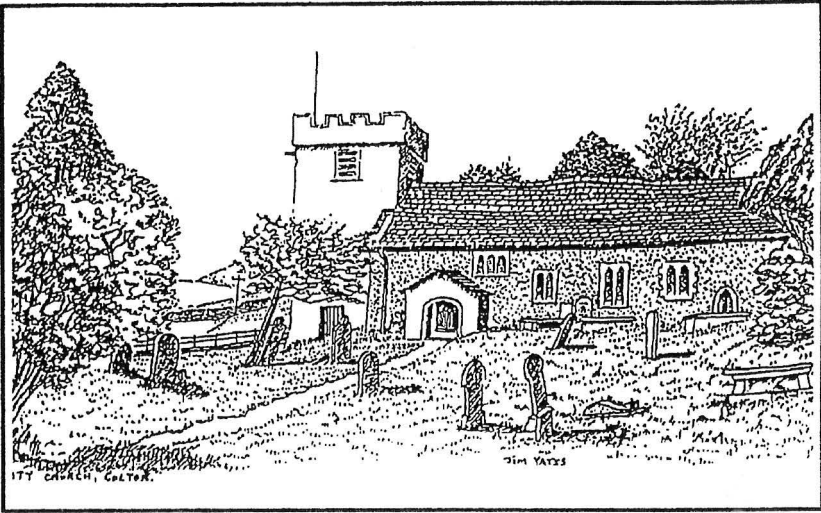




PARISH NEWS

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

PASTORAL LETTER

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July 2017

Dear Friends

As some of you know, Brian always begins his sermons with a joke – usually an awful one into the bargain. So I thought that I would follow suit in my letter this month, so here goes.....

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23.

She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter and little James was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the children were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, James was so nervous, that when it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly,

"The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

I think that he deserved a round of applause, don't you?

Because, when we come down to it, that really is all we need to know.

Some Christian places of worship are inclined to make things seem more difficult than they really are; there is liturgy that seems unfathomable to people coming to the church to find out what goes on; there are hymns which seem to be irrelevant and old fashioned. (Editor.... Please note that I am not against liturgy and well-loved old hymns myself) when our message should really focus on God's saving love for us.

So here's another well-loved text that little James would have no trouble remembering.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

The Lord is your shepherd.

You are loved by God

What a wonderful promise.....but the challenge is – do you believe it?
Can you believe it?

With love from your sister in Christ

Joanna



COLTON CHRONICLES

The recent tragic affairs in Manchester and in London are a timely reminder of how grateful we should be living in this rural haven of peace and tranquillity. The sadness is that it has taken these horrendous events to show the world the incredible resilience and spirit of the British and particularly the Mancunians who were once described as ‘sardonic and to the point’ which also, perhaps, reflects the scribblings of this editor, a born and bred Mancunian.

This attitude is a reminder to the world of how to deal with terrorism, loss and grief; a community described by a local poet as “A haven for heathens, hoodies and hipsters, hijabis and Hebrews, high-brow intellectuals and however-you-sexuals, its home to all.”

We must continue to pray for those in both cities and those in the ‘London Fire’ who died, for the recovery of those injured and for the parents and loved ones in their everlasting grief.



“BIBLE AND COFFEE” – SUMMER SESSIONS 2017

We propose to hold four sessions, as follows, on the subject of

“CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITHS”

Wednesday 12 July – Session 2 – at Woodside Cottage.

“YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS - Dialogue

Wednesday 26 July – Session 3 - at Water Yeat House.

“HE WHO IS NOT AGAINST US IS FOR US”

Interfaith Worship, Witness and Co-operation

Wednesday 9 August – Session 4 – at “Weatherlam”.

“NO OTHER NAME” – The Uniqueness of Christianity

All sessions will be from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and everyone is very welcome



“The Shack”

This profoundly moving Christian film portrays that God loves us deeply and unconditionally is being shown at the Roxy Cinema, Ulverston on **Wednesday 28 June, 2:30pm & Thursday 29 June, 7:30pm.** *Donald.*



PARISH NEWS

In all the years of editing this magazine there have been few complaints, even the recipients of the ‘Mickey Taking’ have been, by and large, gracious but with the proviso that if this editor was in a similar position he must mock himself as happened when mistaking a 30mph sign for a 40.

Recently however there have been complaints that the magazine is dull and lacking in humour so we are waiting for someone to do something daft. The nearest we can get is that one Donald Wroe thought himself above the law and returned to his car in Barrow and found a plastic bag on his windscreen enclosing a note to pay dues to Cumbria County Council. The pain to the wallet was slightly relieved by a few recriminatory but delightful words from a charming, elegant lady clothed in black waving a large electronic device about with intent.

There is some joy in the world as both Mark Sharphouse and Paul Broome have now been released from their lengthy stays in hospital and are recovering well; we send our good wishes and prayers for a full recovery which is expected as long as they do as they are told by their respective loved ones.

We also send are good wishes and prayers to others and the relatives of others in the Parish who are far from well.

