



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

They're Off

*Euro 2012 has been and gone,
crowds washed out at Silverston',
almost there at Wimbledon,
now the Olympics.*

At the time of writing various major sporting events have ended and others are just beginning. The Olympic flame still makes its long, long winding journey through the nation. Sailing on a boat here, being carried by a runner there, an inspirational person in the community or an injured soldier, but only seen by the few who are free at a particular time.

The competitors have been coached and training for many years to be offered the opportunity to enter the games and perhaps come third, second, or even, first. Yet, in a way, all have achieved a lot to be competing at the games.

Christians, and those on the edge of faith, have their own challenge but often they are afraid to take it. It could be hard work even though they are almost guaranteed a winner's crown.

Like the Olympic Games with the "flame" we have our symbol to be recognised by all – the cross. Unlike the flame, our symbol is visible in churches and in many other places through our nation to all who seek it. We do not have to travel far to see it.

Our training manual can be seen as the Bible which tells the story of God's people and gives guidance on living together in community – what we call the Christian Community. We can talk to our coach through prayer at any time, day or night, and we can know that he (God) will guide us through whatever

challenge faces us. Our inspirational example, the one we try to copy is Jesus, whose life of loving and caring should be an example to all. Finally, we do not care if we come first, second, or third in the race because all who take part in faith win a crown of glory.

Training sessions tend to take place on a Sunday morning and all can join in – you don't even have to pay to be a member. Special training i.e. Bible Study Groups, *Alpha*, or other Christian basics courses, takes place from time to time.

Why don't you become "spiritually fit" by joining us at a church near you this summer.



GREENODD AND DISTRICT PLANNING GROUP

COFFEE & THE BIBLE



- What has the Old Testament to say to us today?
- A look at four characters and how they can affect our Christian lives today.
- **When? Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- **August 8th** Ruth at Tottlebank Church Hall
- **August 22nd** Esther at Barnside, Bouth

Christians of all denominations welcome.



An Introduction to the Christian Faith or Alpha Course: I have recently been asked if we will be having an *Alpha Course* in the near future. It does seem a long time since we had one. Anyone interested in coming along, or finding out more telephone me on 861285 at the vicarage. *The Vicar.*



Mark in 2012

Week beginning August 5th

Mark 11:1 – 14 Jesus enters Jerusalem

Are you willing to “lend things” to Jesus when he has need of them – your goods, your skills, yourselves? Would you, like the disciples, be ready to give all for him?

Week beginning August 12th

Mark 11:15 – 33 Jesus’ authority questioned

Is it right to sell items in a church or cathedral? The chief priests and scribes were afraid of Jesus – are you afraid of knowing him because it might change your life? Do you believe in the power of prayer?

Week beginning August 19th

Mark 12:1 – 12 Parable of the vineyard

If you had been the owner of the vineyard what would you have done? How far are you willing to forgive someone for the things they have done which have hurt you? Do you expect others to forgive you when you hurt someone?

Week beginning August 26th

Mark 12:13 – 27 Paying taxes to Caesar

Are there times when you shouldn’t answer questions and you should just remain silent? Do you think the tax system is fair? Do you think that church buildings should be given help from the government (through the tax system)?

Prayer themes for August

For an increase of our faith that we may learn to forgive and be forgiven – for the community in Penny Bridge – for those leaving nursery and going to primary school; those leaving primary school and going to secondary

school; those leaving secondary school and going to college, or work; and those who have no employment to go to.



FLOWER ROTA

5 August	Mrs. Barbara Watson
12 August	Mrs Margaret Sanders
19 August	Mrs Margaret Sanders
26 August	The Revd. Joanna Henson
2 September	The Revd. Joanna Henson
9 September	Mrs. Susan Smith
16 September	Mrs. Susan Smith
23 September	Mrs. Charlotte Sharphouse
20 September	Mrs. Charlotte Sharphouse



COLTON CHRONICLES

Churchyard paths: When you let a contract for construction works you are never altogether sure of the end result; in the case of the paths in the churchyard the result was excellent and we are indebted to the contractor, Peter Daw who carried out the work not only in appalling weather but with a great sense of humour. One small problem has arisen in that the gates need some adjustment, fortunately, although we at Colton are few in number, if a job need doing somebody always steps forward. In this case Jim Walker plus his 'apprentice' has volunteered to do the work. Thank you.

