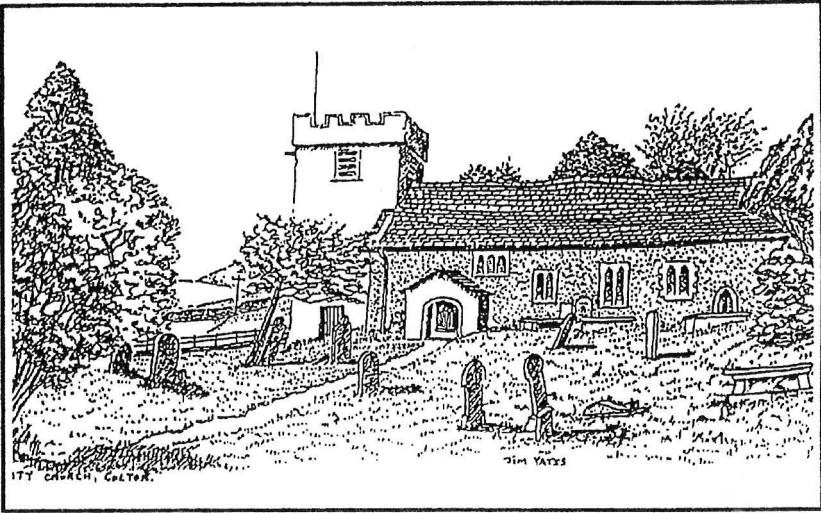




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Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

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

PASTORAL LETTER

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November 2017

Dear Friends

'Where is God when it hurts?' is the title of a book in my bookcase. That question, I suspect is one that we have all asked in the face of sadness, anger and loss.

Perhaps it is fitting that in the dark and often gloomy month of November; we celebrate 'All Souls' day - that time in the church's calendar when we remember those who have died. For most, the pain of bereavement is not limited to one day a year but is a constant ache and sadness on many days. Where is God when it hurts?

There is no easy answer. In fact we rarely find the answer we want.

In one of C.S. Lewis's 'Narnia' books, there is a conversation between Digory, a boy, who knew his mother was dying and Aslan, the lion, who is the Christ figure in those stories. Digory asks Aslan to give him something that would cure his mother, then looks up at the lion's face. 'What he saw surprised him as much as anything in his whole life. For the tawny face was bent down near his own and (wonder of wonders) great shining tears stood in the lion's eyes. "My son, my son," said Aslan. "I know, I know. Grief is great. Let us be good to one another."

The Christian God is not one who is impassive, who remains aloof but one who 'knows' and weeps, as Jesus did at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. In fact at the heart of the Christian faith is Jesus, the Son of God himself, painfully suffering and dying on a cross, called by the prophet Isaiah 'a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief'.

All Souls' Day may not feel like a particularly joyous festival but it gives us an opportunity to remember those we have loved and lost.

Where is God when it hurts? Right there beside us, sharing the heartbreak and ready to give comfort and support.

In the love of Christ,

Pam



APPEALS

Hosting – HOST UK 2017: HOST UK is a charity to welcome international students into British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. The beauty is that the students always bring something special and the experience becomes a treasured memory for all and forever.

Whilst we operate all year round Christmas and New Year are especially valuable times to welcome young guests into our homes. PLEASE consider being a host this Christmas Tide; Hospitality can be offered for one day (day time only), three days/two nights at weekends, New Year and four days/three nights over Christmas. **Contacts:** www.hostuk.org - E: info@hostuk.org – T: 020 7739 6292

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Winter Warmth Appeal: This Appeal is a partnership with Age Uk & the Diocese to help those who struggle to heat their homes. Help is needed and we particularly ask those who are in receipt of the Winter Fuel Allowance and do not need it to donate.

Contacts: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/winter-warmth-2017> or by cheque – Cumbria Community Foundation write ‘Winter Warmth’ on the back. Cumbria Community Foundation, Dovenby Hall, Dovenby, Cockermouth, CA13 0PN. T: 01900 825 760.

