



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

How excited are you by the prospect of experiencing God? Are you ready for Heaven? I know that many of you have questions and uncertainties about your faith: – did the miracles really happen? How can I know the reality of Jesus? Has he forgiven me? Will I have a place in Heaven?

We are now in the season of Lent, a traditional season to draw closer to God in preparation for the Easter celebrations, but are we really hungry for God? I'm convinced that doubt comes from a lack of experience of God in Jesus Christ; I was once such an uncertain person. I still go through times of questioning, especially over the problem of suffering – but I believe in a Saviour who has endured terrible pain and suffering for you and me. I believe He still loves us, that He still suffers for us, as parents know suffering when their child is in distress.

A Cambridge professor of Comparative Religion asked the famous convert Sadu Sungar Singh, what he found in Christianity that he hadn't found in Sikhism. He replied, "I found the dear Lord Jesus Christ". "Yes, yes" replied the professor, "but what philosophy did you find that convinced you", Sadu replied – three times to the professor's questioning, the same answer, "Professor, I found the dear Lord Jesus Christ"!

In 1949 a revival broke out in Hebrides, it began after two women, Peggy Smith aged 82 and her blind sister Christine aged 84, were burdened by the small congregations and the complete absence of young adults in church. They persuaded their parish minister and the local vestry (the Scottish equivalent of the PCC) to devote themselves to twice weekly evenings of prayer. They took prayer seriously, often praying until the early hours of the morning. They were particularly struck by the verse from Isaiah 44:3, 'I will pour out on him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry land.' The sisters

repeated prayer was another verse from Isaiah 64:1 ‘Oh that Thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down’

Some weeks later at the prayer meeting at 4-00 a.m. (!) the Deacon read from Psalm 24, ‘Who shall ascend the hill of God ... He that has clean hands and a pure heart ...’ He didn’t get to the end of the Psalm when the Spirit of God fell on the meeting. The revival continued until 1952. The Revd Duncan Campbell was summoned to help from his parish in Glasgow; he was amazed to find a prayer meeting with 300 in attendance – within days it had grown to 1000! Young people in a dance hall left the dance when the Spirit fell and joined the Church. Seven Communists, well known in the Hebrides for their hostility to the Church, became pillars the church! About 75% of those who found faith remained members of the Church until their lives end and many became missionaries and ministers.

The Revd Duncan Campbell wrote, ‘A Christian is a supernatural being who has had a supernatural experience that is more than singing choruses; that is more than making a decision (for Christ); that is more than becoming a member of the Church. It is God at the centre of my life.’

Could such a revival happen in our valleys? Two things are necessary – a praying people willing to really engage with God and a hunger for the Holy Spirit, both totally centred on Jesus Christ, not on seeking gifts or miracles, but on righteousness and faith. Miracles may then follow!

My personal prayer is that I may live to see such a reawakening – does such a prospect excite you? If so, join our Lent group, express your interest in prayer and come to the Prayer and Share services in Greenodd Village Hall: who knows, perhaps we can then discern God’s presence in our lives and communities!

Have a profitable Lent

God Bless

David Bickersteth



“Grant 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.

GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS
“BIBLE AND COFFEE” SESSIONS – LENT 2017
“THE MEANS OF GRACE”

- A series of studies, based on Acts Chapters 1-9, on the means by which Christians may “grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ”

- SESSION 1: THE APOSTOLIC TEACHING**
Wednesday 8 March at “Woodside Cottage”, Colton
- SESSION 2: THE SACRAMENTS**
Wednesday 15 March at “Sunny Brae”, Greenodd
- SESSION 3: FELLOWSHIP**
Wednesday 22 March at the Vicarage, Penny Bridge
- SESSION 4: PRAYER**
Wednesday 29 March at “Water Yeat House” Water Yeat
- SESSION 5: SUFFERING**

Wednesday 5 April at “Lowick Farm House”, Lowick Green

All sessions are from **10:00 am. – 11:30 am.** Everyone is cordially invited to attend.
Further information from David Gregg **T: 01229 885 258**



COLTON CHRONICLES

Most meetings are by definition inclined to be boring but our last PCC was anything but; there was a vigorous, reasoned and civil discussion with regard to our new forms of service. Our Vicar responded that all changes were open to discussion and would be reviewed later in the year. If any parishioner has any comments please let us know. Contact – see inside front cover page.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28 March, Barnside, Bouth, 7:00pm** and will be the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**. All are welcome.

Sadly we report the retirement of our Archdeacon, the Revd. Penny Driver, who hails from Yorkshire, and conducted her meetings with courtesy and firm hand, indeed when she lowered her head and voice and said “Donald” your editor knew he was in trouble, again! However she did appreciate or perhaps tolerated, my Mancunian attitude to discussions, universally known as ‘sardonic and to the point’.

She was appointed Archdeacon mainly to drive the Anglican Church's desire to create 'Mission Communities,' a scheme designed to cope with the falling numbers of ordained priests and to prevent churches from closing.

