



# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON

## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear Friends*

### THE GOLDEN THREAD

Everything that we have in life is a gift. The relationships that we enjoy, the food that we eat, our bodies and our health – in fact the very air that we breathe – they are all gifts.

The idea that everything in life is a gift suggests, of course, a giver; there is no gift without a giver. For Christians the belief in a loving God, who is both our Creator and Sustainer, makes this idea and that of a Giver fairly straightforward. For non-believers this is sometimes less so. However, whether or not the idea of life as a series of gifts given by a Giver is part of our experience or not, the opposite – loss – is the common experience of believer and non-believer alike. In any life there is the experience of loss of employment through redundancy or retirement; there is the loss of health and capability through ill-health and aging; there is the loss of friends and loved ones through death; and we even lose our own bodies at the point of our own death – nothing appears to remain, all is lost and taken away from us.

When I look at my own life, I see these many threads of my life; the more colourful ones of success, happiness and contentment, and the darker tones of failure, sadness and bereavement. And yet, when I look at my life, I see another thread there that is distinct from the others, sometimes slightly hidden and at other times bright and bold.

The Apostle John had a vision of heaven where he saw the risen Lord Jesus and he wrote:

*“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades’”*

This other thread in my life is the Golden Thread, the thread that is always there. It is the relationship that I have with God the Father, my Creator and Sustainer; it is the relationship that is possible through the reconciliation of

God the Son, the Lord Jesus; and it is the relationship that is given fresh life through God the Holy Spirit.

And this thread is different from the other threads. The other threads come to an end, even the thread of my own life will come to an end – they all come to an end and all of them will be taken from me. But the Golden Thread continues to my death, through my death and beyond. The Golden Thread never ends because my relationship with God will never come to an end – when all else is lost and taken away, He remains “*the first and the last, and the living one*”.

*Blessings in Christ*

*Brian & Anne*



### Notes from the Vicar

**Domestic Violence Awareness Training:** There will be a training session on developing awareness of domestic violence and the appropriate response to such concerns. This is to be held in Barrow on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The training is free of charge and the session will run from 9.45am until 4.00pm.

If you are interested in attending with others then please do contact **Revd Brian Streeter**. *For details, see front cover page.*

**Spirituality and Ageing:** Ageing – a blessing or a curse? Spirituality in older people – what are the issues?

There is to be a study day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, from 10.30am-3.30pm, held at Rydal Hall and led by Revd Dr Keith Albans, the Director of Chaplaincy & Spirituality, Methodist Homes.

The study day has a small charge of £10 and is aimed at anyone wanting to improve their understanding of the theological and practical issues around ageing and spirituality.

If you are interested in attending then please do contact **Revd Elaine Bates T: 01229 822149 or E: eabates@live.co.uk**

✚ **Sponsor-a-Bible:** The Colton PCC would like to purchase some Bibles for Holy Trinity, Colton to go into the pews for the regular congregation and for visitors. Would you be able to sponsor a Bible for your family or in the memory of a loved one?

The cost of a hardback New International Version Bible is approximately £12.00 and would include a dedication inside the front cover. Please do consider this opportunity to remember a loved one and help Colton church.

**If you are interested in sponsoring a Bible for your family or on behalf of someone else then please do contact Revd Brian Streeter** †

**Keeping the Graveyard Tidy:** The Diocese of Carlisle has for some time set out rules and regulations for the upkeep and maintenance of churchyards under its care. It is the responsibility of the Incumbent and PCC to uphold these rules and regulations to ensure the decent order and natural beauty of the area.

The PCC is aware that this is an extremely sensitive subject but there have been a growing number of items left at gravesides that fall outside the rules and regulations. These rules and regulations can be viewed in full at:

[www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk/our-diocese/buildings-and-property/churchyards.html](http://www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk/our-diocese/buildings-and-property/churchyards.html)

It is with some regret that many items do not conform to these criteria.

*Brian.*



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

We were twelve months without a leader but in February the Revd. Brian Streeter was appointed on a half time basis and has now settled into his role as Vicar to the Benefice. After the introductory few months we realise how lucky we have been as he is charming, hard working and in modern parlance ‘user friendly’. So why not come to our church in Colton and meet the man?

