



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,
St. Luke's, Lowick and St. Mary's the Virgin, Penny Bridge
“We are now in an **Interregnum** as we are bereft of a Vicar”.

The Rev'd. Joanna Henson, Retired Priest

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PASTORAL LETTER

June 2014

Dear Neighbours,

Having been at 'Tottlebank' for just over a decade and as city-folk, adjustment was necessary to rural living. What was heart-warming was that although we are scattered over a wide area, I was struck by the real sense of community.

At this time of the year we celebrate the beginning of a new community which began in Jerusalem. It had been prophesied for hundreds of years that God would do a new thing creating a community which would include God's chosen people (Israel) and also Gentiles(the rest of us). When our Lord Jesus came into the world, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a woman like the rest of us, it was to trigger what God had promised. Some would think it was all over when this wonderful jobbing carpenter from Nazareth, this miracle-working teacher, this magnetic personality, died tragically on a Roman gibbet. Well, on the third day he arose from the dead to an endless life. He appeared and disappeared to his followers during 40 exciting but confusing days, Then he ascended back to Heaven witnessed by the disciples, giving them instructions to wait in Jerusalem for empowerment to be witnesses to His Resurrection.

Pentecost was a Jewish feast celebrating the completion of the harvest and could see as many as 2 million pilgrims in ancient Zion. Jesus had said that he was going to Heaven to receive the "promise of the Father" which turned out to be, the pouring out on all flesh the Holy Spirit. It transformed and gifted the disciples who continued to do the work Jesus had begun.(You can read about this in the first chapters of the Acts of the Apostles.)

This new community grew very quickly and began to demonstrate the values of the Kingdom of God. No denominationalism, no racial prejudice, without class distinction, and now with a generous life-style of sharing and support. It was evidence that the Kingdom of God was coming and that

God's will is being done "as in Heaven", it was a new community of Christ's men (and women).

Whitsuntide celebrates the beginning of a new community that has influenced the nations over two millennia. The Church is not declining globally, as evidenced by the world's fastest-growing church, which is in China! (And there's more). I mention all this, Neighbour, in the hope that you might desire to not only be part of our South Lakes community but also this new community that began at Pentecost. Entry is by repentance and faith in the Son of God; progress is seen in Bible-based Christian practice; being filled with God's Spirit and discovering others who are already in the Kingdom of God. These last you will often find attending church services.

God bless,

Phil Gomersall



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS

“COFFEE AND BIBLE” SESSIONS

SUMMER 2014

We plan to hold the next series as follows, (God willing):

THEMES FROM THE “MINOR” PROPHETS

Wednesday 25 June	HOSEA – Alienation from the LORD
Wednesday 9 July	AMOS – Social Injustice
Wednesday 23 July	NAHUM – The Wrath of God
Wednesday 6 August	ZEPHANIAH – The Judgement Day
Wednesday 20 August	ZECHARIAH – The Coming Saviour

The first of these (**Wednesday 25 June**) will be at **Lowick Farm House, Lowick Green 10:00am to 11:30am**. Further details and a list of the other venues will be in the July magazine. All are very welcome to attend.



MOTHERS UNION

The Windermere Deanery invites you to come along to our **Open Day, Saturday, 12 July, 10:00am until 4:00pm St Paul's Parish Rooms, Grange-over-Sands** Discover more about the Mothers Union, its role at home and overseas.

Enjoy a warm welcome, Free Refreshments, Stalls, Raffle, Children's Corner a Special Free 'Star Draw'. *Edwina.*



FLOWER ROTA

1 June Mrs. Dewhurst

8 June Mrs. Susan Dean

15 June Mrs. Susan Dean

22 June Mrs. Zella Slater



COLTON CHRONICLES

The good attendance at Church on Easter Sunday, enjoyed a magnificent service led by Joanna, a clear indication that we are still a Christian nation despite what the secular naysayers might assert. Those with faith have the advantage that their beliefs guide them down the road of unconditional love, forgiveness and tolerance whilst those without faith can only, in their darkness, sneer.

Our faith also requires that we maintain a living church and sadly that is left to a few devoted workers: each year every parish has to hold an **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** where parishioners attend and appoint the Church Wardens & members of the **Parochial Church Council**. Lo and behold, who turns up for this important event? No surprises for guessing – just the existing members of the PCC who, in the absence of any other parishioners, re-appointed themselves.

Your Church Warden is John Tarr and the members of the PCC are – Donald Wroe, Lay vice-chairman, Rachel Tarr, Secretary, Nigel Priestley, Treasurer, Ian Pirnie, Electoral Roll Officer, other members are Susan

Dean, & Susan Smith. Representatives on the Deanery Synod are Pirnie & Wroe. It is not too late; you can always put your name forward!