Sadly her efforts in the Furness Deanery have not, as yet, been very successful, with much talk and little action. One can only presume that as the strength of the Anglican Church is in its parishes, with their fierce independence, there is reluctance to change centuries of tradition. *Donald.*



PARISH NEWS

It is with much regret that Neville Stark, of Bouth, who has not been well of late, has left the village, but is now comfortable in a Care Home in Gosforth. We all wish him well.

A very warm welcome to Pam & Nigel Priestly who, after years of traversing the Pennines, have now settled in Bandrake Head; they have always worked assiduously for our church and it is wonderful to now have them in our midst

"Alison Gruber would like to thank the villagers of Bouth for all the support given to her father Dave (aka '*dodgy dad*') after the recent loss of his wife; he has been overwhelmed by your kindness"

Bouth Village Hall: A 'Sixties Night' was held recently to celebrate the birthdays of Paul Holden & Mark Sharphouse. A great success with apparel to suit the era, but the choice of the name was odd as both gentlemen are a decade past their diamond jubilees. Wishful thinking!

Bingo Night: Thursday 17 March 7:00pm for 7:30 start; raffle donations would be gratefully accepted (please leave with Alison Gruber, Greenfield House or Roger Perry, Way Green Cottage).

Oxen Park Reading Rooms: 'The Traveller's Tales' fund raising series, at the Carthouse, have been really well received with the last one coming up on **Friday 3 March, 7:30pm, Carthouse.** Carol McNeill will give you the nitty gritty about doing the GR20 – a 120 mile mountain walk through Corsica. Tickets in advance from Carol or Gill McKinnon.

Ren's Fun & Fitness classes on Tuesday, 4:45pm are going well – new members welcome.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our February meeting we were treated to a demonstration of sugar flower making by Jan Berry who has a background in catering and teaching, and developed a passion for 'sugar craft' which she now demonstrates and teaches throughout the country. Jan also writes articles for 'Cake International' magazine and judges competitions for the Cake International Show, which is the UK's leading cake decorating, sugar craft & baking show; a long time gardener and member of the RHS. The sugar flowers that Jan makes look delicate and extremely realistic.

Bouth WI welcomes new members so if you are looking for a new interest, friendship or are merely curious please come along and meet us. The next WI meeting is on **Wednesday 8 March, 7:15pm**. The speaker will be Shirley Crisp with a talk entitled 'British from the Bottom up'; the competition is a 'Royal Souvenir'.

Lynne,



SCHOOL NEWS

LEVEN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Themes for this term for the curriculum are Changes in Class1 and Vikings in Class 2 and 3. Class1 will be looking at how toys have changed over the years in History, changing materials in science and geography and changing seasons and weather. The children will also be looking at linking China and puppets as part of the toys theme, having already studied China.

Class 1 have created a Chinese puppet theatre having visited a real Chinese puppet theatre with a lovely yellow dragon.

The children took part in the Beatrix Potter competition run by the National Trust. It was wonderful to see finalists with two winners from Leven Valley.

Classes 2 and 3 will be developing their knowledge of Viking invasions and settlement. They will be working with a specialist dance teacher in school

and a hockey coach at Ulverston Leisure Centre. They were also busy making a model of a Viking long ship

The Year 6 Suma team are reminding everyone that the next delivery will be on **Wednesday 22 March**. Please contact the school direct if you wish to place an order or Email.

Sue S.



CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

Avoiding debt if you're out of work

"I was made redundant last month and I've already started to fall behind on my bills. I'm looking for work, but is there anything I can do so I don't end up in debt?"

First, check that you've been paid any redundancy money you're entitled to, if you've been in the job two years or more. If this is not clear on your final payslip, contact your employer.

Then look at ways to boost your income. See if you're eligible for benefits like Jobseeker's Allowance with Citizens Advice's [benefits calculator](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) (www.citizensadvice.org.uk). You could also check if you can make savings on your bills, for example by switching to a cheaper gas or electricity deal.

Pay your rent or mortgage and council tax bills first as there can be serious consequences for missing payments. Try to negotiate lower repayments on your mortgage or credit cards to give you some breathing space.

For further help managing your money, 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 on-going enquiries. South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity, No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574



"I am the kind of writer that people think other people are reading." V.S. Naipaul

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Councillor Vacancy for West Ward: We currently have a vacancy for a Councillor to represent the West Ward of our Parish. This covers Colton, Oxen Park, Nibthwaite, and Spark Bridge (Colton side of the Crake). If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on this vital role within the community, then do please get in touch with the Clerk (coltonnpc@btinternet.com). The vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Councillor Katherine Patterson. The council would like to take this opportunity to thank Katherine for her hard work and commitment during her time as Councillor.

