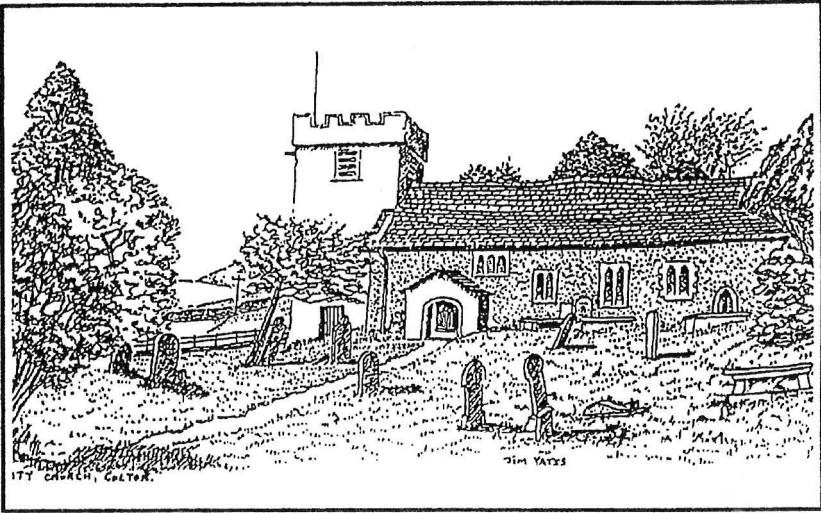




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,
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Note: Friday is the Rest Day for our Vicar & Anne.

PASTORAL LETTER

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May 2016

Dear Friends

As May begins Christians are still celebrating Easter. This wonderful season leaves the world hope and reassurance – first, that our relationship, as fallen human beings, with God has been restored and second, that we are assured of His continuous love for us and last that we too shall be raised to everlasting life.

Just to put it another way here is a little story for, with a story for the USA which illustrates what I mean by hope and reassurance.

A Christian lady was diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So, as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested to be buried with her favourite Bible. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?", the woman asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor.

The woman explained, "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main courses were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork." It was my favourite part because I knew that something

better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!

During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right.

So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

With love and prayers

Your sister- in –Christ

Joanna



CHURCHES TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

The churches of the Benefice – Holy Trinity, Colton; St. Luke's, Lowick with Blawith; and St. Mary the Virgin, Egton cum Newland are joining up with Tottlebank Baptist Church for a joint Sunday service.

On **Sunday 29 May, 10:30am**, you are all welcome to join us as a group of churches in the area to come and share in Christian fellowship and worship. It is hoped that this will be one of the many other joint events we share together emphasising our common Christian faith – please do join us in celebrating.

The Vicar.



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS

We plan to have our annual **ROGATIONTIDE SERVICE**, to ask God's blessing on our farms and gardens, at **6:00pm** on **SUNDAY 1 MAY** in the **BARN** by the bridge at Penny Bridge.

On **WHIT SUNDAY (MAY 15TH)** we are invited to go to **TOTTLEBANK CHAPEL** from **12:30pm** onwards, for a **PENTECOST PICNIC** (indoors, if wet), to share a meal and fellowship together on the "Church's Birthday".

The **MAY PRAYER MEETING** will be from **10:00am** to **11:00am** on **TUESDAY 24 MAY**. (God willing), All are welcome to these events. *David G.*

COLTON CHRONICLES

Alleluia! Our Easter Service was magnificent, the church full and more children in the pews than there has been for many a long year. Adding to the joy was the Baptism of a young lady, Beatrix Langhorn, daughter of Bridget and Paul and granddaughter of Judy and Bryan Redhead.

The climax was this lovely young lady, in a beautiful long white dress, walking firmly, graciously and serenely down the aisle from the chancel steps holding a lighted candle. There was hardly a dry eye in the house.

Alleluia!

All our thanks are due to our Vicar, without whom it would just have been a normal service. Also, to those who worked in their various ways, to make this wonderful service happen; not forgetting the 'Flower Ladies'.

