



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

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PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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Dear Friends

CHANGE

The word “change” is most familiar to people when they purchase an item in a shop, and after handing over their nice, crisp £5, £10 or £20 note they receive in return a handful of change. And one thing that is common with all such transactions is that you always end up with less than you original started.

But the word “change” impacts our lives in so many ways. The workplace, our homes and our community appear subject to constant change, and life itself is dependent upon change – nothing remains static or constant. So you would expect that we would be quite used to and comfortable with change, and yet most of us are not and we consciously or subconsciously resist it.

The Benefice of Egton cum Newland, Lowick with Blawith, and Colton is about to undergo a significant change – a new vicar. This change will feel significant because it comes after a very long period of faithful service by the previous incumbent and then an interregnum. The mere presence of a “new face” in the vicarage will feel like a big change, and that is before we even start to consider the changes that the new vicar may want to make in the future – the fear of change begins to stir in us.

When the Apostle Paul was attempting to explain his ministry to the early Corinthian church he said:

“Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews...To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings.”

As I said at my interview, my intention is to come to the three parishes and to see “how you do things”, to follow the existing patterns and to become one of each of the communities. This does not mean that there will be no change, as change is inevitable and not all change should be resisted. But the primary purpose of Anne and I is to become part of the communities, to serve those communities and to do this for the sake of the gospel; as the gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ is the greatest gift that we, the Church, have for our communities.

As I said earlier, when purchasing an item in a shop the change we receive is less than what we started with and it is easy to feel short-changed. Anne and I pray that we will be a great blessing to the Benefice of Egton cum Newland, Lowick with Blawith, and Colton, and you will all consider this a worthwhile change.

Blessings in Christ

Brian & Anne



FLOWER ROTA

’Tis Lent, so the church remains undecorated until Easter when on **Saturday 4 April** the ladies of the parish will be flower arranging to celebrate **Easter Sunday**. They always welcome help!



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS

LENT “BIBLE AND COFFEE” SESSIONS

2015

“THE HOLY SPIRIT”

WED. 11 MAR: “THE SPIRIT IN THE TEACHING OF JESUS”

(“Barnside”, Bouth)

WED. 18 MAR: “THE SPIRIT IN THE WRITINGS OF PAUL”

(“Wetherlam”, Penny Bridge)

WED. 25 MAR: “THE SPIRIT IN THE REST OF THE NEW
TESTAMENT WRITINGS” (Woodside Cottage”, Colton)

All sessions start with Coffee at 10.00 am and end at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome. Further details from David Gregg (885258)



COLTON CHRONICLES

A New Era as we bid a warm welcome to our new priest aka ‘The Vicar’ the Revd. Brian Streeter, who was licensed on 22 February at a service at St. Mary’s Church, Penny Bridge. On **Sunday 8 March** we welcome him to Holy Trinity, Colton where he will, for the first time, lead us in our Eucharist Service. We need a good turnout.

☺ As we end our year bereft of a priest and having little or no help from outside the Benefice it is a minor miracle that we have coped so well. This has been due to the tireless work of many hands and minds for which we give our boundless thanks, but there were a select few without whose dedication, skill, energy and efforts the rest of us might have been struggling. Grateful and gracious thanks to Joanna Henson, David Gregg, Cathy Styles and Janet Hallet.

Other than Easter and Christmas we rarely celebrate our services as perhaps we should, so what a delight at Candlemas to enter a beautifully candlelit church and everyone coming up for a candle. Our thanks are due to Rachel and John for decorating the church and importantly clearing up afterwards. Truly, a light to lighten the Gentiles.

In early February, sadly and yet with joy for her life, we said farewell to Wendy Smith who died on 14 January, with a wonderful service led gently and with compassion by Joanna; wondrous tributes from her daughters and grandchildren with beautiful music played by daughter Janet bringing back, for some of us, happy memories.

