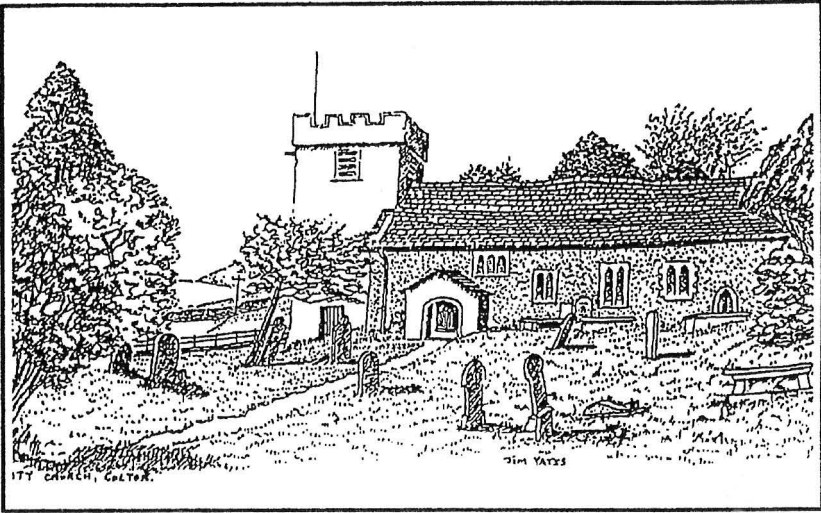




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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

PASTORAL LETTER

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February 2018

Dear Friends

The house that we lived in when I worked for the General Synod in London, was set on what had been a lovely tree-lined cul-de-sac in Twickenham leading down the to River Thames. But it had become a four-lane carriageway leading to (and from) the M3 at Chertsey. A local legend had two friends standing on opposite sides, with the one on our side waiting to get across. After a futile ten-minute wait for a gap in the traffic, he yelled across, “How did you get to that side?” “I was born this side!” his friend replied.

Human birth is the archetypal example (especially for the mother!) of the very familiar pattern in life, that involves long endeavour culminating in a climactic ordeal, which results in the exhilarating experience of success and blessing and new life. We may think perhaps of academic study and examinations, or the practice and learning involved in acquiring a driving licence. Even the endurance of a long illness and its treatment, ending in healing or the breaking of a fever, has something of the same flavour. And in this beautiful part of God’s kingdom, we can enjoy periodic experience of climbing the fells, with strenuous (sometimes seemingly endless) endeavour crowned with the achievement of the summit.

A similar sense may apply to the “milestone” anniversaries of our lives. (A card that I received on my 50th birthday had on the cover “50 years old? You certainly don’t look it!” Inside, it read, “But I expect you did once!”) Well, according to the oldest Psalm in the Bible (Psalm 90) I have just reached the ultimate of these. I had my eightieth birthday on St. Stephen’s Day, and am now well and truly admitted to this world’s final trial – the ante-room of eternity. There is one final “barrier” for which to prepare - the veil between time and eternity. Mind you, Psalm 90 is attributed to Moses, who was actually 80 years old when he was called to lead Israel out of Egypt. And he was someone who knew a thing or two about climbing

mountains. We are going to be following the story of Moses during our Lenten “Bible and Coffee” Sessions. (Details are given below.) During the month of March (and beyond) the Churches of Cumbria are uniting in a special endeavour to make God’s truth more widely known, under the title “Moving Mountains”. It is an ecumenical initiative to be shared by the Archbishop of York and Christian leaders from all over the north of England. Our prayer is that all may be blessed by a concerted effort to share the joy of our Christian faith with all our neighbours (and perhaps to explain the sure and certain hope in the eternal life to come, that octogenarians like me experience as the cornerstone of our lives, through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ).

May His blessings be Yours

David Gregg



Greenodd and District Christians

“Bible and Coffee” Sessions – Lent 2018

“TELLING STORIES” – a Lent Series looking at incidents in the life of Moses.

