beck under the road towards the Bobbin Mill; severe flooding occurred on the road there last autumn.

Litter: We and a concerned local resident have been repeatedly contacting SLDC to clear the litter which accumulates at an extraordinary rate on the between Toll Bar at the A590 and Bouth Road Ends. They have finally done so, but we notice it is already accumulating again. We have asked that they monitor this route and clear it frequently, and are waiting for a response. It seems that this road (a well-known commuter 'short-cut') is where people like throw their fast-food packaging out of the car windows – delightful.

Traffic Speed: The same route is well-known for traffic travelling far to fast for the road and is a particular concern at Tottlebank Farm where stock may be on the road, and at Spark Bridge where children walk to the school bus stop in the morning. The speed limit at Spark Bridge is 30mph, but this is of course too fast for blind corners, for example by the bridge. We have asked the police to attend.

Flooding and Potholes at 'Field of Pigs', Finsthwaite: We have been in touch with Highways repeatedly about the appalling conditions on the road at the 'Field of Pigs' between Finsthwaite and Ealinghearth. Following many complaints and incidents of burst tyres, we asked Highways to cordon off the worst of the road, which they have now done. They have asked the owner of the field to remedy the situation by the end of the month.

.Our next meeting is the combined **Annual Parish Open Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6 May, 7:30pm, Bouth Village Hall.**

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NOTICES

Hay Bridge Nature Reserve: The Reserve is a charitable organisation located in the Rusland Valley and is challenging the under 16's to get creative and submit entries in any media with a connection to the Reserve in a competition running from March until 31 October.

The winners will be awarded £50 in Amazon tokens. There are two categories, 1) up to and including the age of 8 & 2) from 9 to and including 15. The Society is looking for creative entries that have a connection with the Reserve and can include photographs, sculptures, video clips or a piece of writing. Information from www.haybridgereserve.org.uk including full details for entry.

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Furness Bach Choir: Their next concert is to be held on **Saturday 5 April, Dalton St. Mary's, 7:30pm.** They will be singing **Handel's Messiah** and will be accompanied by the Holborne Players who will be playing period instruments.

We think that this is the first time Messiah will be performed in this area with a baroque orchestra.

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St. Mary's Hospice: Are holding a **Forget-me-Not Ball, Saturday 17 May, Cartmel Race Course.** This will be a Black Tie Event including a drinks reception and a 3 course meal. Doors open **7:15pm** for **8:00pm.** Tickets, £40, Contact Natalie Duncan at the Hospice **T: 01229 483782.**

The Leven Support Group is holding a **Fashion Show – 'The Silver Screen'** stage by 'Two by Two'. **Friday 25 April, Café Ambio, 7:30pm** Tickets £7.50 includes entry to the museum 6:00/7:00pm & refreshments. *Contacts Dot T: 015395 30132, Sylvia T: 015395 31685, Marian T: 015395 31779*

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Crake Valley Croquet Club: Are having an **Open Day, Tuesday 13 May, 2:00pm–8:00pm.** Come along to watch, learn & have a go. Equipment, tuition & refreshments provided. At Greenodd, on the right after the A590/A595 roundabout.

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Rusland Show: The Rusland Valley Spring Show will be held on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of April** in the **Rusland Reading Rooms** and a Large Marquee.

It is also time for the **Spring Garden Competition:** this is just for ordinary bog standard gardens and entry is FREE! An opportunity to support your local show. Judging starts **Monday 28 April.** Anyone requiring Schedules or Entry Forms or further information contact:

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory: In January, Cartmel Priory School (CPS) visited the Amade Valley in Austria, the area famous for Amadeus Mozart, The Sound of Music, Salzburg and Hermann Maier. Pupils stayed in an alpine style hotel in Hutau run by Elizabeth, a local resident for over 50 years, providing the ideal opportunity to practise their German skills and sample the delicious local cuisine (a favourite being Tiroler Grostl!). The pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9

skied the three local resorts of Alpendorf, Wagrain and Falchau. With over fifty percent being beginners, they spent the first two days at Alpendorf improving on skills learnt at Kendal Dry Ski slope, whilst the more advanced pupils skied further afield into the more distant resorts.

The ski conditions were perfect, with bright days and snow on a couple of evenings. By the end of the week all pupils were skiing green, blue and red runs and were easily able to ski from one resort to the next. The pupils were tested on their abilities on the final day with a ski navigation test and a timed slalom. The pupils returned better skiers and those doing GCSE PE are now ready for their GCSE Physical Education assessment in skiing. Evening entertainment included ice skating in Salzburg, dancing at a local disco, eating out at an Italian restaurant and swimming.

Dr. Paul.



Leven Valley: World Book Day was marked by a wonderful visit from author Sue Gill and the creation of a book called Stella the Elk. Everyone enjoyed the day. Classes 3 and 2 participated in an orienteering session, Class 3 took part in Dance Platform rehearsals and Class 1 worked hard in a maths sorting activity using living and non-living materials.

Everyone is looking forward to our “Everyone Together” afternoon, when children, staff, parents, friends, governors and members of the church congregations all join together to enjoy some craftwork, tea and a service. The theme of this afternoon is Jesus in the wilderness.

Class 2 are getting excited about their residential visit to Ingleton on Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th March. We all hope they have a wonderful time like the children who went last year.

The school is also looking forward to celebrating Sport Relief with a Sport Relief Mile, “sporty” non uniform and a cake stall.

The school term ends with an Easter Service at St Anne’s Haverthwaite at **2:00pm on Wednesday 9 April** led by the children.

Sue Sanderson.

“If we knew we would live forever, we would never get anything done.”

Preacher, Colton 16 March 2014

DIARY DATES

† During the Interregnum everything is being done to ensure Service Times remain constant but this may not happen so please take note of the Rota & Below.

- 2 April Bible Study, Wetherlam, Penny Bridge, 10:00am.
- 5 April Furness Bach Choir, St. Mary's, Dalton, 7:30pm.
Rusland Spring Show, Rusland Reading Rooms, also the 6th.
- 6 April **Morning Worship, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 9 April Bible Study, Water Yeat House, Blawith, 10:00am.
- 13 April **Palm Sunday, Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 15 April **Holy Communion, Colton, 7:00pm.** Followed by the APCM.
- 17 April **Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, Lowick, 7:30pm.**
- 18 April **Good Friday, Meditation, Penny Bridge, 2:00pm.**
- 19 April **Decorating the Church, 10:00am.**
- 20 April **Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 21 April The Queen's Birthday, 88.
- 23 April **St. George's Day**
- 25 April **Mark, Evangelist.**
Fashion Show, Café Ambio, 7:30pm.
- 27 April **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 28 April Start of Garden Competition inspections.



Rusland Horizons: Through the National Park we are advertising for the post of Development Officer (16 months). The skills required are varied from Development of Projects to identifying sources of funding. To find out more see the web site: <http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/aboutus/jobs/job-rusland-hlf-officer> *Colin Barr.*

Bouth: Bouth now has its own website containing news, events and other information about Bouth and the local area. You can find the website at www.bouth.org.uk. It's maintained by David Hamer who asks that everyone helps to keep the website current by passing him information on news, events and other topics that are relevant to our community. His email address can be found via a link at the bottom of each page on the website.

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