



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

New Beginnings

Jesus has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, *Matthew 28:verses 7 and 8*.

The events leading up to Easter (as we know it) are passed. Jesus has been tried, sentenced to a painful death on the cross, crucified, died and has been buried. His family and followers would have been saddened and afraid at all that had happened after such promise and teaching. Yet they hear he is risen from the dead. Now although still afraid they are filled with joy.

It was to be a new beginning and Jesus was to hand over the responsibility of teaching about God's love to his followers. It was to be up to them to spread the good news, to help people to pray and eventually to support each other by gathering together in worship.

This sounds familiar because those are the prime responsibilities of the Christian Church today – whatever denomination. We are to teach and learn about God's love for all people, spread the good news, pray and worship. Again and again we are offered new beginnings in our lives and in the church.

As I write these words final preparations are being made for the official start of the ministry of Pope Francis the First, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, followed two days later by the enthronement of Justin Welby at Canterbury Cathedral as Archbishop of Canterbury.

New beginnings for the churches to grasp the importance of showing God's love, of praying, of sharing the good news about Jesus and of making our worship open and accessible to all.

Is this Easter the time for you to have a new beginning with Jesus? Our churches, of whatever denomination, will welcome you.

Gary

Vicar



Philippians 2013 Part 2

Week beginning March 31st

Philippians 1:12 - 18 God Makes Use of Opposition

Do our actions help to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or hinder it? By our example do we encourage others to speak out as Christians? Our love for others should help us speak out for Christ but do we see him as an example to follow.

Week beginning April 7th

Philippians 1:19 – 26 Ready to Live, Ready to Die

What does the word “hope” mean to you? Paul wanted others to pray for him – do you ever ask someone to pray for you? Do you sometimes say you will pray for someone then forget them? Does prayer work?

Week beginning April 14th

Philippians 1:27 – 30 Stand Firm Together

God loves all of us but do we reflect his love by our love of our neighbour, or lack of it? If you come to church for a “special service” do you feel welcomed, or left out? How can Christians of different denominations “stand firm together”?

Week beginning April 21st

Philippians 2:1 – 4 A Plea for Unity

Are we good at encouraging people to use their full potential in the community? Loving our neighbours should be easy - but loving our enemies? Do we see others as better than we are? Do our motives tend to be selfish ones?

Week beginning April 28th

Philippians 2:5 – 11

Jesus Christ the Servant

Jesus became the servant of all even giving his life on the cross for us. What are we willing to give up for others and not just our families?

Is obedience a good thing or has it disappeared from our society? Can the demand for obedience be taken too far? Do we ever feel humbled by the behaviour of other people?



“Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.”

Proverbs.

MOTHERS UNION

Change of officers and family matters have posed some problems but we are now back in full swing with two new members and always happy to welcome more. Casual visitors are also invited. So, if you see anything in the programme which is of interest to you just come along.

Our next gathering will be on **Monday 8 April, Lady Day, St. Paul's, Grange over Sands, 2:00pm.** Followed on **Tuesday 9 April at Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2:00pm** with a talk by Malcolm Grange – ‘TEARS’.

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FLOWER ROTA

7 April Easter Flowers

14 April Mrs Sally Pirnie

21 April Mrs Sally Pirnie

28 April Mrs Charlotte Sharphouse



Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear:
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

Thomas Gray

COLTON CHRONICLES

SERVICE TIMES

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A reminder that, as from **Sunday 7 April**, **ALL** services will be held at Colton at **9:30am**. Apart, and there is always an apart, from special occasions and the fifth Sunday, which in all probability will be a benefice service; the one most of you love to miss.

Church Fete: the date this year is Saturday 27 July. As always the organisation falls to the valiant few who by their nature do not complain (much) but are getting fewer and older! We are in great need of new blood and new ideas if it is to continue. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any PCC member if you or anyone else you know, think you can help in any way, erecting the tent, manning a stall, making cakes etc. Please do not be shy!

Contact John Tarr **T:** 01229 586 174. Email: john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk



At long last we have a sparkling new notice board and are indebted to Ronnie Mein for his skill in its construction and for donating it to our Church.