In this time of 'Christian Joy' we remember other unsung heroes without whom the church could flounder: a gentleman, of uncertain age, who yearly checks our accounts to ensure we stay on the straight and narrow, to the many who month in and month out, in all sorts of weather, deliver the magazine to your door steps.

A special mention to Joyce and Ian Cunliffe who, for many years, have not only delivered magazines but also remove the rubbish, uncaringly left, from the church yard.

“Dear friends, however much we thank you,
We can never thank you enough,
For your work and goodness is too wonderful for words.
As we express our gratitude.
We ask for God's Blessing on you all.”

The APCM perhaps better known as the Annual Church Meeting was duly held on the Tuesday of Easter week and to nobody's surprise was only attended by members of the PCC and the Vicar, which is a pity, because the church needs to know your opinion on how it is run and the type of services. Whether for example there should be more Morning Worship's, perhaps a Book of Common Prayer Matins and the times of the services. The only matter of interest was that the church will purchase a lawnmower.



PARISH NEWS

It is not a good month for Neville Stark is in hospital after collapsing in Ulverston, although we understand he is now comfortable. Kathy Skelton who does not do illness is also not very well. We wish then both a good recovery.

Young Jack Barton, son of the White Hart mine hosts Kathy and Nigel, is a competitive cyclist on both road and track with great potential. Recently he had an accident in a road race in Scotland and broke his arm. Perhaps he was trying to emulate his dad who was a successful racing motorcyclist and who, a few or more years ago, won the Manx TT, but his success did not come without some damage to his frame. We wish Jack a speedy recovery and a victorious career.

The weather is not doing us any favours either and the hedge to the Bouth Village Green, after some considerable time after planting, is still looking like anything but a hedge; like the rest of us it needs some sun.

On a more cheerful note the Defibrillator Fund is growing nicely thanks this time to the interesting, informative and educational talk by one Mr. R Mein on the 'History of Bouth'. £220 was raised, giving a grand total to date of £1278.23 and it is hoped that the remainder can be gathered from Charity Trusts. (Apologies to the rest of the Parish.)

If anyone in the parish has lost an iron bar they should keep quiet as one has been found jammed in a sewer causing some considerable pollution, especially to the residence of an eminent citizen where, in official parlance, suffered an ingress of sewage. United Utilities, to their credit were excellent but need to return to repair the sewer damaged by the offending iron bar.

The help given to Neville Stark is a timely reminder that perhaps we take too much for granted in this parish as it is surely one of the most caring in the country. Help and care is given when needed; you do not have to ask and it is not the grand gestures that reach the press but the little acts of kindness. An example, if such were needed, is that this editor being struck down with 'manflu' and feeling sorry for himself looked out of the window and saw a neighbour putting his bin out, a simple but kindly act much appreciated. We should give thanks for what we have. *Donald.*



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At the April meeting we were shown some imaginative and novel ways of wrapping gifts. Susan Coyne, the proprietor of Bowness Gifts, used cellophane, crepe paper, raffia, ribbon and fabric to wrap objects of various shapes and sizes. Bottles, plants, sweet treats and umbrellas were given an interesting twist with bows, pompoms and paper flowers. Susan is a great believer in storing materials that are potentially useful for wrapping and encouraged us to reuse and recycle. She demonstrated that taking a little care and effort in presentation gives gifts a truly personal touch.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 11 May, 7:15pm. Village Hall** when Tracy Mills will be giving a talk on 'Hats and Fascinators'. The completion is "*A Hat Pin*".

For those who receive this magazine, sooner rather than later, a reminder of our **Spring Walk and Cream Tea on Saturday 30 April 2016, 1:00pm sharp**, starting from **Bouth Village Hall**. Everyone is welcome and 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 seeing you there.