Brian is engaged to the delightful Anne and they will be ‘joined in Holy matrimony’ in July. They will be a great asset to our benefice and we wish them both well in the knowledge that they have our full hearted support.

You do not need to be holier than thou to come to church and you may have trouble believing, but at Colton you can come and meet our Vicar, find peace from a world in turmoil, reflect on your life and perhaps discover yourself. In June there will be **Morning Worship at 9:30am** on the **first and third Sundays**, the Vicar taking the first. It is a simple service

taking only an hour and on the first Sunday coffee and biscuits are available afterwards.

Colton is a wonderful church with a simple interior that evokes an incredible feeling of peace and tranquillity; on Easter Sunday the church was full but two weeks later there were but a faithful seven.

One non-attendee, after picking up his Sunday paper from Greenodd Village shop, was seen scurrying away in fear of being berated by an attendee, who has a reputation of expressing his views in no uncertain terms!

That wonderful lady, Margaret Sanders, has been at it again organising a dance at Greenodd and a raffle which raised a magnificent **£900** for Colton Church. There are at least four Margaret saints in Christian history all of them with similar characteristics, hard working, determined and forthright; it has to be the name, so a deep and sincere thank you Margaret! *Donald.*



## PARISH NEWS

The chairman of Bouth Village Hall, he who had an affair with a rose, has gently pointed out that the amount from the Bingo session was **£327** not £237, as printed last month. A communication problem – ‘somebody’ didn’t listen!

**Village Green:** The AGM in April was very well attended and it came as no surprise that in the absence of any other volunteers the chairman and committee voted themselves back in office. Chairman: John Osborne, Vice Chairman: David Hamer, Book Keeper: Susan Dean, Secretary: Marion Hamer.

There were no real problems reported although the moss on the Green persists and the flag pole needs painting, which is hardly surprising as it is made of wood. The total expenditure for the year was a mere £11.59; mainly explained that unlike the Village Hall, the Parish Council bears utility and most maintenance costs.

There was some discussion as to whether the fir tree should be cut back or taken down; as it doesn’t seem to be causing any problems, one wonders why.

Hint: Moss hates nitrogen so the application of a nitrogen based fertiliser is not only effective but cheaper and also helps with the growth.

Late in April a man was found by our milkman, lying near Bouth Village Hall badly injured; it was unclear as to whether it was just an accident or a hit and run. This resulted in the tranquillity of the village being shattered by a bevy of Police vans resembling an episode from CSI (Criminal Scene Investigation) descending on the scene. The 'victim' is now in Preston Hospital and we send our good wishes and pray for a full recovery and positive solution to this unfortunate incident.

As far as we know all the invalids in the parish continue along the road to better health. Best wishes to Bob Henson who has now returned home from hospital and although fragile is progressing well.

There is joy in the parish for Barrow F C supporters as their team has been promoted back to the Conference League; particular joy for Steven Patton of Bouth, in his first year as their General Manager! The vice chairman of the Village Green is also full of joy as his team, Bury, have been promoted. At the other end of the scale there is despair for certain parish Councillors as his beloved Burnley have been relegated back to the Championship.

**Birthday:** Best wishes and congratulations to a certain lady teacher in Bouth who, on the 19 June, will be celebrating a notable birthday when she will be neither 'young nor old'. In truth she is young in spirit but old in wisdom.

*Donald.*



## BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our open meeting in May the speaker, Doug Gillam of Gillam's café and shop in Ulverston, gave an entertaining talk on the history of the Gillam family. He brought with him an amazing array of memorabilia spanning the many years of trading in Ulverston.

The family had been in the grocery trade in Hereford in the early 1880s before moving to Ulverston in 1892 when Doug's great, great grandfather established a grocer's shop. Jackie and Charlie the two sons did not get on with one another and the story goes that they kicked each other under the counter leading to Charlie setting up a shop in Flookburgh; his daughter

was a colourful lady who lived to 107 very sensibly giving up smoking at 90.

Doug's great grandfather, Alfred, was deaf and dumb and after schooling in Manchester returned to Ulverston where he married Alice who was also deaf and dumb causing journalistic excitement with the headline 'Deaf and Dumb Wedding.' As Alfred had trained as a tailor the shop passed down to a cousin, Donald, who with his wife Jean ran the business until it closed at Christmas 1994.