It is impossible to follow those tributes other than to say that Wendy was a fabulous and talented lady who kept our church wonderfully decorated

with floral displays for more years than this editor can recall and was a stalwart in the choir. But much more than that she was loving and kind to whoever she knew or met and if a job needed doing – it was! Without belittling our current crop of worthy workers – they don't make them like that anymore. Our prayers and condolences go out to Wendy's family.

That indefatigable lady Margaret Sanders is as it again and has organised a raffle for the church, which will be drawn at a Dance in Greenodd Village Hall on **Friday 24 April**. All proceeds to go to Colton Church; Raffle tickets can be purchased from Margaret, Susan King and Roderick Smith. Shame on anyone who doesn't buy tickets. Thank you, Margaret.

***Money:** We do normally talk about the Church and money as it tends to put people off but we have a problem in that the cost of printing the Colton Parish News is around £600 annually and this year we have collected less than half that sum! Editing the magazine picking the copies up from Barrow and delivery to your homes is done on a purely voluntary basis. And yet, many of you have failed to pay the measly £6 to cover the costs. The Church is not a charity!

Donald.

Mothering Sunday this year is on **15 March** and will be **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**



PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to tell you of the death, on 7 February of Jimmy Lambert, son of May, and brought up in Bouth. Jimmy was a quiet man and an industrious worker and will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and condolences are with the family.

Bouth Village Hall: The condition of the hall has deteriorated in recent times and requires some much needed tender care. To help with the cost of upkeep a **Bingo Night** will be held on **Friday 20 March, 7:30pm.** + A free glass of wine. Ronnie Mein will be 'calling' so the night is guaranteed to be a bundle of fun. Prizes both for the Bingo and Raffle are much needed and can be left with either Alison Whytell or 'Jolly Roger' Perry..

The Hall is not as well used as it might but recently hosted a 'Nostalgia Evening'. The word nostalgia normally conjures up quiet memories and

reflections of times past but this was not quite the case on this occasion. The celebrations whilst joyous were close on being raucous and much enhanced by the gleeful behaviour of a certain lady teacher perhaps thinking it was the end of term. But, there again it did balance the somewhat grumpy comments from someone, closely connected to this magazine!!

The format was simple as everyone brought a photograph of themselves in their youth and everyone else had to guess who they were; the results were interesting as most of the male of species looked incredibly angelic and some even shy whilst the ladies looked positive and some even pert. The star of the evening however, was the photograph of a lady, as she was in her teens, now a pillar of society, draped somewhat provocatively, on the bonnet of an iconic car!

The rest of the evening was taken up playing music tracks and trying to identify to whom they belonged; unsurprisingly considering the age of the gathering the selections were mainly from the mid sixties onward. We say music, but for those of more mature years it was difficult to pick out the melody, if there was one, from the sound of the incessant bass beats.

"Age makes a winter in the heart, an autumn in the mind." John Sparrow.

Our thanks to Marion & David Hamer and Marianne Gruber for their organisation and hard work, and also to those on the night who got stuck in especially the clearing and washing up. The profits, £82, will go to the village green, perhaps for some fertiliser to help a much needed growth of the 'recently' planted hedge.

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Rusland Spring Show: Will be held on the 28th & 29th of March, Rusland Reading Rooms and a Large Marquee.

For further details **T:** Gordon 01229860253.

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Dog Club: Has started again, **Oxen Park Village Hall, Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm**, only £2. Just turn up.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our February meeting we were given a most thought provoking talk by Bill Myers on 'Cumbria WWT' we heard about men from Bouth, Backbarrow and Haverthwaite, the regiments they joined and those who gave their lives.

This was brought to life with a presentation of photographs, men in uniforms and burial places, where known. One who was lost was George Braddyll-Bigland, last heir to a family with 1,000 years of military history. The women of our region were not forgotten as we were told of their efforts in the region's shipyards, foundries and iron works.

