



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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Dear Friends

ATTITUDE

There is a well-known parable attributed to Rabbi Haim of Romshishok in Lithuania, known as the Parable of the Long Spoons.

One day a man said to God, “God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.”

God showed the man two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of stew. It smelled delicious and made the man’s mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, “You have seen Hell.”

Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful stew that made the man’s mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The man said, “I don’t understand.”

God smiled. It is simple, he said, Love only requires one skill. These people learned early on to share and feed one another. While the greedy only think of themselves...

In our society, as relatively rich as we are, with plenty to eat and comfortable lifestyles, it is very easy to have an attitude of “me first” or “us first”, some even say “charity begins at home”.

Our churches are often no better. They jealously cling to monies with the attitude of “just in case” or for when the roof finally needs replacing.

And we ourselves, as individuals, are increasingly becoming self-centred and self-serving, and our personal motto has become “it is better to receive than to give”.

Jesus speaks very plainly about such an attitude – as a nation, as a church or as an individual,

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”

If we do not invest our treasure in others then ultimately, we will all be starved of what we need most – each other and God. Alternatively, if we invest our treasure in others then we will also be fed and satisfied – by God and each other.

Blessings in Christ

Brian & Anne



COLTON CHRONICLES

PASTORAL TEAM

On Sunday 10th June, at the combined service at St. Luke's, Lowick with Blawith, I had the pleasure of commissioning – along with the congregation – a new Pastoral Team for the parishes of Colton, Lowick with Blawith and Egton cum Newland.

The Pastoral Team will help with some of the pastoral care of the parishes, for example, visiting, home communions etc., and they are officially recognised as having this responsibility alongside myself. Naturally, all members of the team will receive training, including safeguarding.

The team at present consists of Gillian Bickersteth, Anne Streeter and Barbara Watson, but there is provision and expectation that the team will grow. If you have a particular pastoral need or know someone who may have then please do be in contact with myself.

Brian Streeter



Joy and sadness are often irresistibly linked and so it is with David and Jackie Gregg who joyfully have, at last, sold their house and sadly they are leaving us and moving to pastures new – a bungalow in the delightful town of Bedford. We will miss them. Joanna writes –

Goodbye: Saying “goodbye” is never easy when the people you are bidding “farewell” have become so embedded in our community and loved by so many of us.

Just such a couple are David and Jackie. It seems as if I have known them forever, but we didn’t meet until Colton joined with Penny Bridge and Lowick all of 15 years ago. David was a tower of strength to me when I was facing my selection conference at that time and remained a trusted mentor over the years.

David has not enjoyed good health for a long time and Jackie has quietly encouraged and cared for him all this time. I will miss her lovely smile and quiet ways very much. She seemed to be very much in David’s shadow but I reckon he couldn’t have achieved so much without her loving devotion. I wouldn’t want to embarrass her but I couldn’t put it any better than the writer of Proverbs 31:10-31 which starts with “*A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.*” And I think David will agree with that.

Looking back, David has made such a difference in this Benefice. Without his leadership we would have had no Prayer Group, no ecumenical bonds with our Christian friends up and down the valley and no Bible Studies either. And the community of Lowick can look back with some satisfaction at the achievement of the acquisition of the village green and the transfer and development of the Community Hall in which David was a prime mover.

Of course, we can’t leave it at that. His steady commitment to the Benefice meant that all through the long interregnum after Gary retired, he tirelessly served in all three churches to maintain a steady pattern of worship. A blessing indeed. Lately he has returned on a regular basis to help Lindal Parish, where he was once the incumbent, which has been in interregnum for a very long time, so they will miss him too.

Life has become increasingly difficult in their house at Lowick and the time has come when David and Jackie are more than ready to live somewhere smaller, more manageable and nearer to their family, so the reason that they are leaving us is a good one, but it doesn’t make parting with them any easier. They go with our prayers that their life in Bedford will be filled with happiness as they make another new home together.

Joanna

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Welcome: A very warm welcome to the Revd. Harry Welsh, resident in Spark Bridge lately of St. Helens who joins the list of retired clergy in our Benefice without whom we would struggle. Sir, we wish you well.



PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Faye Patton, daughter of Steve and Jane on being awarded a 1st. class Honours degree in History from Newcastle University and also a 1st. for her dissertation on ‘Mable Wolff’ a midwife who worked in the Anglo –Egyptian Sudan, 1921-1937 introducing modern health methods , training local women to become midwives and saving countless of lives. Faye was also President of the University History Society.



