



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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Note: Friday is the Rest Day for our Vicar & Anne.

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO NOW?

If you haven't already been bombarded with news and discussion about the EU Referendum vote – whether the UK should stay in or leave the EU – then you soon will be. However, as annoying as this opinion and counter-opinion may become the EU Referendum could be a very useful mirror for the UK and its citizens.

Looking into a mirror can be both a very informative and a very uncomfortable experience at the same time. When we look into a mirror we naturally see ourselves, but if we take a closer look, if we look into our own eyes, we can see our true selves, the window to the soul, and yes, that can be both an informative and an uncomfortable experience.

On Thursday 23rd June, 2016 when you cast your vote – should I stay or should I go – then how will you be influenced? Will you be influenced by migrants reportedly claiming benefits? Will you be influenced by laws being made outside the UK? Will you be influenced by conservatism or socialism? Or even possibly by Christian values? Be honest, take a good, hard look at yourself and ask the question – what is really influencing my instinctive decision? What are the thought processes that are going on in my heart? Who am I really?

When the baby Jesus was first brought to the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, they were met by a religious man called Simeon who said,

“This child [Jesus] is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed”

Luke 2.34-35

In the same way that the EU Referendum has the potential to reveal the thoughts of our hearts and something of our true nature, so does the Christian message of the Gospel and the person of Jesus.

Will I accept the forgiveness of God in Jesus and enter into a relationship with God or not? Will I acknowledge that God is God and that I am not God, that this is God's world, God's sense of right and wrong, God's gift of life, and not my own? Do I want to be in God's kingdom that is coming or not? Am I in, or am I out?

In this gift of a life that you have been given, God is asking you to take an honest look in the mirror and decide – once and for all time – should I stay or should I go? You decide.

Blessings in Christ

Brian & Anne



COLTON CHRONICLES

WHERE IS THE CHURCH GOING?

This question, “Where is the Church heading to in the future?” and the related question, “How do we work together as Church?” were behind a meeting and Planning Workshop held on Saturday 13th February at Penny Bridge CE Academy. Over thirty members of churches from Coniston, Torver, Blawith, Lowick, Colton, Penny Bridge and some representation from Ulverston gathered to begin the vision & strategy of churches working together for mission down the Crake Valley.

Naturally, this vision & strategy will impact how the churches support the prayer life of the area, serve the communities, work with children and young people and many other aspects of “being Church”. Again naturally, there will be changes; some will be popular, some will not be popular; some activities will be started, some activities will cease to be run.

The mood and the outcomes of the Planning Workshop were:

1. The planning day was too long!
2. But we can work together...
3. ...and we want to work together.
4. So, let's get on with it!

From a more practical perspective, a small team has been formed to take forward the ideas generated and to make them happen. Please do pray for the churches that they can faithfully and authentically proclaim the Good News of Jesus to this and the coming generations in our communities. *Vicar.*



Apologies: For daring to use the word ‘Money’, but sadly the contributions for the Parish Magazine have fallen below schedule and our Treasurer would be obliged if those who haven’t paid, could cough up. A lot of work goes into the Parish News, not only putting it together but picking the copies up from Barrow and for those who deliver it to your doorstep, all on a voluntary basis. Please do not let them down.

Apologies II: For forgetting to mention, last month, David, Patron Saint of Wales and Patrick Patron Saint of Ireland. David may not have been the most cheerful of Saints, as according to legend he ate nothing but breads, salt and leeks, drinking only water. But he did have the merit of being Welsh. On the other hand Patrick, a more human and very organised Saint was not Irish but born in England. They both spread the word of God.

We, the English, have little to boast about as our Patron Saint, George, probably never knew that these isles ever existed, he was of uncertain Middle East heritage and his only claim to fame was that he was a Christian Roman Soldier martyred for his faith by Emperor Diocletian. We also have to share him with Portugal. Mind you, Henry V, at least according to Shakespeare, did invoke him at the battle of Agincourt.

“Once more into the breach, dear friends, once more; or close the wall up with our English dead! ...” and later *“Cry ‘God for Harry! England and Saint George!’”* *Donald.*



PARISH NEWS

Our prayers and condolences go out to Barbara and John Osborne and family after the loss of Barbara’s mother, Bridget Hughes, aged 96. Bridget had lived with and been cared for by Barbara & John since they moved into the village and in recent years, with the support of friends and family, they nursed her at home with love and dedication.

Bridget did many things in her lifetime, mainly becoming a learned but practical horticulturalist, the knowledge of which she willingly shared for

the benefit of the Village Green. Sadly, at the funeral, we learnt that there was much more to the lady than the one we knew.

On a happier note it is good to see Gordon Pickles home from his many visits to hospital over the last year and looking well; we hope that his health will continue to improve.

