



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

“HONOUR YOUR FATHER ...”

Sunday June 16th is designated as “Fathers’ Day”. One of the greatest blessings of my own life has been to have a wonderful human father. His dry sense of humour was one of his most endearing qualities. At his funeral I shared the story about when he was reading the “Gloucestershire” Echo” one morning. He suddenly said, “Oh, my goodness! There has been a terrible outbreak of cannibalism in Tewkesbury.” “Whatever do you mean?” I asked. He showed us the headline, “Tewkesbury Firemen go down Well.”! But the things I admired most about him (which I would love to inherit) were his honesty, integrity, courtesy, generosity and his faith.

There has been a very sad consequence in our lifetime caused by the (politically correct?) downgrading of the rôle of fatherhood in the family. Jackie and I managed to work our way through over 200 short-term foster placements during thirty years of fostering. We would say that probably well over 90% of those children were in care because of a failure of fatherhood – either through neglect or abuse or infidelity or an initial refusal to even accept responsibility for them. What a contrast with the traditional biblical model of fatherhood – the husband of one wife, head of the family, taking responsibility for protecting them, providing for them and showing the sacrificial love which his overall concern for their well-being entails.

It is, of course, such a basic concept that it gives us the fundamental category for our understanding of God Himself, emphasized over and over again by His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. “Our Father in Heaven”, “God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth”. Our Creator is also our gracious provider, our ceaseless protector and the loving author of our salvation and eternal well-being.

Those of us who have been blessed as I have, with a worthy human model of fatherhood in our own father, will be coming with thanksgiving and great gratitude on “Fathers’ Day” to celebrate such a wonderful God-given gift, and to pray that those, who have been less fortunate in their experience of human fatherhood, may nevertheless come to find the joy and peace and blessing envisaged by the apostle John:

“To all who received Him (= the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ) who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God.”

With love, in Christ,

David Gregg



Philippians Part 4

Week beginning June 2nd

Philippians 3:12 - 16 The Goal of a Christian

What do we see as the goal in life? Is it money, a good job, an important position, power, etc. Or is it peace, happiness and a loving and caring for those around us? Ultimately the goal of a Christian is fellowship with Jesus. For now we could try to copy his loving life – as best we can!

Week beginning June 9th

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 Waiting for Christ’s Coming

Do we have a role model to live our lives after? Is it a footballer, a celebrity act, a famous actor, a television star or a teacher, relative, or friend? We are once again encouraged to copy the life of Jesus. He cared about those on the margins of society, he showed forgiveness, brought peace to the lives of many and changed lives for the better. This he continues today if we believe in him and open our hearts to him.

Week beginning June 16th

Philippians 4:2 – 9 Rejoice and be at Peace

Verses 4 to 7 are an encouragement for all. Firstly, let your joy come from being in fellowship with Jesus. Let others know you as gentle people. Do not be anxious but do everything surrounded by prayer. Give thanks to God the provider of all, ask of God for important needs – whatever happens say your prayers and the peace of God will be always with you.

Week beginning June 23rd

Philippians 4:10 – 23 Giving and Receiving

Are we content with the life we have or would we like it changed? Riches do not bring happiness but kindness and thankfulness can do so.

Finally, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.



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Jonah – what is it all about?

- What relevance has the story for us today?
- **When? Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- June 6th **Jonah Flees From the Lord. (Jonah 1:1-17)**
Wetherlam, Greenodd (J & D Lancvaster)
- June 20th **Jonah's Prayer. (Jonah 2:1-10)**
Barnside, Bouth (D Wroe)
- July 4th **Jonah Goes to Nineveh. (Jonah 3:1-10).**
Woodside Cottage, Colton (J Henson)
- July 18th **Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion.**
(Jonah 4:1-11)
Tottlebank Baptist Church (P Gomersal)
- August 1st **Reflection and Vision**
Vicarage, Penny Bridge (E & G Wemyss)

If you haven't been before we look forward to you joining us. (For more information contact Gary Wemyss on 01229 861285)



"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

Proverbs

COLTON CHRONICLES

Once again we have had trouble at our church resulting in a broken vestry window; it is but speculation as to whether this was an act of vandalism or an attempted break in. We are grateful, again, to John King who has carried out a temporary repair and promised a permanent one.

Sadly we have to tell you, that due to personal problems, Barbara Watson will be standing down as Church Warden and will, in future, be worshipping at Penny Bridge. Barbara has been a fantastic worker for Colton church over many years beavering away quietly and efficiently and to say she will be missed is a gross understatement. Thank you Barbara and we wish you all the best for the future.

