



# 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

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*Dear Friends*

### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

As most of the readers will know I am a minister in the Church of England, a vicar, meaning I stand-in vicariously for the Bishop who cannot be in each of the parishes in the diocese at one and the same time. And despite the squabbles, the deficiencies, and the inefficiencies, I do have a deep love for the Church of England and I know I am where I am meant to be.

That said, I do have two particular concerns with the Church of England, and they are summed up in the name itself.

The first concern is the Church of England calls itself “the” Church of England. There are within the borders of England many denominations, streams, networks and independent churches. Each of these, in my opinion, has an equal standing and voice within the universal Church. As the Church of England it is very easy, even unintentionally, to adopt what has been called “the effortless superiority of the Church of England”.

The second concern is by far the more serious. For many who attend Church of England services, those on the fringes and even those that never darken the door, the emphasis is more on the word “England” than it is “Church”. The sense of national identity or in some cases regional or metropolitan identity takes precedence over Church doctrine and the teachings of Jesus.

When Jesus himself was approached by a Teacher of the Law, the Teacher correctly identified that to live well was to love God and love his neighbour. But who was his neighbour he asked? So Jesus told him the Parable of the Good Samaritan ending with:

*“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” The Teacher of the Law said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’”*

Luke 10.36-37

At a time when the United Kingdom seeks to leave the European Union, and the United Kingdom may not remain united; at a time when a sniper shoots police officers and a lorry driver deliberately careers through a crowd; at a time like this we need to know who are neighbour is, we need to listen to the teachings of Jesus.

But for those that consider themselves part of the Church of England there needs to be first the humility to listen to the voice of our sisters and brothers in other churches. And second, we must not wrap ourselves in the British flag, but instead clothe ourselves with Jesus and his teachings.

Moving forward, if our churches and church communities are to counter the disunity and evil in this world, then we ourselves must be unified and listen to Jesus’ teachings over our own sense of identity and traditions.

*Blessings in Christ*

*Brian & Anne*



## **BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE**

**Wed. August 3rd:** (at Wetherlam, Penny Bridge)

Session 3: **THE WHOLE GOSPEL FOR THE COMMUNITY** (John 20: 24-29 “... and My God”)

- Mission and Social Action

**Wed. August 10<sup>th</sup>:** (at Water Yeat House)

Session 4: **THE CHURCH AND MISSION** (Acts 1: 6-9)

- Mission and Church Unity

All sessions start with Coffee at 10:00 am and end at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## COTTON CHRONICLES

The Anglican Church, in its wisdom, has an amazing and complicated management system the like of which would bring any commercial company to its knees and yet it survives. But one could question their decisions as all too often they appear to lack commonsense and the needs of the parishioners and the parishes. At the recent General Synod Bishops, priests and lay members were ‘asked’ to observe a strict Twitter & texting purdah prior to a private session to thrash out their differences over sex!

So perhaps they should listen to the Head of the Church, Her Majesty the Queen. In what she called our “increasingly complex and demanding world” she correctly pointed out that the “hallmark of leadership is...quiet thinking and contemplation which can enable deeper consideration of how challenges and opportunities can best be addressed.”

The good news is that the Church intends to create 125 new Church Schools over the next four years. On a lighter note the General Synod has relaxed the canon law on priest’s vestments but banning wearing anything overly revealing or not “seemly”.

**The Future:** The ‘Away Day’ resulted in some ‘Proposals for the change of Pattern of worship across the benefice’. Regrettably we are prohibited from telling you what those proposals are until after the PCCs have met. This is not surprising as democracy has never been fully embraced by the Anglican Church.

*Donald.*



**Weddings:** The following weddings have taken place in our church.

June 11<sup>th</sup>. Melanie Martindale and Anthony Friar

June 16<sup>th</sup>. Wendy Coward and Ian Nelson

June 25<sup>th</sup>. Amy Lingard and Jack Froggatt



Sadly there has been a **Funeral:** June 28<sup>th</sup>. Sylvia (Jean) Sly.