Haverthwaite Surgery: We bid a sorrowful farewell to Sue Rawlinson who for the past 17.5 years has cheerfully relieved us of our blood to send for tests that we do not always want to know the results. It is surprising that the young looking Sue has five grandchildren; we offer our thanks for all that she has done for us over those years and wish her well for the future.



Sadly we have to tell you of two deaths: John Rotherham, a long-term resident of Bandrake Head who was a lovely man and a major contributor to the Oxen Park Reading Room and a stalwart of the table tennis club.

Also Ruth Pass, lately a resident in Ulverston, but previously and for many years the husband of the late Neville Pass both of whom ran the White Hart, Bouth. Ruth was a native of the Philippines and returned after Neville’s death organising the residents of the island on which she was born, who were suffering financially, in order that they could work together to export their vegetable produce to the mainland. She also bought a hotel in Manilla and named it ‘The White Hart’.

And we have just learnt of the death of Patricia Booth who, some time ago, was well known in the Parish and was a member of the Bouth W I. Her father Dr. Hill was, in the days of yore, the GP for this area.

We offer our prayers, thoughts and condolences to all the families.

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There are those in the parish who are not well to whom we offer our prayers and good wishes for a good recovery. Particular good wishes to one Gary Wemyss who strives to do too much despite not being too well; however we understand he is being kept on the straight and narrow by his lovely wife Elizabeth.

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Cinema Club: The new programme is finalised with some great films ready to show our eclectic audiences. The full programme will be out at the Rusland Show but to mark up your **September & October** diaries we have **Tuesday 4 Sept.** “*The Post*” (Helen Mirren) and **Saturday 15th** the magnificent “*Dunkirk*”. Following on in **October** we have the Oscar winning animation “*The Breadwinner*” (**Tues. 2nd**) and our first **Supper Special on 20th** with “*Three Billboards Outside of Ebbing, Missouri*” – an Oscar for Frances McDonagh. We are expecting full houses again this season so remember to book your seats ahead. New or renewal memberships can be made at a film night.

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Rusland Show: Will be held this year on **Saturday 18 August**, admission £5/children U16 -£1. Field opens 11:30am and the Show at 12:30pm. Entries to be returned to Maureen Boyren by **12:00pm, Sunday 12 August**. **T:** 01229 885 300 – **E:** m.boyren@btinternet.com

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RUSLAND HORIZONS, HERITAGE SKILL COURSE DIARY

Practical Conservation Volunteer Day: **Tuesday 7 August, 9:00am – 4:00pm**. Meet at LDNPA, Southern Office, Lane Ends Haverthwaite, LA12 8AB.

Join our monthly volunteer day to help with woodland restoration and other conservation work. Booking essential via the website or the office 015395 31932

Scything Workshops, **17 August & 2 September**.

The Argent & Sable Moth was found for the first time on Bethacar Moor last year. Please do let us know if you spot this beautiful Moth or its food plant - the Bog Myrtle. For details check our website www.ruslandhorizons.org



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth: There was just a small group of members at our July meeting who enjoyed the visit from the famous 1657 ‘Chocolate House’ of Kendal. A talk, a film and the best bit – tasting. The film was unique and very educational explaining the selection of 95 kinds of luxury chocolates were made. A visit to the shop in Branthwaite Brow, Kendal is advised when you can pick your own selection. Our next meeting, **12 September.** *Jenny.*



Rusland and District: Extends an invitation to all W I members, friends and partners to a showing of “*Phantom Threads*” starring Daniel Day Lewis at the Carthouse Cinema Club, Oxen park on **Tuesday 21 August, 7:30pm** in order to raise funds for the W. I. & St. Mary’s Hospice, for details Contact **E:** judiwinterson@gmail.com or Gay **T:** 01229 860 622.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lengthsman: This month Archie has found time to give the phone box at Nibthwaite a bit of a freshen up. It’s been cleaned inside and out, vegetation has been cut back and the door hinges oiled. Nice work Archie, thanks. Strimming has been the other main Lengthsman work this month with verges being cut at Oxen Park, Chive of Cheese Triangle, Bouth junction and Toll Bar road but there have been days when it really has just been too hot to be out there.

