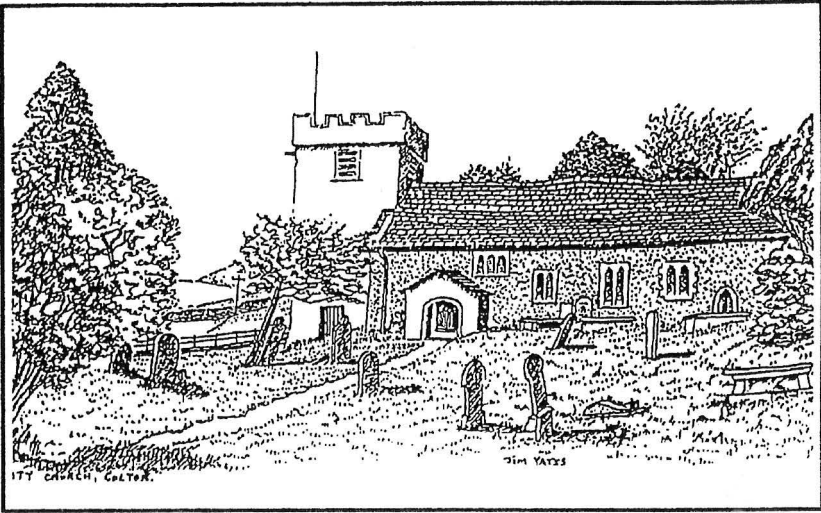




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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Note: Friday is the rest day for our Vicar & Anne. Do not contact.

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
Penny Bridge
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December 2015

Dear Friends

XMAS

The word Christmas is sometimes written and seen in the abbreviated form Xmas – I am sure you have seen it on cards and in shop displays.

Now when I was much younger this abbreviation used to annoy me, as my understanding at the time was that the word “Christ” was being removed from Christmas. It was as if Jesus was being written out of Christmas itself, as if the “X” was representative of Jesus being crossed out as one would amend a mistake in a document. As I grew older this annoyance grew to irritation as I also came to know “X” as a mathematical symbol, where “X” represents an unknown quantity; it was as if Jesus was being made out to be an unknown, or a nobody.

It was not until years later that someone kindly pointed out my misunderstanding. The “X” in Xmas is from the Greek word *Χριστός*, the Greek word for Christ and where the first letter Chi closely resembles the English letter “X”. In fact, Xmas is a perfectly legitimate abbreviation for Christmas dating back to the 16th century, and is not a modern, secular attempt to remove Christ from Christmas. As I have grown older still, I now reflect on the abbreviation Xmas with even more affection; not only does the “X” remind us that Christ is at the heart of and comes first at Christmas but the “X” also reminds me of the Cross.

Jesus was born as a baby in humble circumstances and laid in a wooden manger, a feeding trough for animals. Jesus was born as a baby though for one purpose – thirty-three years later to be nailed to a wooden cross, the Cross. Jesus was born as a baby with the sole purpose of re-uniting humanity, you and me, with God; to enable us to once again have a relationship with God.

This is the joy of Xmas, of Christmas; not that a baby was born but that a saviour was born for each one of us, you and me. As the angel declared:

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger”

May you come to know the joy of Christmas that a saviour has been born for you. A happy and blessed Christmas to you all!

Blessings in Christ

Brian & Anne



ADVENT “BIBLE AND COFFEE” SESSIONS

MEDITATIONS IN THE BODY

“THE STORY OF JESUS AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CHURCH”

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 CHOICES

Advent: The Advent Service will be a **Benefice Service** to be held on
Sunday 29 November, Lowick, 10:30am.

The season of indulgence otherwise known as Christmas is upon us, perhaps forgetting that it is a Christian time when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. By tradition, the church should remain undecorated until Christmas Day but usually we decorate our church for our beloved

Carol Service, which this year will be held **Sunday 20 December, 3:00pm Colton** and, like last year, will be a **Benefice Service**.