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It was a privilege to hear Naomi Marczak and Ruth Tarr performing with the Bach Choir and orchestra; Naomi is a wonderful soprano and Ruth a talented violinist. Both are members of the 'Family Tarr'. Jr.

It was also a delight and a privilege to be invited to the Croftlands Junior School dress rehearsal of their production of "The pirates of the Curry Bean". The children were fantastic, but they could not have achieved such success without the guiding and firm hand of teacher Laura Anderson whose directions can only be described as awesome. And what a pleasure it was to see Head Teacher Cathy (Styles), in her natural environment, clearly well in charge. It was regrettable, however, that your editor was the only representative from the Bouth W I.

We commiserate with Susan King who unfortunately was blown off her bicycle at Bandrake Head; fortunately she was not badly hurt and is back to her busy self.

**Oxen Park Reading Rooms:** A successful Table Tennis tournament was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July to launch the new (posh) table. From 11 locals the 'champion' was Paul Townsend who sneaked in from Satterthwaite with David Kidwell as runner up. Oxen Park are starting a table tennis 'ladder' and are preparing to challenge Satt and Rusland to matches. Newcomers always welcome. Contact Sue McKinnon (room secretary) if you would just like to play with a friend. (bats and balls available).

**Defibrillator:** Now awaiting final confirmation of total costs of buying the defibrillator and the protective cabinet from the supplier. Hopefully, only weeks away, and once installed there will be a short 'First Aid Session' in the Village Hall.



### Rusland Show 2016

This year the Show will be held on **Saturday 20 August, 12:30pm, Whitestock Meadow**. You can pick up a schedule from 'The Syke' in Rusland or online – [www.ruslandshow.org.uk/entries.html](http://www.ruslandshow.org.uk/entries.html). Entries need to be posted into the Red post box outside the 'Syke' by noon on **13 August**.

Queries: contact the Show secretary Antony Meanwell **T:** 0122986076 or **email:** [meanwell@msn.com](mailto:meanwell@msn.com).

**Little Edens!** There are many wonderful gardens in the Rusland Valley area and, if you did not already know the Rusland Show has a **Summer Gardens Competition**. The categories are 1) hanging baskets, window boxes and containers, 2) large gardens, 3) small gardens, 4) vegetable gardens. There is also a competition for Child's hanging basket or Planted Container for under 16s.

The competition is not looking for Chelsea standards but a bit of **creativity and love**. So, get your entries in to Gordon Wilkinson as soon as possible because judging takes place on the 22 July.

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### **Bouth Womens Institute**

This month was the annual WI outing when members plus guests enjoyed a fascinating visit to Halecat Nursery in Witherslack, run by Abi and Tom Attwood. When they began their tenancy of the nursery in Spring 2011 it had fallen into a rather neglected state. Five years of hard work later, made even more difficult by the fact that the nursery stands on bedrock, the nursery is beginning to mature into a very special and lovely place.

Tom took us on a tour of the nursery, explaining the evolution of the beds, the planting and the polytunnels. His enthusiasm for the place and the plants is evident. He and Abi produce 25 to 30 thousand plants per year and pride themselves on their quality, how they are grown by themselves and the fact that they will thrive in the Cumbrian climate. The two dozen or so visitors in our group evidently agreed that they are quality specimens as a number of them left clutching newly acquired plants and then enjoyed a first class meal at the Royal Oak in Lindale before returning home.

There will not be a meeting in August, though members are meeting to retrace the **Spring Walk on 10 August**, leaving the Reading Room at **2:00pm**. Our next meeting will be on **14 September** when the talk will be the 'History of Tea', speaker Sally Farrington.