P S We still haven't got all the subscriptions for the Parish News but thank you to those who have contributed and even more thanks to those poor souls who not only distribute the Magazine but also have the unenviable job of collecting the money.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

Sadly, very sadly we have to tell you of the passing of Steve Perkins; Steve and wife Linda have not lived in the Bouth for all that long but have established themselves as if they had been here forever. All who knew Steve consider it a privilege and a pleasure for he was the loveliest man you would ever wish to meet; to say he will be missed is a gross understatement. All of this beautifully portrayed in his 'Thanksgiving' service. Our condolences and prayers go out to Linda and family. The collection for the Hospice amounted to £718.

Our best wishes go to Sally Pirnie who foot faulted whilst out on a walk and although she was lucky to escape serious consequences she has suffered a nasty facial injury. But Sally being Sally has borne her misfortune with humour and a smile. Also, good wishes to Jean Pricket who is not so well, but who also is not giving in.

Joanna is back home and doing well after a relapse when she visited Orkney and insists it had nothing to do with her decision to travel all those miles to that fair isle: it is understood that when in hospital she met her match in a 'strength of mind' battle. It must have been wonderful to behold. A warm welcome back Joanna.

AA: Normally associated with alcohol but in recent times far more sinister in Bouth where it is known as 'Allegations Anonymous'. Some person, unknown, has in recent times made several false allegations of planning transgressions to the Planning Board, which has caused deep distress in the households concerned. It is not as if this is an upright citizen protecting the community, it is downright wickedness.

A violation of the ninth commandment '*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.*'

Bouth Village Green: It would seem that every man and his dog, this editor excepted, knows that beech hedges shed their leaves in spring and not autumn; we can but hope, that those blessed with this aboricultural knowledge, will be equally at home with a brush an shovel!

Bouth Village Hall: There are many who believe that 'old fashioned village community life' is dead, but here in this parish that is far from the truth. On Friday 15 March a Bingo Night was held in the Village Hall to raise funds to keep the old building going. It was a wonderful and hilarious evening kept going by a comedian in the guise of a caller, one R Mein, who we thank, together with all those who helped. In truth the wine also 'helped'. We do not know, as yet, how much was raised as Allison is more at home with bugs than counting cash; praise be and apologies, she has done it - **£300**, a portion of which will go to 'Comic Relief'. Thank you all.
Donald.



"Fan the sinking flame of hilarity with the wing of friendship; and pass the rosy wine."

Dickens.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Flooding Issues: i) Your Council has written to County Chief Executive, and has received a reply, about the almost permanent flood and pot-holes at the 'Field of Pigs', near Finsthwaite. Highways have taken advantage of the recent dry weather and 'patched' the road there. A Highways officer has also recently met again with the owner to agreed a way forward.

ii) Following our correspondence with Highways and the Lakeside Hotel, remedial work is now in progress to resolve the flooding problem in the dip by the Hotel.

Road Surface issues: County cut-backs have reduced regular visits by the Highways teams to twice a year, and we are beginning to see the effects of this. The Clerk keeps a list of Highways issues ready for when the teams do arrive, but please remember that you can contact the Highways teams yourself at any time to come out and deal with bad pot-holes (0845 609 6609 or email betterhighways.southlakeland@cumbria.gov.uk), and they usually come fairly promptly

.Lengthsman: Tony Atkinson is suffering with a bad back at the moment, and we extend our sympathies to him (particularly those who know what it's like!). Please be patient about roadside issues for the time-being until he recovers. But of course, if there is a pressing issue, then do get in touch with the Clerk and she will try to arrange for it to be dealt with.

New Notice Board: We are very pleased to have received a new, big and beautiful notice-board from County under a 'first come-first served' free offer scheme; needless to say, with 8 notice-boards to maintain and the cost of a new one c.£800, your Clerk was very quick off the mark! The scheme requires that we allocate a section to transport information and keep it up-to-date. The Council has decided the board will be placed at Finsthwaite (where the only bus in the Parish visits on a Thursday!), and where the existing notice-board is often very crowded. The existing + board will be refurbished and will replace the disintegrating Lakeside board.

Our next meetings are the **Parish Open Meeting** following by the **Annual Parish Council meeting** on **Tuesday 7 May in Bouth Village Hall at 7:30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Mandy Lane (Clerk) – 01229 861408 – coltonpc@btinternet.com – www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



Bouth Womens Institute

After the disappointment of the weather induced cancellation of the February meeting it was good to get together again in March when we were so ably entertained and informed by Maggie Pearce. We had an excellent talk on Cake Decorating, not only showing us an amazing range of cakes but letting us attempt at a fondant rose whilst decorating a cake and generously donating it to our raffle.