Our next meeting – **Wednesday 11 March, 7:15pm, Village Hall**, speaker Morag Hopkins, subject, 'Haverigg Prison Smokery'. Advance notice for our ever popular 'Spring Walk & Cream Tea' which will be held this year on **Saturday 2 May**. More information next month.

Jenny & Jane.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Hay Bridge Moss: Plans for the restoration of Hay Bridge Moss have been supported and approved, following a long period of consultation, discussion and agreement about the planned works and their possible impact on the surrounding land. The Moss is part of a Site of Special Scientific Interest and, as a 'lowland raised bog', represents a rare habitat in the UK - Cumbria is one of the few places where these bogs remain. However, the Moss has dried out over the years and the plants and animals it once supported have declined. Restoration to 'favourable condition' means installing a peat and clay 'bund' around the bog to retain the rainwater, creating the right conditions for the sphagnum moss to grow back.

Concerns about the effect this bund could have on flooding of surrounding farmland led to the Parish Council initially objecting to the plans. However, discussions between the National Park Authority, the Parish Council, the Rusland Mosses Liaison Group, Natural England, and the John Strutt Foundation (Hay Bridge) about the nature of the bund and its height have led to agreement on modifications to the plans to allow the works to go ahead. The bund itself will now not extend above the level of the

surrounding land surface, thus allowing rainwater to be retained, whilst still providing a 'sink' for floodwaters. The bund will have a turf capping of no more than 150mm which will gradually flatten out. The National Park Authority have approved the plans, and engineering works will start soon.

Footpaths across the Mosses: The various footpaths that run across the mosses (Hulleter, Hay Bridge, and Rusland Moss) are in need of attention – they are impassable in some places and the boardwalks need mending. The Clerk and our local field ranger, 'Wilky', are meeting on the mosses early March to discuss what needs to be done.

Vacancy for a Councillor: We still have a vacancy for a councillor. Please get in touch with the Clerk (contact details below) if you would like to have a say in the future of your parish.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 23rd March, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.**

Mandy Lane (Clerk), T: 01229 861408, E: coltonpc@btinternet.com W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory: It was pleasing to see that Cartmel was recognised in the local press for being one of six South Lakes secondary **schools that performed above the national average in last year's GCSE exams** in terms of the percentage of pupils achieving the key standard of 5+A*-C (including English and maths).

More importantly the data shows we are one of four schools (John Ruskin, Queen Elizabeth and Settlebeck being the others) that achieved positive value added. This means students at Cartmel Priory School make better than average progress after they join us from primary school. *Dr. Paul.*

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Leven Valley: Our school has had a very busy half term. The Governing Body welcomed several new people to school: Heather Keating as our new clerk to the governors and Mr Andy Allan as a new Governor. Mrs Hanson was welcomed as our new permanent HLTA and Miss Dixon is covering after-school club, and Lunchtime supervision while Mrs McSherry is absent.

The children too have been very busy. Having delivered a much celebrated Christmas production which they put together themselves, they have begun 2015 with a number of challenging activities. Class One are working on the theme of opposites which includes language, science, geography and history. Classes Two and Three are working on “Stone Age to Iron Age” which will include developing archaeological skills, looking at the religious significance of Stonehenge and understanding iron Age hill forts.

Years Three and Four enjoyed a wonderful residential visit visiting Coniston water, exploring Tilberthwaite Ghyll, experiencing rope walks, staying at the YHA.

Over this half term the children have been able to experience orienteering, visiting the Library van, using the climbing wall, learning archery and in Year 5 and 6 making rockets with Mr Russell from Cartmel Priory High School.
Sue Sanderson.



CINEMA CLUB

We have 2 great but vastly different films for March. First ‘*The Great Beauty*’ on **Tuesday 3 March**; a Sorrentino film, longish but we will have an interval. Definitely a film to be seen from a comfy chair in The cosy Carthouse at Oxen Park. The other one is a **Saturday Special** (no supper) at **Greenodd on 21 March 7.30pm**. We are showing the silent Asquith film ‘*Underground*’ and it will be accompanied by Paul Gregson, the Hawkshead church organist; this promises to be a very special occasion and an evening to remember.