For those who fear that in the depths of winter the path to the church will become a 'Cresta Run', fear not for rock salt, commonly called grit will be available for spreading.

The future: The structure of the administration of the Church of England is, like most bureaucracies, clumsy and tends only to nod, albeit warily, to democracy. The next level up from our Benefice is the Furness Deanery consisting 18 parishes covering an area, Colton apart, west of Coniston

Water and the river Crake down to Aldringham across to Millom, excluding Barrow, and up to Broughton and Coniston.

For the most part their discussions are related to reorganisation, although it is never called that, in anticipation of the inevitable reduction in clergy. In 2008 it was the 'Deanery Plan' and now in 2012 the 'Mission and Pastoral Plan Development Process'. There is talk of 'clusters', whatever they may be, but to date that is all there is – talk!

Cartmel Priory C of E School: The School, the only C of E secondary school in South Cumbria, cannot operate without a Governing Body and needs as wide a representation as possible. If there is anyone out there who would like to be a Governor please contact Mrs. Lynda Halhead, Clerk to the Governors.

Tel: 015395 36202, Email : lynda@cartmelpriory.cumbria.sch.uk *Donald.*



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Our very best wishes to Mrs. Ruth Pearson who is now home and, although still weak, is determined as ever to recover. Also to Mrs. Susan Smith, who has been playing footsie with a surgeon and is alive but still not kicking. Our thoughts as well to Tom Watson who is awaiting surgery.

The **Rusland Show** will be held, this year, on Whitestock Meadow on **Saturday 18 August from 12:30pm**. Schedules can be got from the Show Secretary: Mr. A Meanwell. Tel: 01229 86 076, Email: a_meanwell@msn.com . And do not forget to put yourselves forward for the garden competition.

Poppy Appeal: As our armed forces continue to fight for democracy throughout the world the number of those who are injured and disabled grows and the money raised by the Annual Poppy Appeal also needs to grow, so there is also a need for volunteers. In particular a volunteer is need for house to house collections in the Sparkbridge and surrounding area. Would some kind person please contact Mrs. Barbara Watson Tel: 861638.

Oil Syndicate: As an act of kindness last month we included a paragraph 'advertising' the Oil Syndicate in this area only to be criticised for being a month too early. It was therefore a surprise to find out that deliveries were actually made in July not the end of August as stated. It's a hard life!

If there is any more news everyone is keeping it to themselves, which is not very helpful.

Donald.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vacancy in West Ward: Councillor Brenda Fishwick from Nibthwaite has decided to stand down after 4 years because of new commitments. We will miss Brenda's lively personality and active role on the Council. We therefore have a vacancy in west ward. If you want to help shape local policy for this area, then do consider putting yourself forward for co-option - contact the Clerk (details below). West ward extends from the River Crake eastwards to include Nibthwaite, Spark Bridge (east), Ickenthwaite, Oxen Park, Colton and Tottlebank; you need to live or work within the ward or within 3 miles of it as the crow flies (go to www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk and click on the thumbnail map).

New Parish Member for the National Park Authority: Your Parish Council Chairman, Colin Barr, has been elected onto the National Park Authority by the parish councils in South Lakeland. He was successful against five other candidates, stating his belief that local communities need a strong representation on the body that controls the Park's management and direction. He has been appointed to the Development Control Committee which meets each month to consider planning applications and enforcement issues.

New Colton Housing Need Survey – interim results: The Cumbria Rural Housing Trust has sent some initial results from the latest survey, pending a full analysis. A 25% return rate* from survey forms sent to 458 addresses yielded 9 forms (equating to 12 households) stating a need for affordable housing. The CRHT will assess these. Most were for adult children living with parents, with the remainder for older people in need of alternative accommodation. (*According to council tax records, 30% of houses in the Parish are non-main residences, so the 25% return rate was not unexpected.)