Their most famous customer was Stan Laurel buying beers and treacle toffee, which he said that it was one of the things he missed when he left Ulverston. In the film of the actor's life Doug played his own grandfather.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 10 June**, which will be our **Annual Outing**. A quick meeting at **5:45pm, Village Hall** then off to somewhere (not yet decided on deadline day) at **6:15pm**. *Originally from Lynne Jowett.*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Cartmel Priory

#### **“Judged Outstanding”**

Carmel Priory CE School underwent a National Society SIAMS (Church School Inspection) the week beginning Monday 9 March 2015. The school was inspected for two days and after an intense scrutiny of the effectiveness of leadership and management; how effectively the school is meeting the needs of all learners; the impact of collective worship and the standard of religious education the school was judged to be outstanding. Key points were:

- The quotation from John 10:10 *I have come that they may have life and have life to the full* is clearly the guiding principle for all decisions made in the school and ensures that a wide range of opportunities are available for students and staff including those that promote their personal well-being and spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development
- The deeply embedded and explicitly articulated belief that all people are loved by God ensures that staff and students alike receive care and support of the highest quality

- Close, positive relationships with local clergy and churches enrich the Christian ethos of the school and develop a good understanding of diverse Christian traditions.

In a time of close scrutiny on the work of schools and increasing expectations from inspection processes it is lovely to be able to celebrate a judgement that reflects so positively on the school its staff, governors and parents and most importantly the young people of our area. *Dr. Paul.*



## Leven Valley Primary School

It was a special day at Leven Valley when Mr. Calvert retired from the clergy after eight years working with the school and nearly fifty years as a vicar. The children made it a very memorable occasion. There were special poems, a song written by Mrs Jones, anecdotes and music, all with a Yorkshire theme. He was presented with a “This is Your Life at Leven Valley” book with messages, pictures, photos, memories. As it was a party there were tea and cakes: Class 3 and the PTA provided a wonderful spread and served everyone splendidly.

Mr Calvert is well known for his love of old transport and a surprise ride on a vintage Double Decker coach for children, parents and staff topped off the afternoon. Thanks were given to Will and Cumbria Classic Coaches. Mr Calvert was wished a long and happy retirement.

The PTA now has a new fundraising initiative through the use of School Angel which is a charity organization which generates a donation to school when you purchase goods through some retailers. Check the school website for further information.

This summer term is again very busy. Class 3 are looking forward to their residential visit to Glasgow, Class 2 will be working on a project with Fellfoot Park and Class 1 is doing a History of Homes Week while they are away.

All children will have access to cricket coaching this half term. Cooking Club is starting with Miss Daws: everyone is looking forward to tasting the rocky road they are making. **Sports Day** is planned for **1 July** and the **Summer Play** will take place on the afternoon and evening of **14 July**. **Term will end with a Leavers Assembly on 17 July.** *Sue Sanderson.*

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Broadband: (From Mike Postle's blog - <http://postleorg.coffeecup.com/stream/> ) A sunny Saturday afternoon saw a steady stream of people bringing smart phones and tablets to Colton Church Hall, connecting up to the demonstration Wi-Fi link and experiencing speeds of the order of 40 Mb/s both up and downstream. Also showing was a continuous streaming from the BBC iPlayer and a demonstration of videoconferencing. Oh the joys of high definition pictures, no delays and virtually no buffering! At one stage, there were 17 people all connected with no noticeable decrease in speeds. The demonstration, courtesy of WMY Systems Ltd, certainly showed that the technology – which relied on radio links and fed back into the B4RN network across Morecambe Bay - worked well and has the potential to be a cost effective solution to bringing Superfast (or even ultrafast) Broadband to rural areas such as ours.