These few and some others, not forgetting our clergy, are alone in keeping Colton Church alive – for you!

We are accustomed to women priests yet it was only 20 years ago when they were first ordained by the Church of England. Colton has everything to be grateful for that momentous step for if it were not for the ‘Angels’, Sheila, Doreen and Joanna, there is no doubt that our church would have been closed sometime ago. I ask all of you to give thanks for their dedication and service and hold them in your prayers.

We may be a small church but we are not weak: On the first Sunday in May, due to crossed lines of communication, there was no official leader present to take the service; the Churchwarden was not there either, there was only one Sidesperson and the Hall was occupied. All the ingredients of an ecclesiastical disaster you may think, but not a bit of it.

Pam Priestley led the service in her charming firm way and her ‘off the cuff’ sermon was brilliant. Susan King organised the church and everybody else whilst Giles Wingate-Saul kindly supplied drinks and biscuits after the service. We give our thanks to this wondrous triumvirate!

There was also a dearth of electronic expertise leading to a lack of sound amplification, but as the church has managed for 400 years without aural help it matters not one jot.

Surprisingly, Margaret Sanders has asked us to thank everybody who bought her Easter gifts which raised £60 for the church: surprisingly, for it is we who should be thanking Margaret for making and giving those wonderful knitted baskets and chocolate eggs. My granddaughters adored them.

Food Bank: Although we might be wrong it does seem as if the contributions to the Food Bank are less than they were, this is a pity, as the need is as great as ever.

Donald.



“Never take a reference from a clergyman. They always want to give someone a second chance.”

Lady Selborne

PARISH NEWS

It has been a sad time in our parish as we have to report yet another loss, that lovely dear lady Ruth Pearson, 92, after having returned to her native East Lancashire where one of her many achievements was as founder of the WI in Bacup. Ruth lived in Bouth for almost 10 years enjoying to the full our wonderful countryside and taking full part in village and church life. She was, in every sense of the word, a lady and a devout Christian; as Joanna Henson has written *"I am so glad that Her Maker has taken her home to Him - she has certainly been promoted to glory"*. She is greatly missed by all her friends.

Elsbeth Cooper as asked us to convey her thanks to all who so generously made donations in memory of Birkett which resulted in over £800 being sent to St Mary's Hospice.

Donations totalling £370 were received by the Village Hall in memory of Tommy Woodburne. Please thank Jacqui and family for this generous gift which will greatly assist with the running costs of the Hall.

There are weddings and weddings but that of Naomi Tarr, daughter of Rachel & John, to James Marczak was not just the wedding of the year but of the decade. The church looked extraordinarily beautiful, the flowers were a joy to behold and that was just the introduction.

The mood in the church was hushed as the bride entered to the bars of the Overture to Verdi's 'La Traviata', on proud dad's arm, towards a nervous looking bridegroom. What followed was a particularly solemn, emotional and an overwhelming expression of the love the couple have for each other, which made the service so special.

During the 'official bit' the guests were treated to a wondrous performance of Mozart's music by the Encore Opera; added to this was an exhibition of organ artistry by Anthony Milledge which brought out sounds from our little rural organ that it didn't know it possessed reflecting the mood of a very, very special occasion.

Congratulations to Marion Hamer of Bouth who celebrates a noteworthy birthday in June: a birthday when one is neither 'old' nor 'young'?

Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda Perkins who has been quite poorly, but is now on the mend. No doubt she will soon be back to her feisty best.

The **'Biking for Steve'** event will be held this year on **Sunday 29 June**. It consists of cycling round the Rusland Valley and environs usually stopping off at as many pubs as can be found. Contact Linda Perkins **T:** 01229 861 762 **E:** linda.perkins7@btinternet.com or Roger Coates **T:** 01229 861 462 **E:** coates.roger@tiscali.co.uk.
Donald.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Kirkby Moor Wind Farm proposals: Your Councillors attended a meeting of 'stakeholders' concerning RWE Energy's current proposals to replace the 12 existing 42m high turbines, visible from parts of our Parish, with 7 much larger (115m) and more efficient turbines. South Lakeland District Council will hopefully consult Colton Parish Council when the planning application is submitted (SLDC planning applications can be accessed from their website: www.southlakeland.gov.uk and click on 'Building and Planning'). An annual fund is available throughout the operational life of the wind farm and administered by the Cumbria Community Foundation. This might benefit projects in local communities from Kirkby-in-Furness to Spark Bridge. It is not clear whether Colton Parish would be eligible for any funding.