*Lynn.*



## Colton Parish Council News

**Vacancy for Colton Parish Council Clerk:** Our current Clerk, Mandy Lane, has decided that, after nearly 10 years in the role, she would like to retire, and so we are seeking a replacement Clerk. The Council is looking for someone with experience of working for committees, managing basic accounts and budgets, and ideally having worked in local government or a similar organisation. Experience of using Microsoft Word and Excel is essential, and experience of developing basic websites would be desirable. The role requires working from home for up to 10 hours a week, at the standard local government pay scale (which starts at £8.70 per hour). You will need your own computer and internet access. A home office allowance is payable. If you are interested, please get in touch with Mandy (contact details below).

**Broadband Update:** Our 'Broadband Champion', Mike Postle, is working closely with 'Connecting Cumbria' and Openreach on Phase 2 of the Super-fast Broadband initiative to see how the gaps in the middle and north parts of Colton Parish might be addressed. Meanwhile, for those communities in the south of the Parish that already have SFBB, two 'Digital Inclusion' workshops are being arranged:

- i) **Finsthwaite Village Hall – Thursday 8 September, 7:00 pm** and
- ii) **Greenodd Village Hall – Friday 9 September, 7:00pm.**

More details will be available shortly on notice-boards, the website and on Mike's blog (<http://postleorg.coffeecup.com/stream/>)

**Ofcom rural broadband survey:** "Ofcom wants rural people (sic) to tell it about the broadband challenges they face" – according to the Rural Services Network: ([www.rsnonline.org.uk/services/telecoms-watchdog-seeks-rural-volunteers](http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/services/telecoms-watchdog-seeks-rural-volunteers)). Volunteers are being sought to join Ofcom's expanded research panel. Interested? Then sign up on Ofcom's partner website: (<https://signups.samknows.com/ofcom/>). If you are accepted on the scheme, you will get a 'white box' which reports the performance – or lack of it – of your broadband connection. The box will not interfere with your connection as it only runs tests when the connection is not in use and it does not monitor what you use the connection for. Mike Postle has had one of these boxes for some time and the graphs make interesting (if sometimes depressing) reading!



**Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 5 September in Finsthwaite Village Hall.**

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## **School News**

**Cartmel Priory Academy:** On July 5 the school was delighted to host the Cartmel Peninsula Primary Olympics. Pupils from Allithwaite, Cartmel, Grange, Flookburgh, Lindale, Leven Valley and Dean Barwick took part in athletics events on the track and field and tried out a wide range of other sports – from baseball to boccia. The opening ceremony was led by Cartmel Priory School's Kelsey Pearson, an England Under-17 football international. Kelsey recently played for the England team in the European Championships in Belarus.

The whole of Year 7 are currently undertaking their John Muir Discovery Award and will be spending two days exploring and discovering the Lake District National Park at Tower Wood as part of their award. Meanwhile fifteen Year 9 students have just completed the Explorer Award. This has involved fell walking, caving, ghyll scrambling and camping including a weekend wild camping and undertaking conservation work in Glenlude, Scotland. They have also completed personal conservation projects from building bird boxes to digging ponds for nature.

*Dr. Paul*



## **Roudsea Woods & Mosses NNR**

**Magical & Mysterious Moths:** Enjoy the glories of a wild wood at night-time and meet some spectacular moths on **Friday 5 August 9:30pm to 11:30pm**. There are 800 different types of moths and moth lights will attract them; expert advice will help you identify them. But as moths are insects please do not use insect repellents, cover up instead.

A free event: Contact, Rob Petley-Jones **T:** 015395 31604 **M:** 07747 852905

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*"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best."* St. Jerome.

## Oxen Park Cinema Club

The new season starts on **Tuesday 6 September** with *Suffragette* ( **Oxen Park 7:30pm**) and on **Saturday 17 September** with *ExMachina*.

Keep an eye on the website later in August for updates but generally it will be **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** in each month.



### C A B

#### **Too good to be true? - be aware of scams.**

If something seems too good to be true, it probably is just that. Citizens Advice estimates that UK consumers lose **£5 billion** every year to scammers - criminals who play on people's dreams, and their trust, to trick them into handing over money. One in every ten people has been a victim. Don't be the next one - be scam aware, get advice and check before you hand over cash.