More joy, this time for grandparents as Giles Wingate-Saul has been blessed with a grandson Arthur James Wynne; parents Lucinda Wingate-Saul and husband Tom.

And congratulations to Lorraine and John Pilkington who are also blessed with a grandson George; parents Jamie and Ashleigh Pilkington. In both cases all three and the grandparents are doing well!

It seems that Bouth has become a haven for Camper Vans, useful acquisitions, if not particularly pretty; on the positive side, being what they are, they will no doubt, from time to time, be elsewhere. Happy holidays!

Haverthwaite Surgery: A reminder that the Surgery has a Patient Participation Group, to which all patients are welcome; its aim is to gather information and exchange ideas. To find out more there are leaflets in the Surgery waiting room.

Oxen Park: Hurrah! The good news is that The Manor House pub is going to open again soon. And what a relief, the Reading Room is going to get a 'Loo'. Watch this space!

Cinema Club: The new film season is due to start on **Tuesday 5 September**. Title not yet available.

Rusland Horizons: Practical Conservation Working Party meetings – **Wednesday 12 July, 9:00am – 4:00pm**, LDNPA Office, Lane Ends, Haverthwaite, LA12 8ASB

Wings in the Wood Training & Events – Butterflies of Brantwood, **Saturday 22 July**, Brantwood. Moths of Brantwood, **Thursday 27 July**, Brantwood.

Community Forum & Summer BBQ, Monday 3 July, 7:00pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.

Hay Bridge Nature Reserve Recording Day, Tuesday 18 July. 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Booking for these events is essential: to book go to www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on or follow instructions if noted. Sign up to the mailing list via www.ruslandhorizons.org/contact-us

If no internet **T:** 015395 31932 and for confirmation and further details >

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BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Annual Outing is always a good occasion but this year it was joyous. A pleasant summer evening with good friends, good companions and good northern banter.

The visit to ‘The Rusland Movement’ at the Crake Valley Business Park was astonishing for in the small rural outpost of Greenodd was this small company with a design studio, show room and workshop producing the most superb furniture and kitchens using English oak and Coniston slate.

Their statement that “Everything emanating from The Rusland Movement studios is destined to stand the test of time, becoming an heirloom of the future, having been built upon a profound respect for the heritage of our predecessors” is clearly true, in every respect.

The evening was completed with excellent meals enjoyed at the Stan Laurel in Ulverston. The only downside was the calorie count!

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 July, Bouth Village Hall, 7:15pm**. When Robert Wheatley will be giving a presentation on “Antiques”. The competition is “*Small Antique*”. *Donald.*



Nicola and Charlotte Fund

Last month we included an item giving information with regard to the success of the ‘Nicola and Charlotte Fund’ and readers might have wondered what it was all about.

The Fund was set up by David Wood and his mother Eleanor in memory of his wife, Nicola, who died in childbirth and his daughter, Charlotte two days later. The proceeds go to the two hospital units named in last month’s issue.



An epigram to a Miss Ainslie who was looking up the text during the sermon:

Fair maid you need not take the hint,
Nor idle texts pursue
T’was guilty sinners that he meant,
Not Angels such as you.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to our new councillor Marion Brown: The councillors of Colton Parish council would like to take this opportunity to welcome Marion Brown (Hamer) to the role of Parish Councillor for central ward. Marion lives in Bouth and despite being busy running her own business she has committed to taking on this volunteer role to support her local community. I will get Marion to introduce herself properly once she has settled into the role.

Councillor Vacancies: Despite the addition of Marion to the council there are still vacancies for fellow councillors. The Council is particularly interested in those residents living in the West (Colton, Oxen Park, Nibthwaite and Spark Bridge) or East (Finsthwaite and Lakeside) of our parish. We need help from the community, please spread the word about the vacancies. It may not be for you, but perhaps you know someone who would excel in the role of councillor? Parish Councillors are the essence of local democracy and have a vital role in speaking and acting on behalf of the communities they represent. If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on this voluntary position within the community, then do please get in touch with the Clerk (coltonpc@btinternet.com)

Lengthsman: Archie Workman our parish lengthsman has been particularly busy along Bessy Bank clearing gullies and drains of the debris that builds up in them. Archie is also helping us to map all the drains across the parish, which is no easy task. Thank-you Archie for your hard work over the last few months.

Small grant fund for community organisations: As in previous years the council has allocated an amount of money to support community organisations within the parish. This could be to help fund a variety of projects such as replacing kitchen items in a village hall, providing seating for your community space or helping towards essential maintenance work. There will be more details of how to apply for the funding next month, but get thinking if your organisation could benefit from financial help. The council will be looking to have applications in by the end of September and allocating funds in Mid-October. For more information contact the Clerk (coltonpc@btinternet.com)

Rural Crime initiative: The Rural Crime initiative working group are continuing to work towards their aim of making the area a safer place both for residents and wildlife. They are currently in the process of assessing potential sites for security cameras. Please do remember if you see anything suspicious this can be reported via 101. If you see a crime taking place then this should be reported via 999.