Low Hay Bridge Moss proposal: The John Strutt Conservation Foundation has submitted an application to the National Park to install a perimeter bund around Hay Bridge moss (near Bouth), part of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The bund would raise the water table on the Moss for restoration of the raised mire; such lowland raised mires are rare and nationally important ecological habitats. The encroachment of trees and drainage over many years has degraded the moss and the Foundation wish to restore it to its former condition. However, there are strong concerns that the bunding might cause increased flooding of the surrounding land which would impact on local livelihoods - we are all aware of how this area is already subject to extensive flooding events. The Parish Council submitted an objection to the proposals based on these concerns and also the landscape impacts of tree-felling. The application was discussed at a recent LDNPA Development Control Committee meeting where it was deferred pending further detail on flooding risk; we await developments.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 9 June, 7:30pm Colton Church Hall.**

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CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

Encouraging young people to read is an important part of our work in school, especially now there are so many other ways young people can entertain themselves. With this in mind the school started a new programme called Accelerated Reader for Year 7 students in September 2013, this has been a great success so far, with many students making significant progress with their reading.

To further encourage reading for pleasure an “Active Reading Week” was held in March. The week started with a ‘Readathon’ assembly included each form decorating their classroom door in the theme of a novel and finished with an active reading day for years 8 & 9. This involved a day of activities around the theme of reading, activities included a climbing wall, a workshop on creative writing and a talk by Russell Fralick.

Russell is pastor, writer, active climber, climbing instructor and mountain leader who has written a book about his adventures and how coming face to face with death changed his life and his faith.

Dr. Paul.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our last film of the season is the award winning “Gravity” – at **The Carthouse, Saturday 7 June 8:00pm**. Why not enjoy a meal at The Manor beforehand (book first).

On Peninsula Film Festival for all the Cartmel cluster schools has been a great success with over 170 entered. The winners will be announced later this month. Some stars of the future – acting as well as film making. *OPCC.*



Windermere Reflections: In order to keep our rivers and lakes clean and pure you have to reflect on what we flush down our toilets (Ed. the correct name is WC i.e. Water Closets, toilets are hand wash basins). Do not put anything down that does not come from your bodies. Anything else can

cause problems in drains and sewers often resulting in overflows which seep into and pollute water courses.

Debbie.



LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP for St. Mary's Hospice

The Annual Fashion Show – ‘The Silver Screen’ celebrating the Hospice’s 25 years was a huge success. The evening was opened by Dorothy Crabtree who welcomed 160+ guests thanking them for their continuing support.

The audience was taken from movie to movie and for the Fashion Show staged by Rachel Weaver of ‘Two by Two’. The evening ended with a note of thanks by Val Stangoe, C E O of the Hospice. Andrew Southcott from Southcott Catering generously waived his fee resulting in a magnificent £1,525 being raised.

Our next event is our **Annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale, 15 June, Haverthwaite Cricket Field.** “All the usual fun of the fair”. Gates open 9:00am to 3:30pm Admission £2, Children under 16 free, Car Boot bookings £7.00 in advance £8.00 on day. Contact: Dorothy Crabtree 015395 30132: Sylvia Chadwick 015395 31685 & Marian Wilson: 015395 31779.

Dorothy.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Their May meeting was held on the evening of the magazine deadline but one did expect line or two the next morning but no! Perhaps the ladies had a late night and slept in. The speaker was Ms. P. Hetherington who gave an interesting and informative talk on feet and their problems; in particular what the medical profession can learn from ones feet.

The June meeting **11 June** is the **Annual Trip – ‘A Sail on Coniston Water’.** Quick meeting **Village Hall, 5:45pm** then **Lakeside, 6:15pm.** D.....



*“Whatever women do, they must do it twice as well as men to be thought half as good.
Luckily this is not difficult.”*

Charlotte Whitton.

DIARY DATES

† During the Interregnum everything is being done to ensure Service Times remain constant but this may not happen so please take note of the Rota & Below.



- 1 June **Morning Family Worship, 9:30am, Coffee afterwards.**
- 4 June State Opening of Parliament.
- 7 June Cinema Club, Carthouse, 8:00pm.
- 8 June **Pentecost: Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 9 June Colton Parish Council Meeting, Church Hall, 7:30pm.
- 11 June **Barnabas, Apostle.**
Bouth W I Annual Outing, Village Hall, 5:45pm.
- 14 June Trooping of the Colours.
- 15 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am. Father's Day.**
Leven Valley Support Group Annual Fair, Haverthwaite Cricket Ground.
- 21 June Longest Day.
- 22 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 23 June WIMBLEDON.
- 24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**
- 25 June Bible Study, Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.
- 28 June Armed Forces Day.
- 29 June **Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
Peter and Paul, Apostles.
“Biking for Steve”.



Thanks: Brenda Patton would like to thank all those who sent cards and presents on the occasion of her 70th. Birthday. We would, in return, like to thank Brenda for her gracious hospitality and for that great evening in the White Hart.



“Forgive your enemies but never forget their names.”

John F Kennedy

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