Church Fête: Will be held this year on **Saturday 27 July** at the **Old Vicarage**. It may seem 'old hat' to some but it is an important event in the church's year for not only does it raise much needed funds but is also a social occasion so please support.

If you did not already know here are your duties:-

Gate	Nigel Priestley
Teas	Rachel Tarr
Tombola	Sue Lydon
Cake Stall	Susan Smith & gang
Books	Pam Priestley
Plants etc	Susan Dean & Team
Big Raffle	Susan King
Small raffle	Margaret Sanders



FLOWER ROTA

2 June	Mrs. Margaret Sanders
9 June	Mrs. Susan Dean
16 June	Mrs. Susan Dean
23 June	Mrs. Zella Slater
30 June	Mrs. Zella Slater



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We are fortunate that there are those in our benefice who have the ability and work ethic to raise money for others. A special thank you to a special lady Mrs. Margaret Sanders who, for her birthday celebration organised a Dance at Greenodd Village Hall and raised a wonderful and much needed £824 for Colton Church.

On a more prosaic level Karen Maher & Helen Trotter ran a very successful Quiz Night in the White Hart. In truth a somewhat raucous if good natured evening not helped by a pedantic Quiz Master who was wont to hand out £5 fines as if they were confetti. The evening ended with a rather unconventional auction run by one M Maher as if he was driving the Sir Nigel Gresty steam engine. All in all £1400 was raised for the Hospice; thanks to those who organised, worked, donated prizes both for the raffle and the auction and importantly for those who attended and gave so generously.

Also grateful thanks to Nigel Barton for hosting the event. Modesty forbids us to tell you which team won!

A G Ms in this part of the world seem to come and go as they never happened; the latest, the Bouth Village Green where, as you might expect, nothing changed. John Osborne, Chairman: David 'The fence' Hamer, Vice chairman: Marion Hamer, Secretary and Sue Dean, Treasurer. The hedge and the old fence have gone and a splendid replacement fence, organized by D Hamer is in place. As it is a little late for planting, the hedge will have to wait until the autumn.

Still in that haven of peace a damp Cumbrian Sunday saw an odd but brave collation of cyclists receding westwards for a sponsored event in memory of Steve Perkins and his informal chairmanship of the 'BBC'. One was left wondering in what state they would return or even if they would return. Apparently they all did, tired but triumphant although not without incident; in order to spare the lady's blushes we will say no more. £1900 was raised, again for the Hospice. Will 'Biking for Steve' become an annual event?

Coffee Morning: The Bouth Village Hall and WI are holding a joint Coffee Morning on **Thursday 4 July, 9:30 - 11.30am, Coronation Hall, Ulverston**. There will be Bric-a-brac, Tombola, a Raffle, a Scarf and

Jewellery stall and of course a plethora of delicious homemade cakes. We look forward to welcoming you.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our May meeting was a great success. Maria Whitehead, Hawkshead Relish, came to give a talk and it was excellent. She told us the story from the beginning, how Foot and Mouth had had played it's part right up to the present when she discovers for example and with some surprise, Hawkshead Relish appearing with the sandwiches at a conference in Russia! It is an inspiring tale. She gave us generous prizes for our raffle as well as lots of tastes of a selection of their products.

Our **Annual Outing** takes place on **Wednesday 12 June** when we shall be visiting Ulverston Brewery followed by a meal at the Stan Laurel. Short meeting, **5:45pm**, carriages **6:15pm**.

Jane.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Green Roads Repair: Work is now underway on the 2 'pilot project' green roads (U5064 Nibthwaite to Ickenthwaite road and the U5213 Oxen Park to Ickenthwaite road). Drains are being dug, culverts and bridges repaired and eroded sections filled. The contractors are working closely with land-owners and the Bethacar Commoners.

Highways: We know, we know.....road surface and potholes are dreadful! Highways are really struggling with their huge budget cuts and have not been able to get to Colton Parish since last August, apart from urgent repairs. Your Clerk has given up reporting all the potholes, and is just sending in the worst cases when she is aware of them.

For the latest repair request list (ex potholes) sent to Highways – go to: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/Highways.htm. Remember, you can report a problem directly to: betterhighways.southlakeland@cumbria.gov.uk

New County Councillor: It seems that Colton Parish was re-allocated to a different County Council ward just before the May elections (although there was, surprisingly, no formal notification of this). We are now

apparently in High Furness ward and, as a result, are sad to lose Cllr Rod Wilson who worked extremely hard for the parishes in his area; in particular he kept the pressure on with Highways, gaining the go-ahead for speed limits at Bouth and green roads repair, allocating a significant part of his budget to Colton. The Council recorded their thanks to Rod and welcomed our new County Councillor, David Fletcher, from Satterthwaite, who attended our May meeting wearing his two hats – County AND District Councillor!