Colton Council Grants funds: A reminder to local organisations, charities and community groups that they can apply for funds from Colton Parish Council to support them in their work. The grant could be for the total amount of a project or part funding towards something bigger; it could be full funding for curtains in the village hall or perhaps a contribution to a community buildings new roof. Equipment to set up a new social or learning group or even help with transport for a club away day. Get your

thinking caps on and then ask for an application form from coltonpc@btinternet.com

Living Lakes – Your Local Plan review: The Lake District National Park Authority local plan review consultation is now closed. Colton Parish council submitted a very robust response to this on behalf of the local community. This response can be viewed online on the Parish Councils website home page. The council would like to thank all those who gave feedback to the council on their response it is reassuring to know that the working group represented your views.

Councillor Vacancies: The council is still in a position of having two councillor vacancies. If you are considering this voluntary role then do get in touch with the clerk. Full training and support will be offered to anyone that is interested in taking up this vital and varied position within the community.

Our next Parish Meeting is to be held on **Monday 17 September, 7:00pm at Finsthwaite Village Hall.** All are welcome to attend.

E: coltonpc@btinternet.com W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I've seen a new property advertised which I'd like to rent and am thinking about putting a holding deposit down. However, the rent is really cheap - should I be worried it's a scam?

You're right to be cautious if the rent is a lot cheaper than the market rate. Don't pay a deposit before you view the property and look at your tenancy agreement.

If the landlord refuses to let you view, beware. Even if you have seen the property, check your tenancy agreement for the name and address of the landlord, along with their contact details.

If you cannot get a contract and landlord details, do not pay a deposit.

Also check if the landlord is a member of a professional association or accredited by the local council. Membership isn't compulsory, but it will mean they are legitimate and will operate to a minimum standard.

Trust your instincts and if in any doubt, don't part with your money. For further help on identifying possible scams contact your local Citizens Advice, or call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

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**GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS
SUMMER "BIBLE AND COFFEE" SESSIONS**

(Matthew Ch. 5 vs 1-12)

(Jesus teaching on "How to be happy")

SESSION 4: "MERCIFUL AND PEACEFUL"

Wed. 8 August at the Vicarage, Penny Bridge

All sessions are from **10:00 am to 11:30 am**

All are welcome to attend.

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'THE LIGHT'

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lighting a lamp, puts in under a bush, but on the lamp stand and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

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HE WISHES FOR THE CLOTHES OF HEAVEN.

Had I the heaven's embroidered cloths.
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

W. B. Yeats

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DIARY DATES

- 1 August The opening of the first London Underground, 1870.
- 5 August **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
National Sisters Day.
- 7 August Rusland Horizons Conservation Day, LDNPA, 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- 8 August Bible & Coffee, the Vicarage, 10:00am.
- 11 August Fiftieth Anniversary of the last British Rail Steam Train run.
- 12 August **Combined Holy Communion Service, St. Luke's Lowick, 10:30am.**
Last Day for entries for Rusland Show, 12:00pm.
- 15 August Macbeth killed at the Battle of Curlew Pass, 1057.
- 17 August Rusland Horizons - Scything Workshop.
- 18 August RUSLAND SHOW
- 19 August **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 21 August Rusland & District W I Charity Film Show, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 26 August **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 27 August Summer Bank Holiday

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- 2 September **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 4 September Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 9 September **Combined Holy Communion Service, St. Mary's, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
Rusland Horizons Meadow Planting, 10:00am – 4:00pm.
- 12 September Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 15 September Rusland Horizons Meadow Planting, 10:00am – 4:00pm.
- 16 September **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 23 September **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 30 September **Combine Holy Communion Service, St. Luke's, Lowick, 10:30am.**

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“Grant to us your servants: to our God – a heart of flame; to our fellow men – a heart of love; to ourselves – a heart of steel.”

Augustine.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month August 2018

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
5 August	Tenth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 12		
Morning Worship	Rachel Tarr	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Susan King
9:30pm. <i>Donald</i>	Roderick Smith	John 6:24--35	

12 August	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity – Proper 14		
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
10:30am <i>Vicar</i>	St. Luke's, Lowick		

19 August	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 15		
Holy Communion	Margaret Sanders	Proverbs 9: 1 - 6	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	John Tarr	John 6:51-58	

26 August	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 16		
Holy Communion	Susan Smith	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	Sue Lydon	John :56-69	



SIDEPERSONS ROTA

5 August Mrs. Susan King

19 August Mr. Roderick Smith

26 August Mrs. Susan Dean



FLOWER ROTA

5 August Mrs. Jenny Hare

19 August Mrs. Zella Slater

26 August Mrs. Zella Slater



*"Here's to a temperance supper,
With water in glasses tall,
And coffee and tea to end with –
And me not there at all!"*

Anon.

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