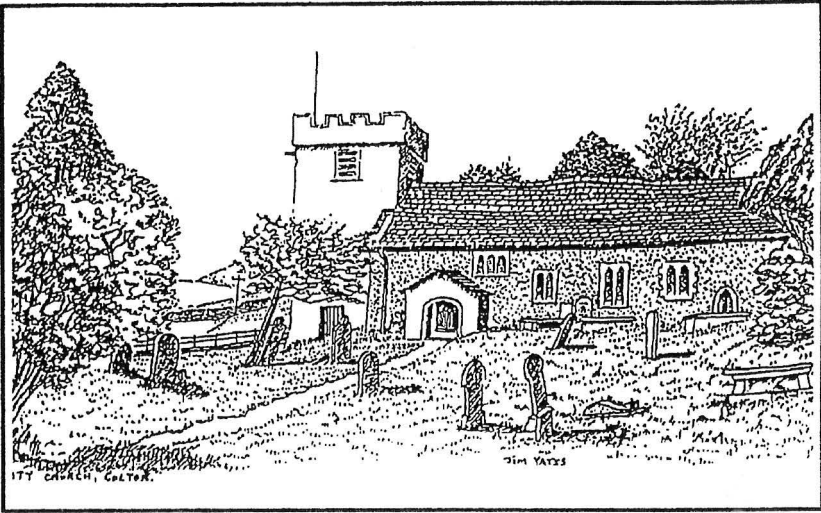




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

COLTON

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

SAINTS AND SINNERS!

The conspicuous success of Wales in the World Rugby cup reminds me of the story of a Welsh Rugby player who died and went to heaven. He was asked by the gate keeper if he had ever done anything that might bar him from heaven. He had to admit that he had once been credited with the winning try against England, even though *he* knew he had *not* really scored it fairly! “Oh, don’t worry about that”, said the gatekeeper. “Come on in.” “Well, that’s very kind of you, Saint Peter,” said the relieved player. “That’s alright,” said the gatekeeper. “And, by the way, it’s Saint Peter’s day off. I’m Saint David!”

November 1st is celebrated as All Saints’ Day. The popular (medieval) idea of saints is as a special select elite of Christians, wearing their haloes which they have *earned* by their example of holy living (and, often holy dying!) and working miracles and answering prayers. But the biblical view of “Saints” is very different.

The “Holy Ones” of the Hebrew scriptures are those who are “set apart” – called by the LORD for a special covenant relationship with *Him*. But, if you examine the stories of the likes of Jacob or Samson or Moses or David, you will find that they are anything but perfect! And likewise in the New Testament. The “Saints” are those who are *sanctified* (which is where the word comes from) – *made holy* through the blood of Jesus Christ, shed for their forgiveness on the cross, and made available to them through their response of repentance and faith. It is not earned or merited, but freely given by the grace and love of God. It is the word used generally in the New Testament for *all* believers, much like *we* use the word “Christian” (which is hardly ever found in the Bible!) Clearly Peter (with his “denial”) James and John (with their over-weaning ambition for the best places) or

Paul (with his persecution of the earliest “saints”) have no better claim to perfection than others!

A fellow ordinand of mine was working on a building site in Bristol in the 1960s. When he was told, “You’re just as much a sinner as us,” his reply was, “Yes! That’s absolutely true, but the difference is that I am a *forgiven* sinner!” Since then he has always suggested that every Church building should have a sign over the door “SINNERS ONLY”! If you have any doubts about *that*, just read through the Acts of the Apostles! And do, please, come and join the “Saints” of Greenodd and District in our church worship and fellowship and community service.

With love in Christ from

(another) “*Saint*” David!



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS
ADVENT “BIBLE AND COFFEE” SESSIONS
MEDITATIONS IN THE BODY
“THE STORY OF JESUS AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT
TO THE CHURCH”

WED. 18th NOV: “JESUS IN THE DESERT”
Temptation and distraction
(Matthew ch. 4 vv 1-11)
at The Vicarage, Penny Bridge

WED. 25th NOV: “JESUS ON A BOAT”
Coping with fear
(Luke ch. 8 vv 22-25)
at Lowick Farm House, Lowick Green

WED. 2nd DEC: “JESUS JOURNEYS INTO JERUSALEM”
Triumph over doubt and confusion
(Matthew ch. 21 vv 1-17)
at Water Yeat House, Water Yeat

WED. 9th DEC: “JESUS IN A GARDEN”
Overcoming despair
(Mark ch. 14 vv 32-42)
at Woodside Cottage, Colton

WED. 16th DEC: “FREEDOM AND HOPE”
A second chance
(John ch. 20 vv 1-31)
at Wetherlam, Penny Bridge

All sessions start with Coffee at **10:00 am** and end at **11:30 am**.