The church will be decorated on **Saturday 19 December, 10:00am**.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

They are ALL Benefice Services

- Sunday 20 December, Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm.
- Thursday 24 December, Children's Service, Penny Bridge, 3:00pm
- Thursday 24 December, Midnight Communion, Penny Bridge, 11:00pm.
- Christmas Day – Family Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.

‘See also the Rota on page 11’



‘Carols Round the Tree’: The Annual Singing of Carols round the Christmas Tree on **Bouth Village Green** will take place on :-

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December, 6:00pm.



Most working folk have at least one day off a week, many two, and that should also apply to our permanent clergy. To clarify the situation in this Benefice our Vicar the Revd. Brian Streeter and his wife Anne are having their day off on **Fridays**. Please leave them in peace on this day!

There has been much comment in the media about the perilous state of Rural Churches due to decreasing numbers and lack of money; suggestions have been made that they should only be used on Festival Days. We in Colton have not reached that position, yet, although we could do with larger attendances.

Fortunately though we may be small in number this is countered by the incredible efforts of the few and the good fortune that we are financially stable. Nevertheless we regrettably cannot afford to give you this magazine free and would be grateful if you could let your distributor have the measly **£6**, for the year and sooner rather than later.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

Highways England, the Government Department responsible for the A590, has announced that work will take place at Lindale Hill in December. That stretch of the road will be closed at night between 8:30pm. and 6:00am. On the Saturdays of the 5th & 19th December. There may be more closures and if you are concerned you can contact Highways England - Anisah Murphy
Tel: 0161 930 5633.

Perceived opinion is that Bouth is in need of a Defibrillator and informal discussions are underway. The cost is estimated at £1000+ and an event to raise this amount is likely to take place in the New Year.

Village Hall: If you like good music and noise then Bouth Village Hall was the place to be on Saturday 7 November when the talented young vocalist '*Simply Jack*' performed. The concert raised £420+ for the Hall. Thank you for the organisers and the audience.

Following this excellent evening some of us are mulling over the idea of a 'Bouth Choir' or choral group maybe singing mainly contemporary music; strictly for fun.....if you are interested please let Jenny Hare or Barbara Osborne know **T:** 01229 861 034 or **T:** 01229 861 451 respectively.

A very warm if belated welcome to Deborah and David Lett who have succeeded the Chaloners at High Hay Bridge. We hope that you will enjoy the friendship of the hospitable hamlet of Bouth and join in the communal activities.

Congratulations to the Redhead family as Hannah John has completed her Nurses Training and is now a District Nurse in Ulverston. Also to brother Guy who has just been appointed 'Supply Chain Consultant' to Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals in London, budgeting and trying to save money for the NHS.

Mothers Union: It is with great sadness that the Leven Valley combined Branch has closed due to lack of numbers. The M U is a wonderful Christian organisation in the UK & Northern Ireland, open to both men and women. Not only do the members meet for worship but participate in programs and projects locally and nationally, fund raising and volunteering.

Thank you: A section of highway in Bouth, like others in the parish, was badly flooded during the November rains – nothing exceptional in that,

you might say. What was exceptional, is that following an Email to the Parish Secretary Mandy Lane, Archie, our lengthsman, was there the next morning and did superb job cleaning both the gullies and the highway and is still continuing his work in the village in order to trace and clean the surface water drains. Thank you both!

Also thanks to Roderick Smith who turned out in the pouring rain to clear rubbish away from the gullies, which helped to relieve the worst of the flooding.

If anything else of interest has happened in the parish we cannot let you know because nobody has let us know!

Donald.



CONCERT: 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

Our 72nd. Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 11 November and the officers and committee elected are :

President.	Jenny Hare
Vice President.	Lorraine Pilkington
Secretary.	Susan Smith
Vice Secretary.	Alison Whytell
Treasurer.	Sue Dean
Vice Treasurer.	Christiania Gruber
Programme Secretary.	Hazel Coates
Media Secretary.	Lynne Jowett
Speaker Finder.	Hazel Coates
Sick Visitor.	Linda Perkins

Christmas Party: The Party this year will be held on **Wednesday 9 December, 7:15 for 7:30pm.**

Susan S.