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10 September, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

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



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our July meeting we were treated to a fascinating talk by Mr. R Wheatley on the Kennedys of Ulverston. The dynasty was created by Miles Kennedy a mining engineer who developed and worked the iron mines at Roan Head, which in their heyday were the biggest in Europe and were the basis for the industrial heritage of the Furness peninsula.

The family, as a result, became very wealthy but were generous with it and were responsible for transforming Ulverston and the surrounding area. He was also busy in other fields having 16 children and owned several houses including 118 Piccadilly, London. There is a stained glass window as a memorial to Mile Kennedy in what was Trinity Church, Ulverston.

Are on holiday in August so our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 September, Village Hall, 7:15 pm** when our speaker will be Mr. Martin Cooper who will be talking on 'Living in Malaysia'. The competition will be '*A Holiday Souvenir*'. *Any errors that there might be are this editor's and not Sue Smith's.*



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory C of E School

Cartmel Priory School pupils have been having great fun developing their filmmaking skills. They have worked with the BBC, have attended workshops with professional filmmaker Tom Lloyd of Dreamtime Film and have produced a variety of films in school. They now have the ability to create storyboards, scripts, costumes and make-up as well as using different camera angles, sounds and editing skills.

This has all been possible following a significant investment into high specification computers, film editing software, camcorders and lighting by the school. The pupils are thrilled with their finished film clips and some are dreaming of a film based career. Their efforts were celebrated at an awards ceremony where having walked on the red carpet they were presented with an "Oscar" and cinema ticket prizes donated by the Brewery Arts Centre.

Dr. Paul.



"Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done!" St. John

Leven Valley C of E Primary School

Everyone at school was pleased to welcome our new member of staff: Ms Ingram who will be covering Mrs Baddeley's maternity leave. She will be working in Class 1 on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Emily Satterthwaite did very well by creating the winning logo for the Peninsula Olympics 2012 which were held at Cartmel Priory School. Her design was chosen from several hundred by children from all six Primary Schools across the Cartmel Peninsula.

The Olympics event was also very successful :the weather was beautiful and many children took part, they all had a wonderful time. Three Olympic torchbearers also attended, one of whom visited Leven valley School so all the children were able to see the torch.

Water week went very well with a range of activities and the Water Aid Tea afternoon raised £164.03. Class 3 enjoyed a visit at the Suma warehouse which included a lovely lunch.

Sue Sanderson.



Oxen Park Cinema Club

The committee are busy finalising the films for the forthcoming season with *Jane Eyre*, *The Artist* & *The Help* as starters.

If anyone would like to advertise in the programme sponsor a film please contact Jane Chaloner Tel; 01229 861 283.

The film making competition for this year's Rusland Show is any 'animation' or 'open' – both to be two minutes. Entries to Carol McNeill by 13 August. Tel: 01229 861 507.



'THE LIGHT'

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lighting a lamp, puts in under a bush, but on the lamp stand and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."



DIARY DATES

Service Times: 1st. & 2nd. Sundays – 10:30 am. 3rd. & 4th. Sundays - 9:30 am.



1 August	Lammas Day
5 August	Morning Worship, 10:30am.
6 August	Transfiguration of our Lord.
8 August	Bible Study, Tottlebank Church Hall, 10:00am.
9 August	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers Union, 1921.
12 August	Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.
15 August	The Blessed Virgin Mary
18 August	The Rusland Show.
19 August	Holy Communion, 9:30am.
22 August	Bible Study, Barnside, Bouth, 10:00am.
24 August	Bartholomew, Apostle
26 August	Holy Communion, 9:30am.
27 August	Bank Holiday.
2 September	Morning Worship, 10:30am.
9 September	Benefice Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.
10 September	Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.
12 September	Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
14 September	Holy Cross Day.
16 September	Holy Communion, 9:30am.
21 September	Matthew, Apostle.
23 September	First Day of Autumn.
23 September	Holy Communion, 9:30am
29 September	Michael and All Angels.
30 September	Benefice Communion, Colton 10:30am.



Bouth Jubilee: There are still some unclaimed articles from the celebrations please think if you have 'lost' anything, if so contact Debbie Perry Tel: 01229 861 639.

