



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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Note: Friday is Anne's & Brian's Day Off

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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March 2018

Dear Friends

VISION

There is something that you quickly discover when driving between the top of the Crake at Coniston Water and the bottom of the Crake at the estuary – and that is you need vision, you need to see where you are going.

There a good number of sharp corners, hidden dips and pinch-points in the road that runs between Coniston and Greenodd. The road itself and its haphazard course would be difficult enough, if it were not for the addition of cars towing caravans or wayward drivers admiring the views and ignoring the road. So, if you are a regular driver of the route, you quickly learn to keep your eyes peeled and your reactions quick.

But the same applies for Christians in the Crake valley. We need to keep our eyes peeled and reactions quick, we need vision for the road ahead if we are to stay the course, if we are not to come a cropper or find ourselves driven off the road.

When Anne and I were called by God to minister at the three parishes at the bottom of the Crake valley, and again when we felt the Lord leading us to minister at Coniston & Torver at the top of the valley, the vision was the same, the calling was the same – to continue see Christians in the Crake valley worshipping the Lord and sharing the Good News of the Gospel.

But vision alone will not suffice, it must be a shared vision; shared by Christians of all denominations and none, all traditions and none, by Christians of all stripes, who are united and differentiated by their faith in Jesus Christ.

As the Apostle Paul wrote to one of the early churches appealing for unity,

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all”

The vision must be one vision for the Crake Valley shared by all Christians alike; double-vision like double-mindedness will get us nowhere fast. If we want to stick to the road then we are going to need good vision.

Blessings in Christ

Brian & Anne



Greenodd and District Christians
“Bible and Coffee” Sessions – Lent 2018
“TELLING STORIES” –

A Lent Series looking at incidents in the life of Moses.

Session 3: Wednesday 7 March, ‘Sunny Brae’, Greenodd

Week Three: The Story

Session 4: Wednesday 14 March, Water Yeat House

Week Four: - Hearing the Stories

Session 5: Wednesday. 21 March, Weatherlam, Penny Bridge

Week Five: Our Story

All sessions are from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome. (Further details Tel. 885 258)



COLTON CHRONICLES

The future of our Parish is now established as the Hawkshead Benefice have made it plain that they do not want us, although their reasons are not altogether clear; on reflection this probably no bad thing for although the river Crake, historically, has been a barrier between ‘tribes’ since Viking times over the last few years we and the other two Parishes in the Benefice have become firm friends. It is now our duty and responsibility to consolidate that friendship.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 25 March: Palm Sunday – Holy Communion 9:30am.

Friday 30 March: Good Friday – Devotions at the Cross 2:00pm

Sunday 1 April: Easter Sunday – Holy Communion 9:30am.



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The last meeting passed without incident other than you have read above. The next meeting, which will be the **Annual Parish Church Meeting**, at which everyone is welcome, will be held on **Tuesday 13 March, 7:00pm**, at Barnside, Bouth. There will be a welcoming glass of wine!

LENT APPEAL

Hosting: HOST UK is a charity to welcome international students into British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. The beauty is that the students always bring something special and the experience becomes a treasured memory for all and forever.

Hospitality can be offered for one day (day time only), three days/two nights at weekends. We operate all year round and would very much welcome volunteers host to join us.

Contacts: www.hostuk.org - E: info@hostuk.org – T: 020 7739 6292



PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to report the death of William ‘Bill’ Tyson, late of Black Beck Farm and brother of Dot Mein. He was a lifelong resident of this parish, a charming friendly man. Those of us who met him on his milk round, which typically he did as a ‘none profit making hobby’, until he became ill, will on never forget his welcoming smile and cheery greeting. He leaves four daughters and six grandchildren. We send our condolences and prayers to all the family. As they say ‘They don’t make them like that anymore.’

Congratulations to Judy Redhead who has just celebrated her 70th. Birthday (over a period of three days). We understand that there were no casualties.

Congratulations to Molly Wilcock, granddaughter of Sue & Ken Dean who is going to Dallas, USA at Easter playing football for Blackburn Rovers girls under 14 football team, in an international competition.

Bingo: ‘Eyes Down’ 7:30pm, Bouth Village Hall, Friday 9 March. In aid of Hall funds.



Cinema Club: We are now approaching the end of the season with only 4 films to go in March and April. *The Innocents* **6 March**, *Loving* on **17 March** (+ supper at The Manor), *Locke* on **3 April** and finally *Paterson* on **21 April**. All details on the website and in the programme. Please book ahead to secure a seat – for all these films email Tamsin Kidwell Tamsin@2x11.com (Carol McNeill is away all of March).

OXEN PARK READING ROOMS: Those of you who pass through OP will have noticed builders in action and the ‘new look’ coming together. Funding has been successful with many local people making window and door donations. We still have more to do so it isn’t too late if you would like to contribute.