Everyone is welcome. Further details from Brian Streeter **T:** 01229 861668



COLTON CHROICLES

Remembrance Sunday: Will be held this year on **Sunday 8 November, 9:30am**. The British Legion is also having services – **Sunday 1 November, St. Paul’s, Rusland, 2:45pm & Sunday 8 November, St. Anne’s Church, Haverthwaite, 3:00pm**.

Our Harvest Weekend was, as always, brilliant and we extend our thanks to those who decorated the church, those who arranged and managed the Harvest Supper not forgetting all who were involved in the two services.



Room at the Inn?

Charity ‘**HOST**’ is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit www.hostuk.org or call **T:** 02077 396 292.



The Travelling Crib: The Travelling Crib will be starting out on its journey round the Benefice from the **Advent Service** on **Sunday 29 November, Greenodd Village Hall at 3:00 p.m.**

We are looking for homes for the Crib every night through Advent until the Christmas Eve Carol Service on December 24th when the Crib will return.

If you would like to host the crib for a night, please either contact Joanna **T:** 861 800 or put your name down on the list at the back of the church which you go to.

Hosting the Crib is a lovely way to prepare for Christmas and remind us that “Jesus is the reason for season”. It involves few responsibilities apart from stopping the dog from chewing the sheep or the cat from hiding baby Jesus (it has been known). We hope that most of the host homes will be able to deliver the Crib to its next host after its night’s stay but if you have no transport we will happily collect it and take it onwards on its journey.



PARISH NEWS

Haverthwaite Surgery: Considering the lurid tales that we hear, from around the country, of the service provided by GPs we are exceedingly fortunate with the excellent service we have from Haverthwaite Surgery; well staffed and well organised.

They do however need feedback, that is sensible, not the mindless grumblings so common in our UK society today. In order to achieve this, the Surgery has a '**Patient Participation Group**' which meets every two months to discuss the development of the practice and the needs of patients. Several new innovations have taken place recently like the weight loss clinic and the tai chi sessions now taking place.

The appointment of a new Practice nurse means there is now time for extra clinics and self help groups.

Members of the group have taken part in local organisation of dementia care and have put forward ideas to help the practise give better care.

However we do tend to be rather an elderly group so once again we appeal for younger members, especially those with young children to join us. We do want to represent the needs of all the patients in the practice but cannot always be sure what these needs are.

If you would like to know more please contact the surgery or simply come to the next meeting on **Monday 9 November at 6:30pm**. You will be very welcome.

Library: It is becoming clear that our Mobile Library Van has little chance of being replaced so if you have any books please take them back to your nearest library.

The staff at Ulverston could not be more friendly or helpful, but be warned to behave yourselves as one of the librarians is a magistrate.

Bouth Village Hall: The **AGM** is normally held on a date in November chosen by the chairman. Unfortunately the present incumbent, ex mariner Roger Perry, is enjoying the pleasures of Brazil and has not left any instructions. In these circumstances an 'executive decision' has been made and the meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24 November, 7:30pm**. One suspects that the real work will take place afterwards in the White Hart.

'Simply Jack' is Back! *'Simply Jack' will be live on stage at the Bouth Arena (aka the Village Hall) on Saturday 7 November, 7.30pm. A talented young vocalist, Simply Jack performs songs from Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, Take That, Robbie Williams, The Beatles and many more.*

Tickets are **£8** and a Dutch Auction/ raffle is also planned for the evening. All funds raised are going towards the Village Hall. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets from Graham & Lynne Jowett.

Donald.



CONCERTS: The 'Cumbria Baroque Choir' is performing **Handel's Messiah** at **Lancaster Priory** on, **Saturday 28 November 7:30pm**.

