



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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

PASTORAL LETTER

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THE GREAT OMISSION

The Christian author and journalist G. K. Chesterton said, *“Just going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.”*

After visiting the tomb of Jesus and finding it empty, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were met by the risen Jesus himself. It was then that he instructed them to tell his disciples to not be afraid but to go to Galilee where he would meet them. Galilee was very familiar territory to Jesus and to many of his disciples, where he and they had grown up and where much of his ministry with them had been conducted. But it was precisely from the familiar, the safe, the comfortable that Jesus told his disciples to go from, when he gave them the Great Commission.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28.19

Our churches and the practices within our churches are the familiar, safe and comfortable places from where many regular churchgoers do not want to go from. Our commission, our great commission from Jesus is to make disciples of all nations – or at least the people next door or down the road. Yet many parts of the Church (including the Church of England) and churchgoers have forgotten or willfully ignored this commission – our great commission has become the great omission. There is no longer any discipline and hence no new disciples. The problem it seems is not with those outside the Church – they are meant to act as non-Christians – instead the problem lies with those inside the Church, many of whom act in the same way, and who hold beliefs and attitudes that are not discernibly different from non-Christians.

The disciple John wrote in the Book of Revelation the seven letters to the seven churches in Asia Minor warning them, as the Lord Jesus had given

him in a vision, of their waywardness. None of those seven churches – in what is now modern-day Turkey – exist today. Eventually, all those seven churches forgot or willfully ignored their commission. If churchgoers of today do not see that the priority of the Church is for those outside the Church then they are no longer acting as disciples. Instead there is the danger of regularly sitting in a church building making “brrrrmmm... brrrrmmm...” noises, and consequently that church may go the way of the seven churches in Asia Minor.

At the end of each of the seven letters to the seven churches, Jesus said, “*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches*”. If we, as the churches, once again hear the great commission and respond, then we will once again become disciples, and the churches in our area will continue.

Blessings in Christ

Brian & Anne



COLTON CHRONICLES

In the best traditions of the Anglican Church the latest General Synod was entangled in dissension, this time between those who approved the marriage in our churches of ‘gay couples’ and those who did not. However, following a lively discussion, the following motion was passed.

“That this Synod, recognising the need for transgender people to be welcomed and affirmed in their parish church, call on the House of Bishops to consider whether some nationally commended liturgical materials might be prepared to mark a person's gender transition”.

Should Every Church Have One? The Parish Church of St. Bega, Bassenthwaite has a wrought iron hourglass stand, fixed to the south pillar of the chancel arch that dates from around 1600. It was used for timing the sermon in a manner visible to the congregation!

The Future: Not only has there been a significant reduction in the number of newly ordained priests in the UK but sadly a reluctance of clergy members to come to the North West of England and in particular, Cumbria. This situation has left the parishes of Coniston & Torver bereft

of a minister, which has led to early discussions on how the problem might be solved.

One proposal is that both churches should join our Benefice and three churches have all held emergency PCCs to discuss the situation; Colton's meeting was a very civilised affair with a majority view that we should remain as we are. We will continue to keep you informed.

Harvest: A reminder that the **Farmers' Harvest Service** will be held this year on **Friday 6 October, 7:00pm** followed by our usual **Harvest Supper**. If you have not already booked for the Supper contact Sue Dean **T: 01229 861 435** no later than **Monday 2 October**.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Gillie Dobson of Ickenthaite; her family had strong connections with Colton church and she always generously supported the various activities of the Church. A Lady who will be sadly missed. Her cremation will be private.

Also sadly John Pilkington of Bouth has recently lost his father. We send our prayers and condolences to both families.

On a happier note we send our congratulations and best wishes to Susan King who has just celebrated her X0th. birthday.

We also send best wishes to Barbara Osborne who is recovering from hip surgery and importantly to husband John, as Barbara is a retired nurse and they are not known to be the best of patients.

"Always keep hold of Nurse, for fear of finding something worse." Hilaire Belloc

A very warm welcome to Darla & John Fraser who have taken up residence in Way Green Cottage, Bouth; it is so good to see the cottage occupied after such a long time empty. They will soon learn what a wonderful and helpful community they have entered: you just have to ask!

Perhaps the best news of the month is the re-opening of the Manor House Inn, Oxen Park; Our thanks and congratulations to Leighann & Anthony for their fantastic work in refurbishing and transforming the old pub. But remember, its success depends on us using it. **T: 01229 861 345**.

Our thanks are due, in Bouth, for those who organised the very enjoyable 'Jacob's Join on the Bank Holiday Saturday.

Donald.

Cinema Club: We celebrate October with three films, **Tuesday 3 October** - a lovely, easy to watch French film – '*Medecin de Campagne (Irreplaceable)*', - just sit back and relax; then two **Saturday** films – 14 **October** '*Withnail & I*' to celebrate its 30th anniversary – remember its premiere in Ambleside? and **21 October** '*Hail Caesar*' with a star studded cast – some laughs at last. The programme is out and if one hasn't been put through your letter box then claim one from 'The Manor' in Oxen Park.