We have our final fund raising winter presentation at The Carthouse on **Friday 2 March 7:30pm.** - "Teddy Bears on a Tandem" A family's two year cycling journey from Arctic Canada to Patagonia. This is Ingrid Tomlinson (nee Hobba from Oxen Park) and her adventurous family – seats are going fast, booking ahead with Carol McNeill or Gill McKinnon is essential.

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Rusland Horizons

Heritage Skills Courses: Saturday 3 March, Planting & managing an orchard. **17-18 March,** Advanced Bench making.

For all Courses please book via our website: www.ruslandhorizons.org

And go to ‘What’s On’.



Bouth Womens Institute

Regrettably the February meeting was cancelled due to many members absconding to Venice to find that it rains there, as well as in Cumbria. For those who remained there was a cosy get together instead.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 March, 7:15pm, Village Hall,** which will be an Open meeting, when the subject will be “Submarines” The speaker Alan Hoskins.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Broadband: Mike the council’s Broadband champion has been working hard over the months to better the connection we all have with our internet speeds. This is where we are at now; Superfast Broadband is available in Newby Bridge, Finsthwaite, Bouth and Spark Bridge. Oxen Park to follow shortly. Areas of poor connectivity remaining; Colton, Nibthwaite and parts of Rusland. People need to swap to Superfast when available as the more people that do the more money is ploughed back into the scheme, a changeover won’t happen automatically. Costs are becoming prohibitive as remaining properties become more remote and there is currently no option for a community to provide top up funds. Mike will submit a restructured application for Satterthwaite exchange (Rusland area) this time he will need to exclude hard to reach properties in the hope that easier properties might then be successful. Remote nodes (on poles) could be an option here.

There is hope for even the hardest to reach properties as the Government have decided there will be a legal right to 10mb/s though this may not be until 2020 at earliest.

Lengthsman: I am yet again starting the lengthsman's update with it was another busy month, this time Archie has been hard at work around Finsthwaite unblocking drains that were causing flooded and icy roads. The Lengthsman now has SLOW signs encouraging cars to slow down whilst he is at work. Whilst out in Finsthwaite Archie has been able to complete a map of Finsthwaite drains which will be useful for both the Parish Council and Cumbria County Council. The Hay Bridge sign in Bouth has been repainted and looks very smart. The area around the bench at Colton Church has been strimmed and tidied; though it has perhaps been too wet and cold for anyone to appreciate this just yet. All Oxen Park signs have been cleaned, chevrons re-positioned and signpost to Bouth realigned. Great tidying up, thanks Archie.

Charitable donation: Each year the Council allocates an amount of money to support worthy causes which have a direct impact on the people living in and visiting our parish. This year the councillors decided to donate £150 of funds to the Hawkshead & Satterthwaite First Responders. This team covers a wide area and are the people we see when there is a medical emergency before an ambulance has arrived. We are fortunate to have 3 of the 4 team members living in the parish, however there is always a plea from them for more volunteers to help with this essential community resource. The donation is going to be used to help fund the defibrillators out in the community and buy signs to make people aware of them.

Councillor vacancy: The council has for a few months now been looking to recruit a new Councillor from the Finsthwaite and Lakeside area of the parish. It is a volunteer role that is vital to represent the views of the community and work to better the lives of people living across the whole parish. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this role then do get in touch for an informal chat.

Our next parish meeting is Monday 26 March 2017 in Rusland Village Hall, 7:00pm. (Sorry for the error last month in the meeting location, it was Finsthwaite, not Rusland)

Karen Birch (Clerk), E: coltonpc@btinternet.com W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



Future Flood Risk Management Update for Windermere (lake), Backbarrow and Newby Bridge

In summer 2017 the Environment Agency (EA) published the desired “long list” of river and lake flood risk management options for these communities, and has since been assessing each option's viability against the following four tests: technical feasibility; economic viability; environmental sustainability; and community support. The EA has almost completed the assessment for Windermere (lake levels), Backbarrow and Newby Bridge, and wants to share this with the local communities. So a ‘drop-in’ event has been organised which offers an opportunity to speak

with officers about the assessment outcomes and “best options” along with any next steps for flood risk management.

You would be very welcome to attend this drop-in event which is on **Wednesday 14 March 2018 in the Outback Hall at Leven Valley Primary School, Backbarrow, between 2:00pm and 7:00pm.** This event will focus on river and lake related flooding. However, please do pass this information onto anyone you know who has been affected by flooding, as partner flood risk management authorities and lines of communication will be available at the meeting. If you would like more information, please do contact:

Debbie Binch, debbie.binch@environment-agency.gov.uk or 07917 263789.



THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

My gym will only allow me to cancel my membership in person. This is written in the contract but I've since moved away from the area. What can I do?

To end your gym membership you will need to follow the terms of the contract. However, it's also possible to challenge terms which are designed to keep you tied into the contract.

Start by writing a letter (use recorded delivery), or email, explaining why you can't end your membership in person.

If the gym won't accept your written cancellation ask if they've got a complaints procedure in place which you can follow. If not, then send another letter giving them a final chance to end the contract.