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Greenodd & District Christians

This year the **Advent Sessions** of our **Bible and Coffee** mornings will be based on the theme ‘**Christmas Words**’ and as usual from **10:00am** to **11:30am**.

22 November “**GLORY to God in the Highest**” – Lowick Farm House

29 November **“PEACE on Earth”** – Sunny Brae, Greenodd

Also a **Prayer Meeting** – Lowick Farm House. **10:00am** to **11:00am**.

For further details contact David Gregg **T: 01229 885 258**



COLTON CHRONICLES

The shortage of ordained priests in our Anglican Church has received a boost this year as the number coming forward for training this autumn is the highest for a decade; 544 have registered - 25% are under the age of 32 and over 50% are women. This is the result of the Renewal & Reform program introduced by the Archbishops in January 2015. Let us hope that in the future some might find their way to the northwest.

Harvest: Harvest weekend was a huge success starting with our Farmers' Harvest and Supper, followed on the Sunday with a wonderful and well Harvest Benefice Service. None of this could have happened without the magnificent work of the ladies of the parish who not only decorated the church so delightfully but organised the supper, laid out the Church Hall and to their everlasting credit cleaned up afterwards. To be fair there was some effort from a couple of chaps.

£££: A reminder that payment £6 for the magazine is due next month. We are still running at a loss, mainly due some who have forgotten to pay. In 1900, 117 years ago the cost per copy was 1d. so surely 60p. Today is not unreasonable.

In the Colton magazine of November 1901 it was reported that there had been a Missionary Meeting when Mr. R Webb 'gave an interesting address, illustrated by lantern views on Missionary work in Central Africa'. He talked about educating both men and women and rescuing children from slavery in Zanzibar.

The article ends with these words "We hope that the interest aroused by the meeting will not be allowed to die out but that something may be done to lead many souls from heathen darkness to the True Light of the world".

Today we still hope.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

A gentleman and a friend, sadly no longer with us, used to berate this editor every time he found a split infinitive in the magazine. Apparently the use of this grammatical offence is now more in common use than it was many years ago. As a national newspaper put it - "But just because something is in greater demotic use does not mean it should be embraced."

A very warm welcome to Pamela and Keith Jones who now reside at Greenhead Farm, Colton having emigrated from Satterthwaite where they lived for many years. It is a delight to see them in our church and being involved in church and community life. If they are not careful we will find them jobs.

Also a warm welcome to two young Mancunians, David & Greg, who have come to reside in Bouth, albeit at weekends only. Youth is always more than welcome in this parish where age seems to dominate.

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Cinema Club: The Carthouse Cinema in Oxen Park is attracting full houses this season so book well ahead if you would like to watch a film in this cosy venue. The November films are "*LION*" on **Tuesday 7 November** and "*MOONLIGHT*" on **Saturday 18 November**; this is a 'Saturday Supper Special' so a light supper at the Manor first at **7.30pm** followed by this award winning film. *Opp.*

Tales Worth Telling: An Oxen Park Reading Room series of fund raising presentations by local people. Our next one is on **Friday 3 November, 7:30pm** when Clare Dyson (of Rusland Horizons) will tell us about her Overland Trip To Mongolia, stunning landscapes and eagle country. £4, please book in ahead with Gill McKinnon or Carol McNeill. *Oppr.*

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Table Tennis: At Rusland Reading Rooms – Table tennis has started again and continues each **Wednesday, 7:30pm**. Doubles are played and we cater for all standards and when not playing you can pass the time playing dominoes. Cost: £2 per night, including tea and biscuits.

Contacts: Gordon **T:** 01229 860 253 & Giles **T:** 01229 860 300.

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The Tractor Run

The recent Tractor Run for charity was a huge success and a total of £410.56 was raised in Henry Watson's memory for St. Mary's Hospice and the Rosemere unit at the Royal Preston Hospital. The Manor House, bless them, opened for refreshments with excellent bacon buns, teas and coffees.