C.A.B.

Settled and safe, a renter’s right: Citizens Advice has launched a new campaign calling for improvements in the private rental sector. Last year, more than 80,000 people came to us *experiencing* a problem with a privately rented home. That’s 230 people every day, hit by issues including illegal eviction, harassment, lost deposits and struggles to secure the most basic repairs. Our experience tells us the problems are getting worse. We are campaigning for better protections for private renters including:

- an end to extortionate fees levied on renters by letting agents.
- all local authorities in England to set up a register of landlords that tackles the specific problems in their area.
- tenants to be entitled to rent refunds where the property they’re living in is dangerous or not fit to live in.

Do you rent your home? Please tell us about your experience in our online short survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LQM7TDL>

DIARY DATES

1 March	St. David of Wales, Morning Worship, 9:30am. Coffee to follow.
3 March	Dog Club, Oxen Park, 5:00pm. Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm
8 March	“Welcome to our new Vicar” – Holy Communion, 9:30am.
10 March	Dog Club, Oxen Park, 5:00pm.
11 March	Bible Study. Barnside, Bouth, 10:00am. Bouth W I Village Hall, 7:15pm.
14 March	Leven Valley Support Group, “Rusty Bullets” Greenodd Village Hall. 7:30pm.
15 March	“Mothering Sunday”, Morning Worship, 9:30am.
17 March	Dog Club, Oxen Park, 5:00pm.
18 March	Bible Study, Wetherlam, Penny Bridge, 10:00am.
20 March	BINGO, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
21 March	Cinema Club, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm. Furness Bach Choir, St. Mary’s Church Dalton, 7:30pm.
22 March	Holy Communion, 9:30am.
23 March	Colton Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
24 March	Dog Club, Oxen Park, 5:00pm.
25 March	Bible Study, Woodside Cottage, Colton, 10:00am.
28 March	Rusland Spring Show, Rusland Reading Rooms. Also on Sunday.
29 March	Benefice Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.
31 March	A P C M, Colton Church, 7:00pm.
4 April	Decorating the Church, 10:00am.



FURNESS BACH CHOIR: “THE SURROUND OF MUSIC”

Music for multiple groupings, performed in the round! Includes pieces by Allegri.
Monteverdi, Gabrieli, Schütz and Mendelssohn

SATURDAY 21 MARCH

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, DALTON 7.30 p.m.

Admission £10 (students £5)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON
ROTA – MONTH - MARCH 2015

Service	Sidespersons	Readers	Prayers
1 March		John Tarr	
Morning Worship	Susan King	Sue Lydon	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>			

8 March		Rachael Tarr	
Holy Communion	Margaret Sanders	Roderick Smith	Judy Redhead
9:30am. <i>Vicar</i>		Donald Wroe	

15 March		Judy Redhead	
Mothering Sunday	Sue Dean	Sue Lydon	Rachael Tarr
MW 9:30am. <i>Donald</i>		Margaret Sanders	

22 March		Susan Smith	
Holy Communion	Susan Smith	Roderick Smith	John Tarr
9:30am. <i>Vicar</i>		Ian Pirnie	

29 March	Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge		
10:30am.	T B A		



Leven Support Group for St. Mary's Hospice

The Group are holding a concert on **Saturday March 14th 2015 at Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm – Midnight** with music, for all ages, by **“RUSTY BULLETS”** Tickets which are limited are £7.50 include a pie & pea supper!! **Licensed Bar.** All proceeds to St Marys Hospice

Tickets available from: Dot Crabtree **T:** 015395 30132, Sylvia Chadwick **T:** 015395 31685 and Marion Wilson **T:** 015395 31779



“The trouble with people is not that they don’t know but they know so much that ain’t so”

Josh Billings.