If they still won't agree to cancel your contract get in touch with an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - an independent complaints body which settles disputes.

You can also contact the Consumer Service or the nearest Citizens Advice for help on cancelling contracts which include possible unfair terms.



Moving Mountains Mission

Open Forum: Is a series of evening discussions on a range of topical issues. The next meeting is on **Thursday 8 March, 7:30pm, St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, the topic – “Q & A with the Archbishop of York.** No need to book. Contact; Revd. Nick Hallam **T:** 015394 360 **E:** Nick.Hallam@uwclub.net

Mission

What I am about to write is entirely my own opinion and offered with a genuine love and care for our parish.

The word “mission” does not seem to have the same meaning to all of us and to some it has become an unwelcome focus. Mission can be expressed in so many ways and the church in Colton has a very special role in furthering Christ’s kingdom here on earth by reaching out and giving others the opportunity to draw closer to God. We take for granted our beautiful location, the hallowed atmosphere of our ancient building and, perhaps most of all, the potential of our school room with its unkempt and neglected garden..

I believe our mission reaches out beyond the parish boundaries to the towns and cities of the entire North West where churches would love the chance to share our rural facilities for Away Days, Youth Group Sleepovers and Retreats

I would so love to see our school room upgraded – with a good kitchen in which to cook for groups, inside loos and maybe a shower room or two. Also, a peaceful garden in which to sit on sunny days, for time out and reflection. Of course, before that could be done the roof would need to be repaired, the guttering and windows replaced, the internal decoration and furnishing upgraded and the wilderness of the garden restored to order: but all these things are possible.

We are few in the Sunday congregation but numerous in the parish. Please think about what I have written. We cannot afford to lose what we have, but that time is creeping ever nearer. We need your energy and creativity if we are to survive!

With love from your sister in Christ, Joanna



“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; who be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13:20-21

DIARY DATES

- 2 March Oxen Park Reading Rooms, Final Fund Raising, Cart House 7:30pm.
3 March Rusland Horizon – Course.
4 March **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
6 March Cinema Club.
7 March Bible & Coffee, Sunny Brae, Greenodd.
8 March Moving Mountains Forum, St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, 7:30pm.
9 March Bingo, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
11 March **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
'Messie Tea' Greenodd Village Hall, 2:00pm.
13 March Colton APCM, Barnside Bouth, 7:00pm.
14 March Bible & Coffee, Water Yeat House, 10:00am.
Bouth W I. Village Hall, 7:15pm.
Flood Risk Management, Outback Hall, 2:00pm - 7:00pm.
17 March Cinema Club.
Rusland Horizon Course.
18 March **Passion Sunday, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
21 March Bible & Coffee, Weatherlam, Penny Bridge, 10:00am.
25 March **Palm Sunday, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
26 March Colton Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Village Hall, 7:00pm.
30 March **† Good Friday † Devotions at the Cross, 2:00pm.**
1 April **Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



Oh Dear! The old grouch that the Parish News is Bouth centric has reared its ugly head, again, sadly without foundation; in the February issue there were but 3cms.of print relating to Bouth and 20 for the rest of the Parish Granted there were also 13cms. for the Bouth W I but it is the only W I in the Parish. If you have any news you would like to share please let us have it. Contact detail on the bottom of the front cover page.



"The world is fool of fools, and he who would not see it should live alone and smash his mirror."

Anonymous

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month – March -2018

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
4 March	Third Sunday of Lent		
Morning Worship	1. Margaret Sanders	Exodus 20: 1- 17	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	2. John Tarr	John 2:13-22	
11 March	Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday		
Holy Communion	1. Judy Redhead	1 Samuel 1:20-28	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	2. Sue Lydon	John 19:25b-27	
18 March	Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday		
Holy Communion	1. Susan Smith	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>David B</i>	2. Roderick Smith	John 12:20-33	
25 March	Palm Sunday		
Holy Communion	1. Rachel Tarr	Philippians 2: 5 -11	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	2. Graham Wallace	Mark 15: 1 -39	
30 March	GOOD FRIDAY		
Devotions of the Cross	The Vicar to Arrange		
2:00pm <i>Vicar</i>			



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

4 March Mrs. Susan King
 11 March Mrs. Susan Dean
 18 March Mrs. Susan Dean
 25 March Mrs. Margaret Sanders



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Words:

“Words are meant to convey thought; if you take trouble in the use of words you are bound to clarify the thought you wish to convey.”

Anonymous diplomat



*Messie Tea for
Children*



with



*Vintage Tea for
Adults*

Everyone is invited to this community event to
fundraise for Penny Bridge CE Academy this coming
Mothering Sunday

There will be children's crafts and activities, human
fruit machine, raffle and cake stalls, vintage teas...

Sunday 11th March
Greenodd Village Hall,
2.00pm

The Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, the Ven.
Vernon Ross will be visiting and giving a short presentation
of the Christian message