The 'Furness Bach Choir' is holding a concert of **'Christmas Carols from around Europe'**, **Saturday 5 December, 7:30pm**, **Ulverston Methodist Church, Neville St. Ulverston.**



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

We were not only entertained but well informed by a fascinating talk on Hedgerow and Medicinal Herbs. Sandra O'Neil is a qualified herbalist with a shop and clinic in Ulverston. However she was happy to tell us not only about the benefits of herbal medicines but also how we could make some of them for ourselves at home.

The main elements seem to be foraged herbs (of the correct variety to avoid self poisoning)), a kilner jar, vegetable oil for creams, and vodka for tinctures!. How ears perked up at the mention of this final ingredient. Top tips: crushed garlic in honey makes a healthful and delicious spread against colds; oats (in a sock) make a bath time scrub, good for dry skin, eczema or psoriasis. (And then porridge?)

We were able to sniff, taste, and apply several concoctions (onions soaked in brown sugar not so popular) watched over by a weird and wonderful witch - and I don't mean Sandra. Just what one expects from a Bouth WI evening.

Our next meeting **11 November** will be our **72nd Annual Meeting, Village Hall, 7:15pm**. And then, of course, **December**. Dauphinoise Potatoes and Donald's wine! New members always welcome. *Jane.*



RUSLAND EVENTS

The (Spring) Show Must Go On!

We are delighted to tell you that the **Rusland Spring Show** will be held as usual next March in the Reading Room (probable dates 19th/20th), as we have had offers to take on the role as coordinators. David Hoyle and Judi Winterson with help from a new resident of the Valley, Robert Wallace (welcome!), have kindly stepped in. They will call on Gordon and Elsie Wilkinson's long-standing knowledge of how the Show operates, and will also call on willing volunteers to help out!

So – get those bulbs planted! (see www.rusland.org.uk for bulb classes in last year's schedule)

Dominos Nights at Rusland: Following the success of the dominos nights at Rusland Reading Room, there will be three more held this winter – starting with the first one on **Wednesday 2 December, 7:00pm**. £4, including light refreshments. Please contact Gordon Wilkinson to book a place **T:** 01229 860253.

Mandy Lane (Chair, Rusland Reading Rooms Committee) **T:** 01229 861408

Email: mandybarrlane@gmail.com



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory School: The autumn term is now well under way and as usual it has been a very busy start to the term. Year 8 have already had an educational visit, in early October, to Grasmere in order to explore the life and poetry of William Wordsworth. Whilst students taking part in the language department visit to Germany left on 22 October.

In December, Year 9 will be visiting the Liverpool Tate. On display will be the “An Imagined Museum” exhibition with works by Marcel Duchamp, Claes Oldenburg, Bridget Riley, Dorothea Tanning, Andy Warhol and many more and the “Constellations” exhibition including over 100 modern works in different media by artists such as Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Jackson Pollock.

Meanwhile if you would like some culture locally why not come along to our school production **“The Sound of Music”** which runs from the **18-20 November**, tickets available from the school office.

Dr. Paul.



Leven Valley: The new term started with ten new children joining the school; Class 3 had an exciting time learning how to fly drones, take videos and make short films working with artists from the “AND 15” Festival at Grizedale Forest – not many children have those opportunities.

Class 3 have also been especially busy dealing with reception of a huge SUMA delivery. They worked very hard getting the products into bags, for the right customers, ready for collection. They continued to be busy enjoying participating in the ‘Priory Schools’ Day’ at Cartmel Priory with the theme of ‘Love Thy Neighbour’.

The Governors held their first meeting of the School’s New Year when Mr. Steve Lawler was re-elected as Chairman and Sue Sanderson as Vice-Chairman.

Sue S.

Note: SUMA is the UK’s largest independent wholefood wholesaler/distributor, specialising in vegetarian, fairly traded, organic, ethical and natural products, and is a workers’ co-operative committed to ethical business.



CINEMA CLUB

On Halloween – **Saturday 31 October, 7:30pm** we will be showing ‘*The Babadook*’ at **Rusland** – come and join us, supper included. Then the following **Saturday 7 November** a French film – ‘*The New Girlfriend*’ at **The Carthouse 8:00pm** (no supper).