Oxen Park Reading Rooms: We are repeating last winter's first Friday of the month Traveller's Tales and calling them **Tales Worth Telling** – The first on is on **Friday 6 October** with Bobbie Dobson telling us about his trips to the arctic with dog sledding. These presentations are in The Carthouse Cinema, start at **7:30pm** and are in aid of the hall's refurbishment plans; tickets are £4 and seats should be booked with Gill McKinnon or Carol McNeill. Look out for the fliers with all 6 shows on. Last year's well-received whiskey raffles will be repeated too.

Dog Club: The Oxen Park Dog Club will restart on **Tuesday 17 October**, at the Reading Rooms at **6:00pm**. It will run for 7 weeks Just come on the night and join in. 45 minutes sessions including obedience and agility - only £2. More details from Carol McNeill.

Carol.

"Your village may be different to other people's villages, but we are all prisoners."

Patrick McGoohan (*The Prisoner*)



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our September meeting were entertained by a very informative speaker, Lynne Pritchard, on Genealogy and how to research your family tree; how to start looking for paper trail left by ancestors and where to get information from i.e. Family History Research Websites. Some of which are free and others will cost you.

Lynne kindly gave us a long list of web sites that she had found useful when she researched her family history in depth.

The winner of the competition was Elspeth with a Family Heirloom Document. The next meeting takes place on **Wednesday 11 October, Village Hall.7:15pm.** When the speaker will **be** is Sally Lister, her subject, 'Christmas Goodies'.

Jenny.



COLTON PARISH NEWS

Welcome to our new councillor Fiona Baxter: The councillors of Colton Parish council would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fiona Baxter to the role of Parish Councillor for West Ward. Fiona has lived in the Rusland valley since 1987 and has been involved in the community in a variety of ways over the years. Fiona feels the time is now right for her to give something back to the community where she lives and to hopefully make a difference to the lives of those living in the parish.

Lengthsman: Whilst Archie has been trying to get the strimming completed he has also been dealing with various blocked drains around the parish. The Tottlebank to Spark Bridge drains have been cleared to help stop the water running off the fields and onto the roads. There seems to be an issue with drainage in this area after some work by contractors, this has been reported to Highways for their attention. Please 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

Colton Community Link: A reminder about the new Colton Community Link that has been set up by Cllr Hoyle. It is a great way to keep in touch with local news and events in and around the parish? It can also be use by you as a community to advertise your events and activities. The link will comply with data protection, have no spam, will not pass on your details and can be unsubscribed from at any time. To join please contact Cllr Hoyle davidhoyle1@gmail.com

Conserving Coniston & Crake: The last council meeting heard an informative talk from South Cumbria Rivers Trust staff, Charlotte and Kath. They explained about funding that have been received to halt the decline of water quality within the Coniston & Crake catchment. They are

focusing their work around agriculture and septic tanks with an emphasis on education as prevention. For more information look at their website www.ccc.scrt.co.uk

Rural Crime Initiative: This joint scheme with Satterthwaite parish council is progressing. We are encouraging members of the community to report any rural crimes they see on the police 101 number. It is important that both the police and the Rural Crime group can log how many incidents occur to help steer this initiative.

**Our next parish meeting is Monday 16 October, Bouth Village Hall,
7:00pm.**

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LEVEN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

This is the news from the end of last term. The school took part in the Cartmel School Athletics where Leven Valley came 2nd overall with some excellent individual performances. Well done everybody!

The children completed their open water swimming sessions and completed sessions on learning to sail at Water Park. Members of the Gardening Club were proud to show off what they had grown.

There was a very special day out to Ravenglass with a trip on La'al Ratty to mark Mrs Brooks' retirement. The weather was wonderful and everyone had a memorable day. Term ended with a wonderful Year 6 leavers assembly and presentations preceded by gifts and thanks for Mrs Brooks and wishing her a long and happy retirement.

At the same time a group of Year 6 left their primary school and will start secondary in September. This year there were several secondary destinations and a young man who was moving house: the local schools were Cartmel, Ulverston Victoria and Dallam.

On the last Wednesday evening Year 6 celebrated their time at Leven Valley with a ghyll scramble and a meal in Coniston. All the staff joined them to wish them well.

Then on the last Thursday afternoon they shared their memories and special moments in a final assembly. Year 6 made their own surprise presentation to the school - 2 bat boxes, 2 bug houses and 3 bird boxes for the Wild Wood. Thank you very much!

We are all pleased to be back to start a new term and hope everyone started well as Year 7 and Reception.

Sue S.



RUSLAND HORIZONS

It has been a very busy time of late, but at long last we are approaching the final stages of our mapped history project and we are planning an event to celebrate its conclusion.

