



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

BAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS

The Ancient Greek rowing-master was addressing the galley slaves. “The GOOD NEWS is that today you can have as much as you like to eat for lunch! The BAD NEWS is that, after lunch, the Captain wants to go water-skiing!!!”

We all have days like that. One Tuesday morning in my last parish, the post arrived with a Tax Refund for me – £347.98. That was the GOOD NEWS. Three hours later, I accidentally filled my petrol-driven Volvo with over £40 of *diesel*! It took 2 ½ hours to get back on the road, including an AA tow to Husborne Crawley, and a bill for £149 – (not to mention the contaminated fuel which had to be disposed of!) *That* was the BAD NEWS!

As human beings, Christians believe that we are *all* creatures of Almighty God. not only has He *made* us, but one day He will call us to account to *Him* for the way we have lived our lives. The *wages* of our selfishness, wilfulness, waywardness or plain evil-doing is eternal *death* – that is, separation from God for ever, and from all that is happy and peaceful and good. That is the ultimate BAD NEWS.

BUT – wonderfully, in His infinite love and mercy, God has provided a way out. He has come to us, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself the penalty for our sins – by giving Himself in sacrifice on the Cross. And God demonstrated the effectiveness of this, by raising Him to new and eternal life on the first *Easter Day*. And He promises that all those who believe in Him (i.e. who entrust themselves to Him) will likewise be spared and enjoy the blessings of Eternal Life. That is the GOOD NEWS – our Anglo-Saxon forbears called it “GO-SPEL”.

During May we shall be celebrating **Ascension Day (14th)** and **the Feast of Pentecost (24th)**. According to the apostle Matthew, Jesus farewell word to His friends and followers was the promise, “*I will be with you* always to the end of the age”. Ten days later this mysterious promise was fulfilled when the Spirit of ~Christ, the Holy Spirit, came upon them with great power. And this same Spirit is available today, bringing peace with the LORD and with each other, and the power to live a life of Peace and Joy and Love. God’s further promise is to give the Holy Spirit *to all who ask!* (And it is God’s **free** gift!) Those of us who are already enjoying the blessing of the Spirit of Jesus (- “The Church”) will be celebrating all this at Pentecost (= Whitsunday). And everyone is very welcome to join us.

With love in Christ

(Rev.) David Gregg



❀ FLOWER ROTA ❀

- 3 May Mrs. Margaret Sanders.
- 10 May Mrs. Margaret Sanders.
- 17 May The Tarr Family Wedding.
- 24 May The Tarr Family Wedding.
- 31 May Mrs. Dewhurst.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Our ‘special services’ at Colton are always a joy and Mothering Sunday was no exception although more could have attended; it is such a pity that on this day the restaurants are busier than the churches! We give our thanks to Elspeth Cooper & Susan Smith for the beautiful posies they prepared, which were much appreciated by those who received them.

There was a goodly turnout for Easter with church beautifully decorated by the ‘Flower Ladies’ to whom we send our grateful thanks. But, and it is a big but, the Benefice service on Palm Sunday one of the Holiest days in the Christians calendar was attended by only two from Colton. Ladies and

gentlemen we must do better; the benefice needs support just as much as our own church, for without the benefice there would be no Colton!

APCM: No surprise - again! In that the parish needs a church but only the few ever turn up to work and to keep it going and bless them they did at the Annual meeting, as they have done for many years; in the absence of others they re-elected themselves in your service.

Church Warden: John Tarr. PCC: Secretary: Rachel Tarr, Treasurer: Nigel Priestley, Electoral Roll Officer: Ian Pirnie, Flower Organiser: Susan Smith, Sidespersons Rota: Sue Dean & Lay Vice Chairman: Donald Wroe.

Sidespersons: Susan King, Sue Dean, Margaret Sanders, Susan Smith & Roderick Smith.