Our next Parish Meeting is Monday 17 July 2017 in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:00pm.

Karen Birch (clerk), T: 01229 860 115, E: coltonpc@btinternet.com, W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



Saint Swithun

On the 15th.of July we celebrate St. Swithun, but who was he? He was a Saxon Bishop of Winchester, appointed by Ethelwulf in 852 and was also appointed as personal chaplain to Egbert, King of Wessex. He was born in that kingdom and was famous for charitable giving and building churches. He died in 862.

The legend says that as the Bishop lay on his deathbed, he asked to be buried out of doors, where he would be trodden on and rained on. For nine years, his wishes were followed, but then, the monks of Winchester to honour his canonisation on 15 July, 971, attempted to remove his remains to a splendid shrine inside the cathedral. According to the legend there was a heavy rainfall during the ceremony.

This led to the folklore that if it rains on St, Swithun's Day, it will rain for the next 40 days.



A REMINDER

Church Fête: Will take place a week earlier this year on **Saturday 8 July**. 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.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I am about to apply for Universal Credit for the first time, but have been told that there is a six week wait before the first payment. I'm worried that I won't be able to pay my bills. Is this right, and is there anything I can do?

This is correct, but you can ask for help. When you attend your claim interview at the Jobcentre Plus, ask if you can apply for an "advance payment" - this is a loan that will be deducted from your future benefits.

You'll need to show how much money you need for essentials, and explain why the loan will protect you from serious financial problems. You can also apply through the Universal Credit helpline on 0345 600 0723. Apply as early as possible in your claim.

If you are refused, you can ask for a reconsideration. If you are still turned down, emergency assistance may be available - Jobcentre Plus or Citizens Advice can advise you.

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 – telephone 03444 111 444 for an appointment and help, 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



A Thanksgiving.

In the uncertainties of this life you are the one we can depend on,
The one whose love will never leave us,
The one whose peace rests our restless souls,
The one whose hope is our confidence,
The one whose joy causes us to sing,
The one who is worthy of our praise.

In the uncertainties of this life
You are the one we can depend on-
And we thank you,
Father, Son and Spirit glorious Trinity.

Amen.

DIARY DATES

- 2 July **Morning Worship, 9:30am. Coffee to follow.**
- 3 July **Thomas, Apostle.**
Rusland Horizons. Forum & BBQ, Rusland Reading Rooms. 7:00pm.
- 9 July **Benefice Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.** Light Lunch to follow.
- 12 July Bible Study & Coffee, Woodside Cottage, 10:00am.
Bouth W I. Village Hall, 7:15pm.
Rusland Horizons, Practical Working Party,
Lane Ends, Haverthwaite, 9:00am/4:00pm.
- 16 July **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 17 July Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:00pm.
- 18 July Rusland Horizons, Hay Bridge Nature Recording Day
Hay Bridge, 10:00am/4:00pm.
- 22 July **Mary Magdalene.**
Rusland Horizons, Butterflies at Brantwood, Brantwood.
- 23 July **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 25 July **James, Apostle.**
- 26 July Bible & Coffee, Water Yeat House, 10:00am.
- 27 July Rusland Horizons, Moths at Brantwood, Brantwood.
- 30 July **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



Note: It would be wise for all the Rusland Horizons events to check their web site.

<http://mailchi.mp/bb511abd9977/rusland-horizons-june-newsletter?e=1d335aea7f>

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When Britain first, at heaven's command,
Arose from out the azure main,
This was the charter of the land,
And guardian angels sung this strain:
 'Rule Britannia, rule the waves;
 Britons never will be slaves.'

James Thompson. 1740.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month July 2017

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
2 July	Third Sunday after Trinity		
Morning Worship	1. Sue Lydon	Matthew 10:40-42	Susan King
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>			
9 July	Benefice Service – St. Mary's Penny Bridge		
Holy Communion	1.	Genesis 1: 1- 5	
10:30am <i>Vicar</i>	2.	John 17: 1-11	
16 July	Fifth Sunday after Trinity		
Morning Worship	1. Roderick Smith	Romans 10: 6-13	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	2. Susan Smith	Luke 1:26-38	
23 July	Sixth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	1. Margaret Sanders	Isaiah 53: 1-12	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	2. Rachel Tarr	Matthew 27:11-26	
30 July	Seventh Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	1. John Tarr	Hebrews 1: 1- 4	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	2. Graham Wallace	Luke 24: 1-10	



SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

2 July Mrs. Susan King
 9 July Benefice Service, Penny Bridge
 16 July Mrs. Susan Smith
 23 July Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 30 July Mr. Roderick Smith



FLOWER ROTA

6 July Mrs. Susan Dean
 16 July Mrs. Zella Slater
 23 July Mrs. Denise Wallace
 30 July Mrs. Denise Wallace



"Probable impossibilities are to be preferred to improbable possibilities"
 Aristotle