On **Tuesday 10 November, 7:30pm, Carthouse** (avoiding bonfire week) it’s ‘*Mystery Road*’, a fine collection of very different films. We continue to show children’s films at **Leven Valley School every Thursday 3:45pm until 26 November**. We plan to show *Minions* as soon as there is a gap. Around 40 children have enjoyed ‘*Shaun The Sheep*’ and ‘*Duma*’ so far. Keep an eye on the website.

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LOANS

Guarantor lending is as damaging as payday loans as more than 50,000 people a year are taking out ‘**Guarantor Loans**’. These are aimed at people with a poor credit history, they can be repaid over periods as long as five years, and they carry high interest rates of up to 46% per year. Family members or friends act as a guarantee for this loan, if the borrower fails to pay off the debt. Guarantor loans can be damaging as they are not covered by the interest rate cap that was imposed on Payday loans in January this year.

Many Guarantors are unaware they are signing up for large debts and can be legitimately pursued by debt collectors, even in cases where the borrower has died. Of the cases investigated by Citizens Advice, 43% of guarantors were unsure of the extent of their responsibilities.

Citizens Advice wants the Financial Conduct Authority to make sure that Guarantors and Borrowers are given adequate information before signing up to such loans, and are calling for:

- Guarantors to be given a letter of agreement and a cooling off period
- Liability warnings to be added to marketing material, and
- Lenders to direct borrowers to free independent debt advice.

South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau – T: 015394 46464 for an appointment or help.

DIARY DATES

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

- 1 November **All Saints – Morning Worship, 9:30am.** Coffee afterwards.
- 7 November ‘Simply Jack’ – Function for Funds for Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 8 November **Remembrance Sunday, 9:30am.**
- 9 November GP Surgery, Participation Group, 6:30pm.
- 10 November Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm,.
- 11 November **Remembrance Day – Two minutes silence – 11:00am.**
Bouth W I AGM Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 15 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 18 November Bible Study, The Vicarage, 10:00am.
- 22 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 24 November Bouth Village Hall, AGM, 7:30pm.
- 25 November Bible Study, Lowick Farmhouse, 10:00am.
- 28 November Cumbria Baroque Choir, Handel’s Messiah, Lancaster Priory, 7:30pm.
- 29 November **First Sunday of Advent.**
Benefice Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.
Start of the journey of the ‘Travelling Crib’, Greenodd Village Hall,
3:45pm.
- 30 November **St Andrew, Apostle.**



Observation: On a recent rail journey almost every passenger was clutching a mobile phone in one hand, as if their life depended on it whilst holding in their other hand a bottle of water, as if they were dying of thirst.

Even stranger was that on a visit to a swimming pool some bathers also came with water bottles! How one can be thirsty in a swimming pool is a complete mystery. Must be my age!

Donald.



“To change people you must love them. Your influence reaches only so far as your love.”

Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month November 2015

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
1 November	1. Margaret Sanders	Isaiah 25: 6- 9	
Morning Worship	2. John Tarr	Revelation 21: 1-6a	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	3. Pam Priestley	John 11:32-44	
8 November	1. Judy Redhead	Jonah 3:1-5,10	
Remembrance Sunday	2. Roderick Smith	Hebrews 9:24-38	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Susan Smith	Mark 1:14-20	
15 November	1. Sue Lydon	Daniel 12: 1- 3	
Holy Communion	2. Margaret Sanders	Hebrews 10:11-25	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	Mark 13: 1- 8	
22 November	1. Susan Smith	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	
Holy Communion	2. Rachel Tarr	Revelation 1:4b- 8	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Graham Wallace	John 18:33-37	
29 November	Benefice Service – Penny Bridge		
10:30am <i>Vicar</i>	1. Donald Wroe	Jeremiah 33:14-16	



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

- 1 November Mrs. Susan King
- 8 November Mrs. Margaret Sanders
- 15 November Mrs. Susan Smith
- 22 November Mrs. Sue Dean



FLOWER ROTA

- 1 November Mr. Donald Wroe
- 8 November **Remembrance Sunday** - Mr. Donald Wroe
- 15 November Mrs. Susan Smith
- 22 November Mrs. Susan Smith



*“To make a difference in someone’s life you don’t have to be wise, rich or beautiful.
You just have to be there when they need you.”*

Steven Aitchison



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