Crake website: [www.crake.org](http://www.crake.org) is a website co-funded by the parish councils that surround the Crake Valley, though its usefulness extends beyond those boundaries – don't be put off by the name! It is a 'meta-website' in that it provides a portal to local parish councils, village halls and community groups in our general area. What makes this website very different to most others is that it allows registered individuals to add content, both in terms of their own pages, and to add their own events to an over-arching 'Events Calendar'. You can see at a glance what's on in the next month, and publicise your own events. For more information on how to use the site and register to add content, contact the Clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday 8 June, 7:30pm, Colton Church Hall**

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### EVENTS

**Furness Bach Choir:** Are performing St. Mathew Passion on **27 June, St James Church Barrow, 7:00pm**. Two choirs & two orchestras performing at opposite ends of the church echoing each other. Tickets £12, students £6 from Suttons Book Shop, Ulverston, **T:** 01229 837 680 or at the door.



**Belated Thanks:** To Rachel & John Tarr for their great efforts in cleaning up and decorating the Church Hall Toilets.

## DIARY DATES

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

- 7 June **Morning Worship, 9:30am. Coffee afterwards**
- 8 June Colton Parish Council Meeting, Colton Church Hall, 7:30pm.
- 10 June Bouth W I Annual Outing, Village Hall, 5:45pm.
- 11 June **Barnabas, Apostle.**
- 14 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 21 June **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**  
Fathers Day, Summer Solstice &  
Summer Fair & Boot Sale, Haverthwaite Cricket Ground, 9:00am.
- 24 June **Birth of John the Baptist**
- 27 June Furness Bach Choir, St James Church Barrow, 7:00pm.
- 28 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 29 June **Peter & Paul, Apostles.**



## C A B

From 8 June, the DVLA is abolishing the paper counterpart of the UK photocard licences. Endorsements, such as speeding offences, will be held electronically. If you commit an offence you will still have to pay any applicable fine and submit your licence to the court, but endorsements will no longer be recorded on the paper counterpart. You can view your record online, or request a copy by post (see [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and type 'View your driving licence information' in the search box).

To hire a vehicle you will no longer be able to show your paper counterpart or paper licence (pre- 1998). Instead you must obtain a unique access code (which expires after 72 hours) from the 'Share your License' online service giving this to the hire company along with the last 8 digits of your driving licence number. Alternatively you can call DVLA on 09061 393 837 and give permission for your driving record to be checked verbally by a nominated person/organization, but this may be difficult overseas or out of hours. A video explaining it all is available at

[www.gov.uk/government/news/driving-licence-changes](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/driving-licence-changes)



### Leven Valley Support Group for St. Anne's Hospice

**Annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale, Sunday 21 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.*

# Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month - June 2015

| Date                        | Readers             | Lessons                | Prayer Leaders |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Sunday 7 June</b>        | 1. Margaret Sanders | Genesis 3: 8-15        |                |
| <b>Morning Worship</b>      | 2. Sue Lydon        | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5.1 | Susan King     |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Vicar</i>  | 3. Roderick Smith   | Mark 3:20-34           |                |
| <b>Sunday 14 June</b>       | 1. Judy Redhead     | Ezekiel 17:22-24       |                |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>       | 2. Donald Wroe      | 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17  | John Tarr      |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Joanna</i> | 3. Graham Wallace   | Mark 4:26-34           |                |
| <b>Sunday 21 June</b>       | 1. Rachael Tarr     | Job 38: 1-11           |                |
| <b>Morning Worship</b>      | 2. Sue Lydon        | 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13  | Judy Redhead   |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Pam</i>    | 3. Ian Pirnie       | Mark 4:35-41           |                |
| <b>Sunday 31 June</b>       | 1. Margaret Sanders | Lamentations 3:23-33   |                |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>       | 2. John Tarr        | 2 Corinthians 8: 7-24  | Rachael Tarr   |
| <b>9:30am</b> <i>Vicar</i>  | 3. Susan Smith      | Mark 5:21-43           |                |



## SIDESPERSONS ROTA

**7 June** Mrs. Susan King

**14 June** Mr. Roderick Smith

**21 June** Mrs. Margaret Sanders

**28 June** Mrs. Susan Smith



## FLOWER ROTA

**7 June** Mrs. Dewhurst

**14 June** Mrs. Denise Wallace

**21 June** Mrs. Denise Wallace

**28 June** Mrs. Susan Dean



## A Roman's Election Manifesto!!

"The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance".

Cicero 55 BC

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# **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

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