There is a huge variety of ways you can be conned out of your money, by mail, phone or online. Bogus agencies offering you a dream partner or job, pensions and investment schemes promising you untold riches, fake tickets, claims that you have won a prize ... they all ask you to hand over money in advance. Some scams pretend to be from your bank or computer operator, asking for passwords. What can you do about all this? **Be scam aware**, take your time, check things out. The Citizens Advice website ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)) has lots of detailed information on scams.



#### **Leven Valley Support Group – St. Mary's Hospice**

Leven Valley Support Group for St Marys Hospice held their Annual Summer Fair and Car Boot Sale in Haverthwaite on 19th June and with the help of many friends and volunteers surpassed all expectations by raising the magnificent amount of £4800!!!!!! The weather just about held out and was very kind to everyone producing a warm sunnyish day until the heavens opened around 1.30pmish. Heartfelt thanks to all our friends and volunteers for helping us make the day such a success once again and a big thank you to everyone for their continued support in helping raise funds to help the patients and their families in the hospice.

*Dorothy C.*



## DIARY DATES

**Services at Colton are at 9:30am. Benefice services both home and away 10:30am**



- 3 August Bible Study, Wetherlam, Penny Bridge, 10:00am.
- 7 August **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 10 August Bible Study, Water Yeat House, 10:00am.  
Bouth W I Retrace Spring Walk, Village Hall, 2:00pm.
- 14 August **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 20 August Rusland Summer Show, Whitestock Meadow, 12:30pm.
- 21 August **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 28 August **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



- 3 September Lowick & District Agricultural Show.
- 4 September **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 5 September Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 8 September Broadband Update, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 9 September Broadband Update, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 11 September **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 14 September Bouth W I Meeting, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 18 September **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 25 September **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



## Church Fête

*‘O what hills are you, yon pleasant hills, that the sun shines sweetly on.’* Despite the wrong date in last month’s magazine the sun shone kindly on a fell side at Colton Church and the Fête was well run and attended, with no short arms and long pockets resulting in the magnificent sum of £1,479.57 being ‘collected’ for Church Funds.

# Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

## Month August 2016

| Date                         | Readers             | Lessons  |               | Prayer Leaders |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>7 August</b>              | 1. Sue Lydon        | Genesis  | 15: 1- 6      |                |
| <b>Morning Worship</b>       | 2. John Tarr        | Hebrews  | 11:1-3, 8-16  | Susan King     |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>David B</i> | 3. Ian Pirnie       | Luke     | 12:32-40      |                |
| <b>14 August</b>             | 1. Rachel Tarr      | Jeremiah | 23:23-29      |                |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>        | 2. Roderick Smith   | Hebrews  | 11:29-12:2    | John Tarr      |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Joanna</i>  | 3. Graham Wallace   | Luke     | 12:49:56      |                |
| <b>21 August</b>             | 1. Margaret Sanders | Isaiah   | 58:9b-14      |                |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>        | 2. Sue Lydon        | Hebrews  | 12:18-29      | Rachel Tarr    |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Pam</i>     | 3. Judy Redhead     | Luke     | 13:10-17      |                |
| <b>28 August</b>             | 1. Roderick Smith   | Proverbs | 25: 6- 7      |                |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>        | 2. Susan Smith      | Hebrews  | 13:1-8, 15-16 | Judy Redhead   |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Vicar</i>   | 3. Ian Pirnie       | Luke     | 14:1, 7-14    |                |



### SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

7 August Mrs. S King  
 14 August Mr. R Smith  
 21 August Mrs. S Dean  
 28 August Mrs. S Smith



### FLOWER ROTA

7 August Revd. Joanna Henson  
 14 August Revd. Joanna Henson  
 21 August The Walker Family  
 28 August The Walker Family



### NOTE

Dear readers, I need a break and you probably do as well, so there will not be a magazine in September.

*Donald.*

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