Grateful thanks for all those who attended and gave so generously and also the tractors drivers and their tractors without whom the event would not have happened and for all at Old Hall Farm, the gracious hosts.

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Rusland Horizons

Hallowe'en Walk: Friday 27 October, 5:00 – 8:00pm. Hay Bridge Nature Reserve.

Our Heritage Skill Courses are continuing and we apologise for not mentioning the 'Red Squirrel Society Open Meeting' last month.

Practical Conservation Working Party: Tuesday 7 November, 9:00am - 4:00pm. National Park Southern Office, Lane Ends, Havethwaite. LA12 8AB. Also **Tuesday 5 December.**

Practical Coppicing: Saturday 18 November, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Moss and Spring Height Wood, Bouth, LA12 8JF.

Walking Stick Making: Saturday 18 November, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Rusland Reading Rooms, LA12 8JZ,

For all Courses & Events please book via our website

www.ruslandhorizons.org and go to 'What's On'

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Haverthwaite Surgery

A reminder that the Surgery would still like to invite patients to join their Patient Participation Group. The aim of the group is to gather information and exchange ideas but note - it is NOT a complaints arena!

The Group meets every two months on the second Monday of the month and meeting dates are advertised on the Practice notice boards both in the

waiting room and in the foyer. The group is an assembly of volunteer patients who are involved in making sure the surgery provides the services its patients need.

To join please feel free to collect a leaflet from the reception desk at the Surgery and whilst your contact details will be required they will be kept safely and securely.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our October meeting we were treated to a talk and demonstration by Sally Lister on the subject of 'Christmas Goodies'. We were shown how to make truffles, pink sponge chocolate, decorated Father Christmases and last but not least aSally produced a fantastic meringue ring filled with cream and mascarpone cheese, which she kindly donated to enjoy with our tea, the biscuits were abandoned.

Also Sally gave us many tips on baking techniques making it a very enjoyable and informative evening. Christiana Gruber won the competition a '*Christmas Gadget*' with a stencil for decorating cakes.

Following, decisions had to be made on voting for nominations for next year's committee and planning for our Christmas Party, which this year, will be held on Wednesday 13 December.

On **Wednesday 8 November, 7:15pm** we shall be holding our 73rd. Annual Meeting.

Jenny.



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I've just started a new job with an auto-enrolment pension. Do I have to join the scheme? I'm worried about meeting my living costs if I do.

Even if retirement is a long way off, or you feel you can't afford it, it's still worth starting a pension. It can offer you financial security once you've stopped working and it's good value for money as your contribution gets topped up by both your employer and the government.

If you're worried that auto-enrolment will make it harder for you to keep up with your living costs, ask your employer how much your monthly contribution will be and work out whether you really can't manage to pay it. Also check if you can claim tax credits or benefits, like Universal Credit.

If you do decide to opt out, you'll need to tell your employer, because you will be automatically signed up to auto-enrolment. Make sure you do this within one month to get a refund on the contribution you've made.

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.

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From Uncle Vanya'

Sonia My misfortune is perhaps even greater than yours, but I am not plunged into despair. I endure my sorrow, and shall endure it until my life comes to a natural end. You must endure yours, too. . . . You must endure your sorrow, Uncle Vanya; you must endure it. . . .

Uncle Vanya Oh, my child, I am so miserable; if only you knew how miserable I am!