Oddly there was no discussion on who should edit the Parish News; so regrettably, you are stuck with one Donald A Wroe! **If anybody would like to volunteer they would be very welcome.**

Notice: The next meeting of the PCC will be held on **Thursday 7 May. 7:00pm, Barnside, Bouth.**

Church Fête: Will be held this year on **Saturday 18 July** in the **Church Hall.**



PARISH NEWS

It is always comforting to know that the magazine is read, proof if proof were needed, shown by two phone calls pointing out a typo error and an email drawing attention to what the sender thought was the misuse of the English language, expressed in somewhat pedantic grammatical ramblings.

He and it was a he has clearly never opened a page of 'Fowler', 'Eats Shoots & Leaves' or 'Plain Words'. The latter has a quote from Cervantes, of Don Quixote fame – *"Do but take care to express yourself in a plain, easy Manner, in well-chosen significant and Decent terms, and to give a harmonious and pleasing Turn to your Periods; study to explain your Thoughts, and set them in the truest Light, labouring as much as possible, not to leave them dark nor intricate, but clear and intelligible."* Perhaps though it was as Churchill once remarked "This is the sort of English up with which I will not put."

Apparently Bingo is back in fashion and this was clearly shown by the Bingo night at Bouth Village Hall, in aid of Hall funds. It was a happy if raucous occasion but a mystery as to how 'two fat ladies' & 'Clickity click' can arouse so much passion. Thank you to those who organised and worked so hard on the evening; the star of the show was 'caller' Ronnie Mein whose unique technique caused much merriment. £237 was raised for Hall funds.

The Bouth invalids are slowly improving in health although not without the odd set back; they have been joined by Roger Perry who had an argument with a rose, and lost! He was lucky that he did not lose an eye, added to which Ronnie Mein, of Bingo fame, had a nasty fall and all but destroyed his good looks. They all have our good wishes.

Congratulations to Claire Milburn and Adam Richards on the birth of their son Thomas Harrison Richards, born 27th March. Claire is the daughter of John & Jennifer Milburn of Stock Farm, Nibthwaite and great grandson to Robert & Josie Milburn formerly of Stock Farm.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth WI was entertained to another excellent talk by Martin Cooper on 'Working in Vietnam' He had been appointed British Defence attaché there in the 90's, and as such was the first attaché in the country. As there seemed to be no recognised role for him it was decided his objectives should be to find maps covering the entire country and discover why the Vietnamese defence forces used women in combat roles. (We still don't). He gave us an interesting background to the country - as he said, 'Vietnam' means different things to different generations. To those over 60 - it means 'war'. To a younger generation it means a great holiday destination. Working there, he and his wife were well aware that their every move was watched or listened to, but also that if they stuck to the rules, all was good.

Martin Cooper is always an enthusiastic speaker and his passion for this country came through. It has a culture of at least 1000yrs, and from being one of the poorest countries in the world 20 years ago, it is now one of the richest in the third world through sheer hard work, manufacturing and tourism.

Our session was too short - he could have talked on all night. As to the maps? His wife found, by luck, a complete collection on a market stall - best selection of maps the Foreign Office said they had ever seen. And why are women in the forces? A high ranking Vietnamese official nonchalantly said, 'Oh we use women because we have run out of men'!

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 May, 7:15pm** and is an Open meeting (i.e. none members are welcome) - The History of Gillam's Tea Room. We welcome new members (female only!). For more information please contact Secretary: Mrs Susan Smith 861370.

We are holding our ever popular **Spring Walk and Cream Tea** on **Saturday 2 May 2015, 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.

Jane.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Environment Agency Walk along Ashes Beck, Rusland, 10th March: The Environment Agency had attended a Parish Council meeting in December to talk about 'flood awareness' in Rusland, designated as an area at risk of 'flash flooding'. Reduced resources mean that the Agency could only be concerned with potential flooding of properties, and particularly those in the larger villages and towns. Household in sparse rural areas were unlikely to receive direct help, so self-help was being encouraged as much as possible. A walk along Ashes Beck with EA staff was organised to show landowners how they could keep river channels free of obstructions. Some work, particularly if heavy machinery was proposed, would require consent from the EA and from Natural England. The 'in-river' working window is between May and September, and nesting season of birds also needs to be taken into account when working on river banks.