Litter: The build-up of litter in our verges is getting worse, and that notorious spot – Toll bar to Tottlebank cross-roads, was in a bad state. It seems that our agreement with SLDC to have this cleared regularly had lapsed. However, once notified, SLDC did clear it again, and have also been around some of our roads with the sweeper, which has helped with the encroaching verges. We have asked for a copy of their litter-clearance schedule.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10 June in Colton Church Hall at 7.30pm**. Everyone welcome.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory: Pottery Club members have been busy producing a clay tile panel with the theme "Patterns in Clay" each student is producing several different tiles using a variety of decorative techniques. Eventually the tiles will be put together to create a large visually striking tile panel. Once completed, the panel will be permanently displayed in the school dining room the "Cartmel Filling Station".

School has recently dramatically boosted its filmmaking capability by investing in a class set of camcorders, microphones, cables and card readers. We also have lights, a green screen and film editing software. This means that even more pupils can develop their knowledge and understanding of the world they live in through the medium of film. On this theme the school will shortly be running its school Oscars in order to celebrate the best achievements in this field.

Dr. Paul.

Leven Valley: Leven Valley Primary School achieved first prize in the Group Section of the first Leven Valley Scarecrow Festival. The Scarecrow Festival was judged by our M.P. Tim Farron who was spotted out and about with his clipboard. Class 2 made a scarecrow of a Headmaster based more on the Head of Bash Street (for those of us old enough to remember) than Mr Nicol. We look forward to next year's entry!

PC Wilcock has been visiting school talking to Class 1 children about Stranger Danger and keeping safe on the roads.

Our school has been very successful recently winning the Ashes Cup which was presented by Mark from Cumbria Cricket. The rounder's team came joint 1st with four wins and a loss overall in a local tournament.

Class 3 and the PTA planned, prepared and ran a hugely successful Fair-trade Community Coffee Afternoon, the afternoon was supported by many local residents who thoroughly enjoyed wonderful cakes and coffee and being entertained by the guitar group.

Sue S.



EVENTS

Furness Bach Choir: the choir is performing an evening of Bach on Saturday **22 June, RC Church of St Mary of Furness in Barrow, 7:30pm.** The concert includes The Six Motets and the well-known Double Violin Concerto in D minor. The soloists are all drawn from the choir and include Bouth's own Cathy Styles.



Leven Valley Support Group: Annual Summer Fair Sunday 16 June, Haverthwaite Cricket Field. Cakes/ Plant/ Books/Raffle/Refreshments Beer Tent/Bouncy Castle/Magician/Craft Stalls/Music/Pets/Corio Raptors/Taffy Thomas/ Fifi the Flea/car boot sale and much more!! Come along for a fun day out while supporting your local hospice. Gates open **9:00am to 3:30pm** Admission £2.00 Children under 16 free. Car Boot bookings £7.00 in advance £8.00 on day

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DIARY DATES

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

“Except 30 June –Benefice Communion, Colton 10:30am.”

- 2 June **Morning Family Worship – 9:30 am.**
- 6 June Bible Study – Wetherlam, Greenodd – 10:00 am.
- 9 June **Holy Communion – 9:30 am.**
- 10 June Parish Council Meeting – Colton Church Hall – 7:30 pm.
- 11 June **Barnabas, Apostle.**
- 12 June Bouth W I Annual Outing – Village Hall – 5:45pm./6:15pm.
- 16 June **Fathers’ Day – Holy Communion – 9:30 am.**
Leven Valley Support Group Summer Fair, Haverthwaite Cricket Club, 9:00am.>
- 20 June Bible Study – Barnside, Bouth – 10:00am.
- 21 June Summer Solstice - Longest Day.
- 23 June **Holy Communion – 9:30 am.**
- 24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**
Mid Summers Day – Wimbledon.
- 29 June **Peter & Paul, Apostles.**
- 30 June **BENEFICE COMMUNION – COLTON - 10:30 am.**



Generosity: In the Acts of the Apostles 20:35 it says “It is more blessed to give than receive” and if you have read these pages you will know that many are blessed in and around this parish. A Fashion Show in Backbarrow, a Quiz Night in Bouth and a Sponsored Cycle Ride again in Bouth have raised an amazing £4,800 for St. Mary’s Hospice. The Dance at Greenodd raised a much needed £800 for our Church. **THANK YOU !!**



Language: Plain English is, apparently, going out of fashion as simple words are being replaced: a prime example is ‘personnel’ which in companies throughout the world is now known as ‘human resources’. It is as if human beings are just another piece of equipment.

“Computers are like Old Testament gods; all rules and no mercy”

Joseph Campbell

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