Session 1: Wed. 21 Feb. 2018 at Woodside Cottage, Colton

Week One: My Story

Session 2: Wed. 28 Feb. 2018 at Lowick Farm House

Week Two: Telling God’s Story

All sessions are from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome. (Further details Tel. 885258)



COLTON CHRONICLES

The future of our church is still in the balance and we know not, as yet, which Benefice or Deanery Synod we will finish up in. But, in truth, the workings of those in authority in the Diocese and the current obsession with Mission Communities matter not one jot. Our churches are there primarily for worship

Regular worshippers and indeed visitors should understand that our unadorned church built at the end of the 16th. C halfway up a fell side is a place of Holy Worship steeped in beauty, reverence and enduring peace. That is all that matters.

“Oh Come All Ye Faithful” not however on Christmas Eve morn where the congregation at Colton was but two worshippers. Fear not, for our

Vicar, Brian was superb and led us through Morning Worship, as in the Book of Common Prayer, which was a delight. So thank you kind sir and also to my fellow worshipper, Rachel, from Rusland

There has been a major step forward in the appointment of the Right Revd. Sarah Mullally as the Bishop of London. Although some may disapprove she will, at least, not suffer the fate of an earlier Bishop of that City, Nicholas Ridley, who was imprisoned in the Tower and burnt at the stake in Oxford, in 1555. The Bishop is a trained cancer nurse and became the chief nursing officer for England.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

Fireworks: What fireworks? Sadly on New Year's Eve we missed the display in Bouth but that did not distract from a delightful evening thanks to the hard work of David Hamer resulting in nigh on 25 locals enjoying meal in the White Hart. Thanks also to the staff who were, as usual, superb.



Rusland Horizons: The Rusland Horizons 'Big Xmas Bash' in December saw 35 local volunteers' bridge-building (the 'Big Bash Bridge' near Oxen Park), path clearing (above Ickenthwaite), coppicing (Henry Wood, Rusland) and digging drainage channels (Stoney Hazel woods, Rusland). See our website and Facebook page for photos! All this hard work was followed by a well-deserved and delicious lunch plus a quiz at the completely refurbished Manor House pub in Oxen Park.

In the next few weeks our events include:

- Community Forum and Supper, **Tuesday 20 February, 7-9pm**, Greenodd Village Hall. Come and chat to the team at this informal social event (booking essential for supper numbers).
- Joint conservation work party on **Tuesday 6 February** with the Butterfly Conservation
- Woodland Archaeology Surveys in March/April – look out for details on the website.

To see 'What's On' and book for all events use the website: www.ruslandhorizons.org.uk



Oxen Park: A Rusland Horizons group spent a day clearing the brambles and gorse from **Miles Dickinson's woodland walk** from Ickenthwaite. It is now clear and needs walking to keep the undergrowth down. Park up by the bridge below the farm and follow the way markers – if you aren't sure where to go get in touch with Carol McNeill or Mandy Barr/Lane.

Cinema Club – more full houses so please book in early for any films you would like to see. **Tuesday 6 February AND Sunday 11 February** – 2 showings of the well-reviewed *Hidden Figures*. **Saturday 17 February** – *Unbranded* at Finsthwaite (Supper included). **Tuesday 6 March** – *The Innocents* a Polish film with sub-titles. Children's films started again on 25 January at The Outback Hall behind Leven Valley School. 3.40 – 5.30. (No film during half-term week).

Monthly Presentations in aid of Oxen Park Reading Room at THE CARTHOUSE . **Friday 9 February 7.30pm** – Lin McIntosh – 'a Lin Trip' not to be missed. Book in *with Gill McKinnon or Carol McNeill*.

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Haverthwaite Surgery: Just two things... with the Australian Flu circulating, just to remind people that Flu Vaccinations are still available at the surgery, and for those who are not registered with us, these can be done for £8.00.

Also, anyone wanting to lose a few Christmas pounds, or just want to tone up, we are running Thai Chi classes at Outback Hall (behind Leven Valley School) running weekly on a **Tuesday from 5:00-6:00pm**, all welcome, we have both male and female participants. Weigh in is optional and the price is £4.00.

Sue & Alison.