“The Son Of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God”

C. S. Lewis.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

“COLTON COMMUNITY PLAN LAUNCH EVENT”

With a talk from Archie, our ‘celebrity’ Lengthsman

The Colton Community Plan has now been published and we are holding a free ‘launch event’ on **Friday 4 December at Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.**

There will be a light supper, tea & coffee (byo drinks please), and a talk from our ‘Celebrity Lengthsman’, **Archie Workman: “My Life in the Gutter!”**. If you don’t know already, Archie has become something of a media personality, and his drain-cover calendar is in demand world-wide!

There will be a short presentation of the Plan, how its policies and actions have emerged from the community’s views, and how it will be used as a working document to inform decisions about the future of the parish. There will be an opportunity for questions and a chat with your Councillors over supper.

Please book your place with the Clerk on 01229 861408 or email coltonpc@btinternet.com.

The Colton Parish Community Plan is now available on the Parish Council website (see link below). It includes policies and actions that have emerged from local opinion, based on 6 themes: Local Economy; Landscape and the Natural Environment; Communities and Well-Being; Housing and Other Development; Roads, Traffic and Transport; and Energy and Sustainability. The Parish Council will use this Plan to inform decisions and spending on future projects.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 11 January, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.**

Mandy Lane (Clerk), T: 01229 861408, E: coltonpc@btinternet.com W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



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.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley Primary School

Thanks are given by the PTA to everyone who supported the school with the Raffle either by donating the wonderful prizes or by buying tickets. The Raffle was drawn at the Summer Play and it is hoped you have enjoyed the prizes if you were lucky enough to win! Nearly £890 was raised from this event which is fantastic.

When you are passing school you will see the new Sports Wall in situ. This equipment has been funded from several sources including generous support from Playdale and funds from Rusland Valley Community Trust, Haverthwaite Parish Council, Staveley-in-Cartmel Parish Council and of course Leven Valley School PTA. Thanks go to all these organisations and the people involved in them.

The next project organized by the PTA is focusing on helping the children to have 'Green Fingers' as we are developing a love of gardening and growing fruit, vegetables and flowers around the school. If anyone has any old tools, tubs or other materials that will help to get us going with this project it will be really appreciated. The PTA is also holding a fundraising event.

A **'Pampered Chef'** evening is being held on **Friday 4 December from 7:15pm, Outback Hall**. Tickets, **£6.00**, which includes a glass of wine and samples of the food that is cooked will be available from School or contact Sally **T:** 015395 31018, The Pampered Chef Consultant, Vicky Farmer, will be demonstrating.

Sue S.

SEPTEMBER 1939

Evacuation Day: Children clad in short trousers, knee socks, caps, woollen dresses, hats and gloves, clutching gas masks and small suitcases waved tearful goodbyes to their parents before boarding a steam train at Haverthwaite Station

They were met on the platform at Lakeside by various people so well disguised they were hard to recognise; Lady Smith would only take two well-mannered quiet children and the Vicar's wife only children who attended Sunday School.

A daunting experience for some younger children, and an adventure for the older ones. All short lived as they returned to 2015 at the Motor Museum, back to school and real home. A day to remember. *Hilda Briggs (Susan King)*



CONSUMER RIGHTS

Better – in time for Christmas!

UK consumers spend on average a whopping £90 billion a month and December must surely be see the biggest spend. More than one in five people in the UK experience problems with goods and services. A quarter of them spend more than four hours trying to sort out these problems, one in ten having to take time off work to do so. The Consumer Rights Act came into force on 1 October 2015 and streamlines eight pieces of legislation into one. This should make life a little easier for shoppers.

Most of the changes were important updates to existing laws. But two new areas of law were also introduced.

- For the first time rights on digital content have been set out in legislation. The Act gives consumers a clear right to the repair or replacement of faulty digital content, such as online film and games, music downloads and e-books. The law here had been unclear and this change has brought us up to date with how digital products have evolved.
- There are now also new, clear rules for what should happen if a service is not provided with reasonable care and skill or as agreed. For example, the business that provided the service must bring it into line with what was agreed with the customer or, if this is not practical, must give some money back.