Next meeting, **Wednesday 10 April Village Hall, 7:15pm.** a talk on 'Duddon Panoramas' by Peter Gillet. This is an open meeting, so chaps, no sloping off to the pub.

Our ever popular **Spring Walk and Cream Tea** will be on **Saturday 13 April** starting **1:00pm** sharp at **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 – 5pm.

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.

Jane.



Leven Valley Primary School News

Children at Leven Valley School have been very busy with different activities as well as their normal lessons. The gymnastics teams have had particular success with the Y5/Y6 team making the County Finals and the Y3/Y4 team coming third at the South Lakeland level. Well done girls those are amazing achievements.

Class 3 have been working with Nicola on a dance for the Dance Platform which will be performed as part of a large dance programme at Ulverston Victoria High School. A teacher from Cartmel Priory School came to work with them in investigating the various qualities of kitchen roll as outlined by kitchen roll manufacturers as part of the Science curriculum.

The Schools Council have worked hard to plan activities to celebrate Comic Relief Day and raise money for the charity.

The residential visit to Coniston Copper mines with Years 3 and 4 was

extremely successful, the visit made even more exciting by the snow. When asked whether they felt the cold up there one young man replied he kept warm because he had five layers on. A lesson to us all. It was indeed a visit to remember!

Class 1 visited the Lakeland Motor Museum as part of their work on transport. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit and grateful thanks go to Mr Edwin Maher and all his staff. *Sue Sanderson.*



DIARY DATES

*** SERVICE TIMES: ALL at 9:30am.***

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| 1 April | Spring Bank Holiday |
| 7 April | Morning Family Worship, 9:30am. |
| 8 April | Mothers Union, Lady Day , St. Paul's Grange, 2:00pm. |
| 9 April | Mothers Union, Haverthwaite Church hall, 2:00pm. |
| 10 April | Bouth W I Open Meeting, Village Hall, 7:15pm. |
| 13 April | Bouth W I Spring Walk, Village Hall, 'Walk Off', 1:00pm. |
| 14 April | Holy Communion, 9:30am. |
| 21 April | The Queen's Birthday, 87. (1926 was a good year)
Holy Communion, 9:30am, |
| 23 April | St. George
Bouth Coffee Morning meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm. |
| 25 April | Mark, Evangelist. |
| 28 April | Holy Communion, 9:30am. |



St. Mary's Hospice

The Leven Valley Support Group are holding a fashion show, 'Around the World' staged by 'Two by Two' on **Friday 12 April, Café Ambio, 7:30pm. Tickets are £7.50** which includes an entry to the Motor Museum, between 6:00 & 7:00pm and refreshment.

Tickets from 'Two x Two', Dot Crabtree **T:** 015395 30132, Silvia Chadwick, **T:** 015395 31685 and Marion Wilson **T:** 01395 31779.

Late Notes:

- The Bouth W I and the Village Hall committee are holding a Coffee Morning at the Coronation Hall this summer and will need all the help they can get. There will be a meeting in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 23 April, Village Hall, 7:30pm** to discuss the arrangements. Please come along and help.
- The Bible says that the labourer worthy is of his hire but in the church world, for most of the time, worthy means a simple thank you. So we give our thanks to two worthy labourers, Roderick Smith & John Tarr for labouring away and erecting our new notice board.
- One wonders about the state of the English language for, not all that long ago, it was customary on meeting to say ‘hello’ but now it has deteriorated to ‘hi ya’. And even worse on parting instead of either ‘farewell’ or ‘goodbye’ it is now ‘see you later’ or just plain ‘see you’ or even ‘see ya’. Despite the fact that, in all probability and in some cases hopefully, that will never happen.



PRAYER

Some days, although we cannot pray, a prayer
utters itself. So, a woman will lift
her head from the sieve of her hands and stare
at the minims sung by a tree, a sudden gift.

Some nights, although we are faithless, the truth
enters our hearts, that small familiar pain;
then a man will stand stock-still, hearing his youth
in the distant Latin chanting of a train.

Pray for us now. Grade 1 piano scales
console the lodger looking out across
a Midlands town. Then dusk, and someone calls
a child's name as though they named their loss.

Darkness outside. Inside, the radio's prayer –
Rockall. Malin. Dogger. Finisterre.

Carol Ann Duffy
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