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One of the best decisions this editor ever made was to come and live in this Parish, which was demonstrated on the occasion of my 91st. Birthday. Thank you to all you kind folk for your cards, presents (oddly, mainly bottles) and for your loving care.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Christmas Party was, as usual, a wonderful success but strangely, perhaps not, there was an air of bossiness in the proceedings. On reflection this is not surprising considering the membership; teachers, one head, ex

teacher, ex nurses, two who were in high positions, one with army connections and an HR manager.

The entertainment was more muted than normal, but still to the same high standards. On behalf of the guests, THANK YOU, Ladies.

Our first meeting of the New Year was open and well attended by the chaps (probably under orders) when we were entertained with a presentation by Cedric Robinson, the Queen's Official Guide for over fifty years, on the on the dangers and perils of Morecombe Bay Sands. Cedric who is now 84 and still doing his job.

He enlightened us about taking Royalty, including Prince Philip, many celebrities and foreign dignitaries, across the sands. He has dined with the Queen and Princess Anne, received many awards, including an MBE.

He has given TV crews advice whilst filming documentaries about the dangers of Morecombe Bay, saved many people who have got into difficulties and recounted the pleasure he has given to people whilst guiding them across the Sands.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 February, 7:15pm. Village Hall** when the speaker Giles Wingate-Saul will be telling us about the 'Quirks of the Law'.
Jenny & Donald.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lengthsman: After a busy month in November with flooding Archie had a quieter time in December. He has cleared around the bench at Colton church, so it is now a pleasant place to sit and rest. Road signs at both Oxen Park and Hay Bridge have had some TLC. The Hay Bridge one is looking particularly splendid now, thanks Archie. Work has also been done to help with the mapping of all the drains within the parish, not an easy task; 36 recorded this month just in Finsthwaite. Of course, looking for the drains has now revealed 6 that need unblocking which will be scheduled over the coming weeks.

Planning Applications: There seems to be more planning application being submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority than usual at the moment. These do take up a Councillors time but are a part of the role

where the council can really be used to represent the views of those living in the parish. It is worth remembering that there are several documents the councillors refer to when making their decisions; these are LDNPA policy and the Colton Parish Council Community Plan. It is through these that the decisions can be unbiased and in support of the wider community.

Illegal off-road vehicles: The Council has been made aware of increasing damage to Bethacar Moor through the use of off-road vehicles. Whilst the vehicles can legally use a Byway or Green Lane as they are sometimes known the damage is being done when the vehicles deviate from the Byway, possible because of obstructions or better routes. If anyone is concerned about vehicles damaging Bethacar Moor, then reports can be made to the police using 101.

Rural crime Initiative: A decision has been made by Colton Parish Council to withdraw from the Rural Crime Initiative that it was jointly involved with. The reasoning was broadly due to the additional workload it would have placed on the council at a time of a reduced number of councillors to drive such a project forward. This does not mean that the parish council is not still keen to tackle rural crime, it just means there are certain aspects they will no longer be involved in.

Our next parish meeting is Monday 19 February 2017 in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:00pm.

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



CANDELMAS

On the 2nd February the Church celebrates the 'Presentation of Jesus in the Temple', it is also known as Candelmas and is the midpoint between December Solstice and the March Equinox.

It is remembered with an old rhyme:

If Candelmas day be fair and bright

Winter will have another flight'

If Candelmas day be shower and rain

Winter is gone and will not come again.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I am behind on my energy bills and my energy company wants to install a prepayment meter. I don't want one as I've heard they can be more expensive than paying by direct debit. What can I do?

If you don't want a prepayment meter, ask your supplier to help you agree a repayment plan, based on how much you can afford and how much energy you use. If you are already on a plan but can't afford it, see if you can make a new arrangement, or change to a cheaper tariff.

Once you've agreed to pay back your debts, your supplier won't install a prepayment meter if you don't want one.

Also check if you are eligible for government financial help with fuel costs, or a grant from either your own supplier or another company or charity.

For further help on negotiating with your supplier and applying for benefits or a grant, contact South Lakes Citizens Advice.