Lynne J.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Lake District Local Plan Review: The National Park is embarking on a 5-yearly review of its Local Plan (a document that sets out local planning policies and identifies how land is used, and what can be built where). A meeting between National Park officers and Parish Councils in our 'South Distinctive Area' of the National Park is being held on 20th April to discuss any issues or changes in circumstances that might need policy change. Our recently produced 'Colton Community Plan' and its policies (based on your questionnaire responses) will help inform discussions. Members of the public will be able to feed their opinions into the Local Plan review via the National Park's website.

Illegal Off-road Activity: The police together with the 'Illegal Off-roading Working Group' representatives have been holding a series of 'enforcement days' to target motor vehicles venturing off legal routes. The police have sent out warning letters to the owners of vehicles associated with transporting motor bikes ridden illegally in the Bouth area. All motor vehicles ridden on public roads (and this includes unmetalled 'green lanes') must be road-legal, including having road tax, insurance and visible number plates. There are only 8 legal 'green lane' routes for motor vehicles in Colton Parish (see <http://www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/Off-Road.htm> for details). If you see motor vehicles acting illegally, then please ring the police non-emergency number 101 and give them details and the direction of travel.

Pegg Lane, Oxen Park: We are working closely with County Highways to come up with a collaborative solution to repairing this route, now almost impassable on foot. Highways officers are visiting the lane to assess what repairs are required and will hopefully provide the materials. The tenant of the land has already put drains into the walls that have collapsed due to vehicles attempting to get around the deep puddles. Representatives from responsible off-roading organisations have offered support with carrying out the repairs. We are hopeful that work will be done this summer.

Our Annual Parish Open Meeting followed by our Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9 May, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley Primary School

Everyone Together – Leven Valley: Children, teachers, parents, grandparents, governors and friends in the community involved themselves in a range of craft activities with an Easter theme, nimble fingers being essential for constructing a Palm Cross. All enjoyed sharing cakes, tea and fruit together, and Michelle's (our Vicar) Easter story before going home. A splendid afternoon.

Children and teachers were enthusiastic about entering the Rusland Show alongside, Penny Bridge and Hawkshead Schools, exhibiting a range of

models, paintings and mosaics from classroom 'topic work'. Judging proved challenging, but Leven Valley were proud winners of the overall cup presented, by Mr. Giles Wingate Saul on behalf of the Rusland Show committee at the close of the Easter Service in Church, which was devised and conducted by the children supported by the Vicar.

Well done Leven Valley.

Susan King.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

On 31 March we had over 25 children enjoy a showing of *'The Big Knights'*. Most arrived with a mask of Sir Boris or Sir Morris and everyone made a thaumatrope* in the interval.

The last film of the season is *'Addicted To Sheep'* - **Saturday, 7 May 8:00pm, The Carthouse, Oxen Park.** Yes! It is a film about sheep farming, a Yorkshire family with a hill farm. Selected bits have been on TV (Countryfile & Channel 4) - and it has had many good reviews. *OPCC.*

* A **thaumatrope** is a toy that was popular in the 19th century. A disk with a picture on each side is attached to two pieces of string. When the strings are twirled quickly between the fingers the two pictures appear to blend into one due to the persistence of vision.



HAY BRIDGE OPEN DAY

The **JOHN STRUTT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** is proud of its role as a guardian and manager of the central part of the Rusland Valley and extends a warm invitation to you to come and see the **Hay Bridge Nature Reserve** on our **OPEN DAY** between **11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** on **Saturday 7 May.**

Tea and scones will be available and Trustees, our Warden and staff from Natural England will be pleased to take you on a guided walk and discuss management plans for the Reserve's wetlands, woodlands and meadows and especially the newly acquired Hullater Moss. Representatives of the **HAY BRIDGE NATURE RESERVE SOCIETY** will also be present and explain how those interested can support this diverse and beautiful place.

www.haybridgereserve.org.uk



C A B

Free help with debt problems! Did you know you could get free expert help to deal with debt problems? The Citizens Advice service gives confidential, independent advice on managing money problems and there's no charge at all. Unlike many internet scams, there isn't a catch with Citizens Advice – they are an independent charity and all their advisers are fully trained.