Rural Crime initiative: As you may have read in previous newsletters Satterthwaite and Colton Parish Councils have jointly set up an initiative to help reduce rural crime. Funding has been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Fund and progress is being made on various parts of this project to help protect the area from rural crime. The initiative includes the production of a leaflet which will go to all households in the two parishes, license plate recognition cameras, a local messaging group and prevention signage. Please take note of the following dates for your diary **Wednesday 6 March, 6:00 pm** at the **White Hart, Bouth** and **Wednesday 15 March, 6:00, pm** at the **Eagles Head, Satterthwaite**. These will be open evenings for anyone with an interest in reducing rural crime in the area. They are to allow the group to share information, provide awareness and to answer any questions.

Road markings: Various areas within the parish are still waiting for road marks to be painting. It would have been nice, after what is nearly 4 years for some of these, to have had more to report. After a conversation with Highways it is now understood that the list has been handed to contractors to complete the work, but there is no completion date set. Hopefully there will be progress on this over the coming months. If there are any issues with regards Highways the only way to report these are through the Highways Hotline (this applies to us as a Parish Council too), so please, use the hotline on 0300 303 2992, email: highways@cumbria.gov.uk or go online to the Cumbria Highways website (www.cumbria.gov.uk 'Report a Fault' page).

Our next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Monday 27 March**,
Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:00pm. *Karen.*

Karen Birch (clerk), T: 01229 860 115, E: coltonpc@btinternet.com, W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



CINEMA CLUB

Our next film will be on **Tuesday 7 March** with Tom Hanks in “*Bridge of Spies*” followed by “*Tangerines*” on **Tuesday 18DIARY March**, an Oscar nominated Russian Film. We have added a special extra on **Saturday 25 March** – Britain on Film – “*Rural Life*” – a short programme of films that haven’t been released before. Historic, nostalgic, familiar for some of us.

All seats £3.

Another date for the diary is **Tuesday 4 April** when we will be showing “*Woman in Gold*”. All at the **Carthouse, 7:30pm.** *opcc.*



Leven Valley Support Group St. Mary’s Hospice

On **Friday 21 March** we will be holding an “Evening of Flowers” presented by Ros Harrison of Dodd’s Flowers at the **Motor Museum, Backbarrow, 6:30 for 7:30pm.** Refreshments by courtesy of Andrew Southcott Catering. Tickets **£7.50.**

Available from Dot **T: 015395 30132** or Marion **T: 015395 31779**



Uphill

Does the road wind up the hill all the way?
Yes, to the very end.
Will the day’s journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night, my friend.
But is it there for the night a resting place.
A roof for when the slow, dark hours begin...

Christina Rossetti



DIARY DATES

- 1 March **Ash Wednesday, Benefice Service, Penny Bridge, 7:30pm.**
- 3 March “Travellers Tales” Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 5 March **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 6 March Discussion –‘Reducing Local Crime’ White Hart, Bouth, 6:00pm.
- 7 March Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 8 March Bible & Coffee, Woodside Cottage, Colton, 10:00am.
- 9 March Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 12 March **Holy Communion, Benefice Service, Penny Bridge, 10:00am.**
- 15 March Bible & Coffee, Sunny Brae, Greenodd, 10:00am.
Discussion –‘Reducing Local Crime, Eagles Head, Satterthwaite, 6:00pm.
- 17 March **St. Patrick**
Bingo Night, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00 for 7:30pm.
- 18 March Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 19 March **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 21 March Leven Valley Support Group, ‘Flower Evening’ Motor Museum, 6:30 for 7:30pm
- 22 March Bible & Coffee, Vicarage, 10:00am.
- 25 March Cinema Club, Carthouse 7:30pm.
- 26 March **Mothering Sunday, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
Summer Time begins: ‘Spring forward.’
- 27 March Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 28 March **Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Barnside, Bouth, 7:00pm.**
- 29 March Bible & Coffee, Water Yeat House , WaterYeat, 10:00am.



WHY?

I have always been surprised to see some of our bishops and clergy making such heavy weather about reconciling the Bible story with modern scientific and historical knowledge. Why do they want to reconcile them?

Winston Churchill



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month - March 2017

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
1 March	Benefice Service St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge 2. Donald Wroe – 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6.10		
Ash Wednesday			
7:30pm <i>Vicar</i>			

5 March – 1 Lent	1. Susan Smith	Genesis	2:15-17,3:1-7	
Morning Worship	2. Margaret Sanders	Romans	5:12-19	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	Matthew	4: 1-11	

12 March – 2 Lent	Benefice Service St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge			
Holy Communion				
10:30am <i>David Bickersteth</i>				

19 March – 3 Lent				
Holy Communion	1. Sue Lydon	John	4: 5-42	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>				

Mothering Sunday

26 March – 4 Lent				
Holy Communion	1. Pam Priestley	Luke	2:33-35	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>				

SIDESPERSONS ROTA

- 5 March Mrs. Susan King
- 12 March Benefice Service, Penny Bridge
- 19 March Mrs. Susan Dean
- 26 March Mrs. Susan Smith



FLOWER ROTA

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“IDEALS”

The true measure of a man is the height of his of deals, the breadth of his sympathy, the depth of his convictions and the length of his patience.