Sonia What can we do? We must live our lives. Yes, we shall live, Uncle Vanya. We shall live through the long procession of our days before us, and through the long evenings; we shall patiently bear the trials that fate imposes on us; we shall work for others without rest, both now and when we are old; and when our last hour comes we shall meet it humbly, and there, beyond the grave, we shall say that we have suffered and wept, and that our life was bitter, and God will have pity on us. Ah! then, then dear Uncle, we shall see the bright and beautiful life; we shall rejoice and look back upon our sorrow here; a tender smile – and – we shall rest.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Councillor Vacancy: Whilst we have recently welcomed several new councillors there is still one vacancy remaining. The council is now in search of someone to represent the community in the East Ward; this covers the areas around Finsthwaite and Lakeside. If you or anyone you know might be interested in the position then please contact the clerk on coltonpc@btinternet.com for more information. The role of a Councillor is a great way of giving something back to the community and helping to represent the views of its residents.

Lengthsman: With the wet weather we have all had throughout October Archie has been kept busy clearing drains to help alleviate standing water. Other jobs completed are removal of vegetation around the road sign at the junction to Hay Bridge, drain covers cleared and verges cut at Bandrake Head and drains cleared and dug out at Rusland Hall. As always please do remember to log any highways incidents through Cumbria County Councils hotline 0300 303 2992 (answer phone service evenings, weekends and public holidays) or visit www.cumbria.gov.uk

Parish Council website: For those of you that use our parish council website you may be interested to hear it will be getting a make-over during the next few months. As legislation increases there is becoming more and more information that Councils are required to make public; an effective website is needed for the council to comply. We have been able to access national funding to allow a new website to be developed over the coming months. It will be easier to find information and can contain up to date news as it will be less static.

Our next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 4 December 7:00pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.

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



Who? – Me!

“You are only young once but you can be immature forever.”



DIARY DATES

1 November	All Saints Day
2 November	Children's Film Club, Outback Hall, 3:30pm.
3 November	Tales Worth Telling, Oxen Park Reading Room, 7:30pm.
5 November	Morning Worship, 9:30am. Royal British Legion, Armistice Service, St. Paul's, Rusland, 2:45pm.
7 November	Rusland Horizons, Nation Park Southern Office, 9:00am - 4:00pm. Cinema Club, 7:30pm.
8 November	Bouth W.I. 73 rd . Annual Meeting, 7:15pm.
9 November	Children's Film Club, Outback Hall, 3:30pm.
11 November	Armistice Day
12 November	Remembrance Service, Colton, 10:30am.
16 November	Children's Film Club, Film Festival, Outback Hall, 1:00pm.
17 November	World Peace Day.
18 November	Rusland Horizons, 'Practical Coppicing', Moss & Spring Height Wood, Bouth, 9:00am. – 4:00pm. Also 'Walking Stick Making', Rusland Reading Rooms, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Cinema Club, Supper Special, 7:30pm.
19 November	Holy Communion, 9:30am. 73rd. Wedding Anniversary of our Queen and Prince Philip.
26 November	Holy Communion, 9:30am.
30 November	Andrew, Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland.
3 December	Advent Sunday.



Social Justice

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month - November 2017

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
5 November	ALL SAINTS DAY		
Morning Worship	1. Margaret Sanders	Matthew 5: 1-12	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>			

12 November	THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT		
Remembrance Sunday	Remembrance Sunday		
10:30am <i>Joanna</i>	1. Sue Lydon	Matthew 25: 1-13	Judy Redhead

19 October	Second Sunday before Advent		
Holy Communion	1. Roderick Smith	Matthew 25:14-30	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>			

26 November	Sunday before Advent		
Holy Communion	CHRIST THE KING		
9:30am <i>David B.</i>	1. Susan Smith	Matthew 25:31-46	John Tarr



SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

5 November Mrs. Susan King
 12 November Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 19 November Mrs. Susan Smith
 26 November Mrs. Susan Dean



FLOWER ROTA

5 November Mr. Donald Wroe
 12 November Remembrance Sunday
 19 November Mrs. Susan Smith
 26 November Mrs. Susan Smith



Hallowe'en: Hallowe'en as a name has been in use since 1745 with its origins as a pagan Celtic festival celebrating "summer's end". It is now 'All Hallows Eve', the Eve of All Saints Day.



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