Events: Restoration of coppiced woodlands and enhancing habitats for wild life. Various locations meeting at the National Park southern office; Lane ends Haverthwaite, LA12 8AB - **Tuesday 3 October, 9:00am - 4:00pm:**

Discover about a local field names and history at our ‘Mapped History’ Celebration. Outback Hall, Backbarrow - **Monday 16 October, 7:30 – 10:00pm.**

Delve into our history with our mapped ‘History Team’ and enjoy a hot supper too! This event is FREE but booking is essential. (see below).

Free Children’s ‘Land to Hand’, Woodland Workshop, Hay Bridge Nature Reserve – **Wednesday 25 October 11:00am – 3:00pm.** Fun, learning, den making, fireside cooking and then go on a dormouse nut hunt. Again, booking essential and children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Halloween Walk: Join us at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve – **Friday 27 October, 5:00 – 8:00pm.**

Wrap up and enjoy an autumnal evening – a walk min the wood, listen to stories about the landscape and warm yourselves round a fire with hot chocolate. For ALL ages but you need to book.

To Book: Go to our website www.ruslandhorizons.org and click on ‘What’s on’.

Mandy L.



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

TRAVEL INSURANCE

I'm planning a long holiday and have been struggling to find travel insurance for a reasonable price. I've found a good deal from a Facebook advert but my friend thinks it might be a scam. How can I be sure if it's legitimate?

Your friend is right - you should do some research on the company first.

Insurance sellers must be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) - check on the FCA website. If they aren't listed, don't use them. If they are, it's still worth doing further checks. Compare the price to similar offers from competitors. Big discounts are often a telltale sign of a scam, but the policy could be cheap because it doesn't provide adequate cover. Ask for a copy of the full policy so you can check what you will get. If the seller won't provide one upfront, don't use them.

Once you know the seller is legitimate use a secure payment method, not a bank transfer.

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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SWALLOWS

Swallows travel to and fro,
And the great winds come and go,
And the steady breezes blow,
Bearing perfume, bearing love.
Breezes hasten, swallows fly,
Towered clouds forever ply,
And at noonday, you and I
See the same sunshine above.

R L Stevenson.

DIARY DATES

- 1 October **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 3 October Cinema Club, 7:30pm.
Rusland Horizons, National Park S Office, 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- 6 October **Farmers' Harvest, 7:00pm** followed by **Harvest Supper.**
- 7 October **Benefice Harvest Communion, Colton, 10:30am.**
‘Travellers Tales’ – Cinema Club, 7:30pm.
- 11 October Bouth W I. 7:15pm. Village Hall.
- 15 October **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 16 October Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.
Rusland Horizons, ‘Mapped History Celebration’, Outback Hall, 7:30pm.
- 17 October Oxen Park Dog Club, Reading Rooms, 6:00pm.
- 18 October *Luke, Evangelist.*
- 21 October Cinema Club. 7:30pm.
- 22 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 25 October Rusland Horizons, Children’s ‘Land to Hand’, Hay Bridge. 11:00am – 3:00pm
- 27 October Rusland Horizons, ‘Halloween Walk’, Hay Bridge, 5:00 – 8:00pm.
- 28 October *Simon & Jude, Apostles.*
- 29 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



Note: To book for Rusland Horizon’s Events you will need to go to their web site www.ruslandhorizons.org and click on ‘What’s on’.



HARVEST PRAYER

“May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
Who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
Who multiplies loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,
Lead us, feed us, multiply us,
And change us to reflect the glory of our Creator,
Through all eternity”.

Trevor Lloyd.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month - October 2017

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
1 October	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity		
Morning Worship	1. Margaret Sanders	Genesis 3: 1-13	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	2. Graham Wallace	Matthew 28:16-20	
8 October	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – Benefice Service – Colton		
Harvest Service	1. Sue Lydon	Acts 8:26-30	Rachel Tarr
10:30am <i>Joanna</i>	2. Roderick Smith	Luke 4:14-30	
15 October	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity		
Morning Worship	1. John Tarr	Revelation 3: 7-13	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Pam</i>	2. Gordon Pickles	John 1:35-42	
22 October	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	1. Rachel Tarr	John 4: 4-42	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>			
29 October	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	1. Judy Redhead	Acts 17:16-32	T B A
9:30am <i>David</i>	2. Susan Smith	Luke 24:13-35	

*** Note – There is also a Farmers Harvest Service on Friday 6 October, 7:00pm.**



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

1 October Mrs. Susan King
 6 October Mrs. Susan Dean & Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 8 October Mrs. Susan Smith
 15 October Mr. Roderick Smith
 22 October Mrs. Susan Dean
 29 October Mrs. Margaret Sanders

FLOWER ROTA

1 October Mrs. Susan Smith
 6 October HARVEST
 8 October HARVEST
 15 October HARVEST
 22 October HARVEST
 29 October Mr. Donald Wroe

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