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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Do you know anyone like this?

Aunt Wilma had black agate eyes that moved restlessly and scrutinized everybody with bright suspicion. In church, her glance would dart round the congregation seeking out irreverent men and women whose expressions showed that they were occupied with worldly concerns, or even carnal thoughts, in the holy place. If she lighted on a couple, her heavy, dark brows would lower, and her mouth would tighten in righteous disapproval. *James Thurber.*



WHATEVER IS-IS BEST

I know as my life grows older,
And my eyes have clearer sight.
That under each rank wrong, somewhere
There lies the root of right.
That each sorrow has its purpose,
By the sorrowing oft unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings morning.
Whatever is-is best.

I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, sometime punished,
Although the hour be long delayed.
I know that the soul is aided
Sometimes by the heart unrest,
And to grow means often to suffer-
But whatever is – is best.

I know there are no errors
In the great Eternal plan,
And all thing work together
For the final good of man.
And I know when my soul speeds onward,
In its grand Eternal quest,
I shall say as I look back earthward,
Whatever is-is best.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox



On a more pragmatic note the money for the magazine still remains, in too many cases, in the reader's pockets. The Church is not a charity and often struggles to pay its way, so please pay up. It is only a miserable £6.

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DIARY DATES

- 2 February **Candelmas**
- 4 February **Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Candelmas Service, 10:30am.**
- 6 February Rusland Horizons, Working Party.
Cinema Club. 7:30pm.
- 9 February Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 11 February **Benefice Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30am.**
Cinemas Club, 7:30pm?
- 14 February **Ash Wednesday Service, Colton, 7:30pm.**
Bouth W I, 7:15pm. Village Hall
- 17 February Cinema Club, 7:30pm.
- 18 February **First Sunday of Lent, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 19 February Colton Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:00pm.
- 20 February Rusland Horizons Forum & Supper, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:00pm.
- 21 February Bible & Coffee, Woodside Cottage, Colton, 10:00am.
- 25 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 28 February Bible & Coffee, Lowick Farmhouse, 10:00am.

Note: Haverthwaite Surgery are running Thai Chi classes on Tuesdays at Outback Hall,
5:00pm – 6:00pm.



Belief:

“It is wonderful that five thousand years have now elapsed since the creation of the world, and still it is undecided whether or not there has ever been an instant of the spirit of any person appearing after death. All argument is against it; but all belief is for it”.

Dr. Samuel Johnson. 18th. C



“Worship is transcended wonder”.

Thomas Carlyle.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month – February 2018

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
4 February	Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candelmas		
Candelmas	Arranged	Malachi 3:1 - 5	Arranged
* 10:30am Pam	Arranged	Luke 2:22-30	

11 February	11 Sunday before Lent –Benefice service, Holy Trinity, Colton		
Holy Communion	1. Janet Pickles	2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6	John Tarr
10:30am Vicar	2. Roderick Smith	Mark 9:2 - 9	

14 February	Ash Wednesday		
Holy Communion	1. Donald Wroe	Joel 2:1 – 2, 12-17	
7:30am Vicar	2. Rachel Tarr	John 8:1 -11	

18 February	First Sunday of Lent		
Holy Communion	1. Susan Smith	Genesis 9:8 -17	Judy Redhead
9:30am Joanna	2. Graham Wallace	Mark 1:9 -15	

25 February	Second Sunday of Lent		
Holy Communion	1. Sue Lydon	Romans 4:13-25	Rachel Tarr
9:30am Vicar	2. Gordon Pickles	Mark 8:31-38	



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

4 February Mrs. Susan King
 11 February Mrs. Sue Dean
 14 February Ash Wednesday T B A
 8 February Mrs. Susan Smith
 25 February Mrs. Margaret Sanders



FLOWER ROTA

4 February Mrs. Elspeth Cooper



LENT



HELP: For the first time for many years there is a shortage of 'volunteers' to provide and arrange flowers in church. For men, with no such skills, just dig deep in your pockets Please step up and contact Susan Smith **T:** 01229 861 370!

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