In addition, Alternative Dispute Resolution is now available to all businesses to help when a dispute with a consumer cannot be settled directly. The Citizens Advice Consumer Service can give advice and information on these new laws, **T: 03454 04 05 06, Help Lines** are open **Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm**, or you can download a leaflet type 'Citizens Advice know your new rights' into your search engine for the link within our website.



DIARY DATES

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

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- 1 December Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 2 December Bible Study Water Yeat House, 10:00am.
- 4 December Leven valley School, 'Pampered Chef', Outback Hall, 7:15pm.
Parish Council, 'My Life in the Gutter', Archie Workman, Rusland
Reading Rooms. 7:30pm.
- 5 December Furness Bach Choir, 'Carols Around Europe', Ulverston Methodist
Church, 7:30pm.
Cinema Club, '*Fringe Film*', Carthouse, 8:00pm.
- 6 December **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 9 December Bouth W I, Christmas Party, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
Bible Study, Woodside Cottage, 10:00am.
- 13 December **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 16 December Bible Study, Wethherlam, 10:00am.
- 19 December Cinema Club. Christmas Matinee, Carthouse, 4:00pm.
- 19 December **Decorating the Church, 10:00am.**
- 20 December **Benefice Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm.**
- 21 December Winter Solstice. The Shortest Day.
- 24 December 'Carols Round the Tree', Bouth Village Green, 6:00pm.
- 24 December **Benefice Midnight Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 11:00pm.**
- 25 December **CHRISTMAS DAY,**
Benefice Family Holy Communion, Lowick 10:30am.
- 26 December **St. Stephen, First Martyr.**
- 11 January Colton Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.



CINEMA CLUB

Some more great films coming up. '*Marvellous*' – the feel good BBC film starring Toby Jones on **Tuesday 1 December**. A special Christmas matinee of the new '*Cinderella*', **4:00pm on Saturday 19 December** and '*Selma*' on **Tuesday 19 January**. Plus 2 foreign 'fringe' films. '*White God*' on **Saturday 5 December** and '*Leviathan*' on **Saturday 2 January** – all at 'The Carthouse' in Oxen Park. Book if you can **T: 861 507.**

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month - December 2015

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
6 December	1. Roderick Smith	Malachi 3: 1- 4	
Morning Worship	2. Sue Lydon	Philippians 1: 1-11	Susan King
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. John Tarr	Luke 3: 1- 6	
13 December	1. Margaret Sanders	Zephaniah 3:14-20	
Holy Communion	2. Susan Smith	Philippians 4: 4 - 7	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	Luke 3: 7-18	
20 December	Benefice Carol Service		
3:00pm <i>Vicar</i>	T B A		
27 December	1. Donald Wroe	1 Samuel 2:18-20,26	
Holy Communion	2. Rachel Tarr	Colossians 3:12- 17	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Graham Wallace	Luke 2:41-52	



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

- 6 December Mrs. Susan King
 13 December Mrs. Susan Smith
 20 December Mrs. Sue Dean & Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 27 December Mr. Roderick Smith



FLOWER ROTA

ADVENT

Benefice Carol Service – Decorating the Church 10:00am, Saturday 19 December



Christmas Cheer:

Good husband and huswife, now chiefly be glad,
 Things handsome to have, as they ought to be had.
 They both do provide, against Christmas do come,
 To welcome their neighbours, good cheer to have some.

Good bread and good drink, a good fire in the hall,
 Brawn, pudding, and souse, and good mustard withal.
 Beef, mutton, and pork, and good pies of the best,
 Pig, veal, goose, and capon, and turkey well drest,
 Cheese, apples and nuts, and good carols to hear,
 As then in the country is counted good cheer.

What cost to good husband, is any of this?
 Good household provision only it is:
 Of other the like, I do leave out a many,
 That costeth the husband never a penny.

Thomas Tusser

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