Police Officer changes: Our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), Diana Wilcock, is retiring from her position to work for the Ambulance Service. We thanked her for her regular attendance at Council

meetings and her support for the local community. PCSO Paul Harris will be taking over as our nominated officer. He is acting on our request to monitor traffic speed and is liaising with the Clerk and his colleagues about appropriate locations.

Illegal off-roading: There has been an increase in illegal off-roading, mainly concerning trail bikes: a) Trail bikes by-passing the seasonal TRO barriers at The Strands, Rusland and going through the river - the National Park and the Environment Agency have been alerted, b) Trail bikes 'playing' in fields at Nibthwaite, c) Vehicles using the Thwaite Moss to Force Mills green road, despite its temporary closure. Anyone seeing illegal off-road activity should call the police on 101 as soon as possible, and also report it to the National Park email address: hq@lakedistrict.gov.uk. A webpage on illegal activity and how to report it will be re-instated on our website shortly.

Lake District National Park – Land Sales and Acquisitions: i) No interest has yet been expressed in the sale of woodland at Waterside Knott at Newby Bridge; the LDNPA will continue to look for an appropriate buyer. ii) Land between the road and the railway from Newby Bridge to Lakeside has been bought by a consortium that includes the National Park, with the aim of establishing more public access. This would be very welcome, given the danger to pedestrians walking on the road between the bridge and Lakeside.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be our annual **Parish Open** meeting followed by our **Annual Parish Council** meeting on **Tuesday 5 May, 7:30pm, Bouth Village Hall**.

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RUSLAND HORIZONS

In February we told you of Rusland Horizons a scheme to develop a number of projects in the Rusland area in order to make improvements to the landscape. On **Saturday 9 May** there will be a **'Spring Update'** event at **Old Hall Farm, Bouth**, which will be free. It starts at **4:00pm** with a gentle guided walk through the woods, a historic farm tour and demonstrations which will explain some of the projects scheduled for 2016.

At about 6:15pm there will be a presentation for the whole scheme followed by Pie & Peas and a general natter. Soft drinks available but if you need anything stronger BYO! If you wish to take part please contact our Project Officer, Marian Jones, ASAP - E: marian.jones@lakedistrict.gov.uk
T: 01539 792698 ext 2730.

Colin Barr.



SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley Primary

Spring term ended with a lovely Easter Service at St. Anne's Church, Haverthwaite led and organized by the children. All three classes presented a scene from the Easter Story linked by travelling in Dr Who's Tardis which is currently having a rest in church. It was a thought provoking experience.

Classes 2 and 3 had a fantastic day at "Woodmatters" experiencing everything they have learned about Stone Age life. In groups they were able to interact with four different workshops which allowed them to test out their knowledge and skills. The children ground their own primitive knife out of slate and made an axe.

They learnt to light a fire using two sticks and after lighting a fire they ground buckwheat to make flour using a pestle and mortar. They then made damper and cooked it on the fire. All the children created a length of natural cordage to take home and everyone explored woodland looking for evidence of animals and foraging for food. It was an experience everyone will always remember!

Sue Sanderson.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our latest news is receiving a BIG Lottery grant to finish off fitting out The Carthouse in Oxen Park with surround sound and HD picture quality. A new projector is up on the ceiling so there is more space for people to see the screen clearly. 'Pride' on Saturday 18 April (8:00pm) will be the first film with this awesome set up but if you miss that we have the Ken Loach film – 'Jimmy's Hall' – on **Saturday 9 May 8:00pm**. This film will be preceded by the short Rusland Horizons film which gives a really good

indication of what it is all about and lots of familiar faces. This will be the last film night before our new programme starts in September. *Opa.*



C. A. B.

‘Spring Clean’ your debts’: As we head into spring and hopefully warmer weather, it’s a good time to sort out any debts. Council Tax debts remain the largest debt type across the country, up almost a quarter (24%) on last year, as a ‘priority debt’ you need to pay the debt off before other debts so it’s important to get advice.

You don’t need to cope alone with any debt or money worry. Our advisers are just a phone call away, and we have lots of different ways that we can help depending on your circumstances. Together we can look at your budget and see how you could make any savings, identify if you are entitled any other income, and we can work on your behalf in arranging affordable repayments to your creditors.