Defibrillator: The funds for the White Hart defibrillator have now been increased by £530 due to a jolly if noisy, well attended Bingo session; thanks are due to ‘caller’ Ronnie Mein who was in fine form, all who worked so hard, those who contributed prizes and importantly those who came and spent.

The next event will be a **‘Talk by Ronnie Mein’ on the ‘History of Bouth’, Saturday 9 April, Village Hall, 4:00pm.**

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

We had a lovely evening making glass pendants; Marilyn Hale, a glass artist from Craft Studio and Glass Works at Newland, brought samples for us to look at and encouraged everyone to decorate small pieces of glass with our own unique creation.

However, before we were let loose on our designer jewels, Marilyn explained that there are different kinds of glass, e.g. Murano, Bullseye, Spectrum, etc. (just like vacuum cleaners); it is therefore not possible to just use any glass in combination together.

The various types of glass do not heat and cool down the same and as a consequence the fired piece of jewellery will break, due to the fact that the glass was not able to fuse. The fusing process is done in a kiln, where decorated glass items are melted into a ‘controlled puddle’ which will then end up as an amazing piece of decorative art.

The decorating components are too numerous to list, however there are various fabric and glass particles including a very expensive sparkly glass, originally developed by NASA, as a heat proof coating. Needless to say a certain member, herself named after a famous glass making company, immediately wanted to use a piece of coating, which would have made her pendant, cost £20 in materials alone.....she had to go for the Laura Ashley design instead!

(Christiane, PA to WI VP.)

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 13 April, 7:15pm. Bouth Village Hall** when the speaker will be Susan Oliver. Her subject will be "Gift Wrapping". The competition will be 'Pretty Ribbon.'

✿ We are holding our ever popular **Spring Walk and Cream Tea** on **Saturday 30 April 2016, 1:00pm sharp**, starting from Bouth Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and there are walks to suit all ages and abilities. Enjoy a lovely stroll through our beautiful countryside (map provided). A delicious cream tea is served between 3:00 & 5:00pm

Cost: £5 - adults, £1 - children under school age. We do ask that children are kept under control and dogs kept on leads. We look forward to seeing you there.

A struggling Donald.



LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

The Authority has been holding a public consultation on its 'Review of its Planning Policies' and is seeking views on a new Statement of Community involvement. The consultation ends on **noon, 5 April.**

The consultation document is available at www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/sci or call 01539 72455 to find out where paper copies can be viewed.



Colton Parish Council

A reminder that the public are welcomed to all Parish Council meetings which, start at 7:00 pm and are held at Village Halls around the Parish. The Chairman is available from 6:30pm for surgery sessions before each meeting. Early in the agenda there is a public participation item during which members of the public are invited to speak at the discretion of the Chairman. Following this item, the public are welcome to stay and listen or may leave as they choose. Agendas of meetings are posted on notice boards and on this website (see table below, when Agenda finalised) at least 3 clear days before each meeting. Minutes of meetings can be accessed by clicking on the appropriate date in the table below.

The next meeting will be the **Annual Parish and Open Meeting, 5 May, 7:00pm. Bouth Village Hall.**

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory School

With spring here at last our John Muir Explorer Award group are finally able to get out and about and use the navigation and map reading skills they have been developing over winter in the classroom. Our first walk was on a sunny March evening in the Cartmel Valley and putting a map into use in a real life walking situation for the first time was a challenge for some of the group.

However by the end of the walk everyone was able to pinpoint their position and work out in which direction to walk and lead the group with some degree of confidence. A big step forward! This week we are off to Chapel How plantation and then onto the Coniston Fells in April. Let's hope the weather remains good, but if not we are ready for the worst. *Dr.Paul.*



Leven Valley Primary School

This year we were invited with two other local primary schools by the National Trust to a Children's Book Festival at Wray Castle to mark both World Book Day and Beatrix Potter's 150th birthday. Children from Class 1 and Class 3 took part in author workshops on Friday 4th March at Wray Castle and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Anthea Hanson who is leaving us to work for the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Lydia Scales as our new School Administrator we are looking forward to working with her.

Class 2 & 3 visited the Vindolanda Museum and the Roman Army Museum at Hadrian's Wall on Monday 14th March as part of their topic about the Romans. The weather was absolutely superb and a walk up Walltown Craggs finished the day well.

Sue S.



SCHOOL: *"Not that I had any special reason for hating school. Strange as it may seem to my readers, I was not unpopular there. I was a modest, good humoured boy. It was Oxford that has made me insufferable."*

Max Beerbohm.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Only a few more films to go before the end of the season. We have a special family and **Easter** holiday film on **Thursday 31 March 4:00 pm** at **The Carthouse** – *“THE BIG KNIGHTS”* - The Big Knights revolves around the exploits of brothers Sir Boris (the finest swordsman in the world), Sir Morris (the most enthusiastic) and their noble pets, Sir Horace the Dog and Sir Doris the Hamster. **All seats £2.**

“GOING CLEAR” – a documentary about Scientology on **Saturday 2 April 8:00pm** at **The Carthouse** and on **Tuesday 5 April**, *“DARK HORSE”* – the amazing feel good story about the horse Dream Alliance – being bought for a few hundred pounds by a welsh mining community then winning some big races. Booking recommended. **T:** 861 507.