If you, or someone you know, is struggling with debt, then you can get help now. Call 015394 46464, arrange an appointment, and start to learn how you can find the light at the end of the tunnel. The adviser will help you to assess your total financial position, decide which are your priority debts, maximize your income, and negotiate rescheduled payments. Often clients think there is nothing more they can do, but their adviser can suggest options they had never thought of before.

Many people hide their heads in the sand – or don't open the envelopes – and hope it will go away. But facing up to debt, with the help of a friendly expert, is the way to break free.

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: 015394 46464 for an appointment and help.



Roudsea Woods Mosses Natural Nature Reserve

The Reserve which is in Haverthwaite is holding some FREE events :-

Sunday 1 May Dawn Chorus, 4:00am to 7:00am.

Friday 13 May Evensong & Night Flights, 8:00pm to 11:00pm.

Wednesday 18 May Osprey Open Day, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Saturday 21 May BogLIFE, 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Events start at the reserve base car park, Fish House Lane, Haverthwaite, LA12 8PE. Turn off B5278 by bridge at Low Wood (SD 330827). Follow private road 1.5miles.

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DIARY DATES

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



- 1 May **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
Rogationtide Service, 'The Barn' Penny Bridge 6:00pm.
Nature Reserve, Dawn Chorus, 4:00am – 7:00am.
- 5 May **Ascension Day.**
- 7 May Cinema Club, Carthouse, 8:00pm.
- 8 May **Holy Communion. 9:30am.**
- 9 May Colton Parish Council, Annual Open Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 11 May Bouth W I Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 13 May Nature Reserve, Evensong & Night Flights, 8:00pm. – 11:00pm.
- 15 May **Holy Communion, 9:30am. Pentecost – Whit Sunday.**
Pentecost Picnic, Tottlebank Baptist Church, 12:30pm.
- 18 May Nature Reserve Osprey Open Day, 10:00am – 4:00pm.
- 21 May Nature Reserve BogLIFE, 1:00pm – 3:00pm.
- 22 May **Holy Communion, 9:30am, Trinity Sunday, our Patronal Festival.**
- 24 May Prayer Meeting, Venue ? 10:am -11:00am.
- 29 May **Benefice Service, Tottlebank Baptist Church, 10:30am.**



As it is our Patronal Festival this month, a prayer for us and the church.

*Our Father in heaven, we praise your name.
Your kingdom come, your work be done in Colton as it is in heaven.
Give us today our needs as your Church,
and forgive us our past mistakes and divisions
as we forgive those who have been divisive against us.
Lead us not into the temptation of self-interest
but deliver us from the evil of apathy.
For the community of Colton belongs to you,
The beauty and character of our landscape and people,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month May 2016

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
1 May	1. Margaret Sanders	Acts 16: 9-15	
Morning Worship	2. Roderick Smith	Revelation 21:10, 22-22, 5	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	3. Graham Wallace	John 5: 1- 9	
8 May	1. Sue Lydon	Acts 16:16-34	
Holy Communion	2. Susan Smith	Romans 22:12-14,16-17.20-21	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. John Tarr	John 17:20-26	
15 May – Pentecost	1. Rachel Tarr	Acts 2: 1-21	
Holy Communion	2. Roderick Smith	Romans 8:14-17	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	John 14: 8-17	
22 May - Trinity Sunday	1. Sue Lydon	Proverbs 8: 1- 4, 22-31	
Holy Communion	2. Judy Redhead	Romans 5: 1- 5	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>David B</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	John 16:12-15	
29 May	Benefice Service at Tottlebank Baptist Church <i>Led by a Baptist Minister</i>		



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

1 May	9:30 am	Mrs. S King
8 May	9:30 am	Mrs. S Smith
15 May	9:30 am	Mrs. M Sanders
22 May	9:30am	Mrs. S Dean



FLOWER ROTA

1 May	Mrs. Denise Wallace
8 May	Mrs. Denise Wallace
15 May	Mrs. Elspeth Cooper
22 May	Mrs. Elspeth Cooper



Philosophy:

"We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about."

Charles Kingsley

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