For advice or help contact South Lakeland Advice Bureau T: 015394 46464



CROQUET at GREENODD

Come along on any Tuesday afternoon in May or June; we are at the A590/A595 junction opposite the deserted Petrol Station. You are welcome between 2:00 & 6:00pm to try the game, have some practice or ask for tuition. Equipment will be provided – flat shoes are essential. For more information **T:** 01229 861 949 or 01229 889 574. *Sheila.*



“Thou shalt not kill”

A padre, a former police inspector who was ordained in 2004 and worked as an assistant vicar in the Wakefield Diocese before joining the Army with the rank of Captain won a gallantry award after accompanying soldiers on frontline patrols armed only with his shepherd's crook and a combat bible.

Asked about the commandment 'Thou Shalt Not Kill' he replied: "Well, an alternative translation of the commandment is thou shalt not murder. The military does not murder, it applies force authorised by the democratic controls of the country it serves. Soldiers required to use lethal force soon realise it is a human life they have taken and that has an impact. If a soldier wants to talk about it the important thing is for me to be there to hear him."

DIARY DATES

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



- 1 May **Philip & James, Apostles.**
- 2 May Bouth W I Spring Walk, 1:00pm, Village Hall.
- 3 May **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 4 May English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era.
May Bank Holiday.
- 6 May Colton Parish Council Annual & Open Meetings, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 7 May Colton PCC, Barnside, Bouth, 7:00pm.
- 9 May Rusland Horizons, 'Spring Update', Old Hall Farm, Bouth, 4:00pm.
Cinema Club, Carthouse, 8:00pm.
- 10 May **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 13 May Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 14 May **"Ascension Day".**
Matthew, Apostle.
- 17 May **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 24 May **Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**
Holy Communion, 9:30am.
- 25 May **Spring Bank Holiday**
- 30 May Joan of Arc, 1431.
- 31 May **Colton Trinity Church, Patronal Festival,**
Benefice Holy Communion, 10:30am.



Happiness

Our moments of happiness are those when we see a burning light through the bars of our personal prison, when for some amazing reason we look out through the cracks; or perhaps by suffering with someone in charity, we leap out of the prison itself, guided by the Spirit, which has never lost its New Testament talent for walking through brick walls. The grace of God is in my mind shaped like a key that comes from time to time and unlocks the heavy doors.

Donald Swan.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month May 2015

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
3 May	1. Roderick Smith	Acts 8:26-end	
Morning Worship	2. Margaret Sanders	1 John 4: 7-end	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	3. Rachel Tarr	John 15: 1- 8	
10 May	1. John Tarr	Acts 10:44-end	
Holy Communion	2. Donald Wroe	1 John 5: 1- 6	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Brian</i>	3. Graham Wallace	John 15: 9-17	
17 May	1. Sue Lydon	Acts 1:15-17, 21-end	
Holy Communion	2. Judy Redhead	1 John 5: 9-13	Donald Wroe
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	John 17: 6-19	
24 May	1. Margaret Sanders	Acts 2: 1-21	
Holy Communion	2. John Tarr	Romans 8:22-27	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Brian</i>	3. Pam Priestley	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	
31 May	Trinity Sunday, Benefice Holy Communion.		
10:30am <i>Brian</i>	3. Ian Pirnie – John 3: 1-17	Intercessions	Pam Priestley

“Sunday 31 May is Colton’s Patronal Festival”



SIDESPERSION ROTA

May 2015

3 May Mrs. Susan King

10 May Mr. Roderick Smith

17 May Mrs. Margaret Sanders

31 May Mrs. Susan Smith



The Village Burglar

Under a spreading gooseberry bush the village burglar lies.
 The burglar is a hairy man with whiskers round his eyes
 And the muscles of his brawny arms keep off the little flies.

He goes on Sunday to the church to hear the Parson shout.
 He puts a penny in the plate and takes a sovereign out,
 And drops a conscience-stricken tear in case he is found out.

Anon

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