HAY BRIDGE OPEN DAY

The **JOHN STRUTT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** is proud of its role as a guardian and manager of the central part of the Rusland Valley and extends a warm invitation to you to come and see the **Hay Bridge Nature Reserve** on our **OPEN DAY** between **11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** on **Saturday 7 May**.

Tea and scones will be available and Trustees, our Warden and staff from Natural England will be pleased to take you on a guided walk and discuss management plans for the Reserve's wetlands, woodlands and meadows and especially the newly acquired Hullater Moss. Representatives of the **HAY BRIDGE NATURE RESERVE SOCIETY** will also be present and explain how those interested can support this diverse and beautiful place.

www.haybridgereserve.org.uk



LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARYS HOSPICE

‘The Arty Farty Fashion Party’: A celebration of fifteen years of ‘Two by Two’ in memory of Chris Benefield will be this years Fashion Show in aid of St Marys Hospice to be held at **Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum** on **Friday 15 April**. Tickets priced at **£8.00** will include entry into Motor Museum at **6:30pm** and Fashion Show start at **7:30pm** which also includes light refreshments i.e. tea, coffee and tray bake courtesy of Andrew Southcott catering. Tickets from Dorothy **T:** 015395 30132.

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Make sure you can vote in the Referendum!

Whatever your views on the European Union, you will only be able to vote in the forthcoming Referendum if you are on the electoral register. Don't assume you are registered just because you pay Council Tax!

The registration system changed two years ago. Previously, one person in every household was responsible for registering everyone else who lived at that address. Under the '*Individual Electoral Registration*' system, each person is now required to register to vote individually, rather than by household. If you don't have a letter from the District Council showing that you are registered to vote, then take action now – it's easy to do.

You can register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or telephone the Electoral Services Office at South Lakeland District Council **T:** 01539 733333. They can register you online or send you a paper form. You will need your National Insurance Number and date of birth.



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HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

We were greatly impressed with the Dome –
So unlike St. Peter's at Home!
Perhaps our church spire
Is a tiny bit higher,
But our Vicar's much lower than Rome.

Brian Hill



DIARY DATES

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



- 2 April Cinema Club, The Carthouse, 8:00pm.
3 April **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
5 April Cinema Club, The Carthouse, 8:00pm.
9 April Ronnie Mein 'Talk'. Bouth Village Hall, 4:00pm.
10 April **Holy Communion. 9:30am.**
13 April Bouth W I. Village Hall, 7:15pm.
14 April 'Look up the Sky Day' – if you have nothing better to do!
15 April Leven Valley Support Group, Café Ambio, 6:30pm. >
17 April **Holy Communion. 9:30am.**
21 April **"Our Queen's 90th Birthday"**
23 April **St. George, Patron Saint of England.**
24 April **Holy Communion. 9:30am.**
25 April **Mark the Evangelist.**
30 April Bouth W I 'Spring Walk' – Village Hall – 1:00pm, sharp!



An Eighteenth – Century Epigram

I have lost my mistress, horse and wife,
And when I think of human life,
Cry Mercy 'twas no worse.
My mistress sickly, poor and old.
My wife dam'd ugly and a scold,-
I am sorry for my horse.

Anon



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month April 2016

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
3 April	1. Sue Lydon	Acts 5:27-32	
Morning Worship	2. Judy Redhead	Revelation 1: 4 - 8	Susan King
9:30am <i>Pam</i>	3. John Tarr	John 20:19-31	
10 April	1. Susan Smith	Acts 9: 1-20	
Holy Communion	2. Roderick Smith	Revelation 5:11-14	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	John 21: 1-9	
17 April	1. Sue Lydon	Acts 9:36-43	
Holy Communion	2. John Tarr	Revelation 7: 9-14	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Graham Wallace	John 10:22-30	
24 April	1. Margaret Sanders	Acts 11: 1-18	
Holy Communion	2. Roderick Smith	Revelation 21: 1 - 6	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	John 13:31-35	



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

3 April	9.30 am	Mrs S King
10 April	9.30 am	Mrs M Sanders
17 April	9.30 am	Mrs S Dean
24 April	9.30 am	Mrs S Smith



FLOWER ROTA

3 April	Easter Flowers
10 April	Easter Flowers
17 April	Mrs. Sally Pirnie
24 April	Mrs. Sally Pirnie



"Lord Finchley tried to mend the Electric Light Himself. It struck him dead: and served him right.

It is the business of the wealthy man, to give employment to the artisan.

Hilaire Belloc

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