



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends,

The Old Testament has some wonderful stories, some sad, some happy, some inspiring and some that are really quite horrific. Let's move over the sad and the shocking, save the happy ones for another occasion and think about the inspirational stories.

Just about everyone knows the story about the Israelites being taken captive by the Babylonians and how Cyrus, king of Persia overthrew the Babylonians and set the Israelites free to return to their homeland.

What I find so inspirational about this story are the wonderful promises that God made to his people whilst they were held captive to encourage them to come back to him and to stay faithful. All of these promises and assurances are in the book of Isaiah and even today speak to us of comfort and hope. For example....

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine”

Isaiah 43:2

You see? Each one of us is precious in the sight of God! The chapter goes on to tell the Israelites that things will not always be like they are, that change is around the corner that will bring them a new life

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

God is going to act!

So why this story now? Because I think that that is what God is saying to us right now. New things are afoot and we are part of them.

When Brian arrived it was plain to me that God had plans for this benefice and I think some people were a bit anxious about the future. However, I hope that we can be bold and open our hearts to the “new thing” that God has in mind for us.

The children at Penny Bridge School sing a wonderful song

Be bold, be strong
For the Lord your God is with you.
Be bold, be strong,
For the Lord your God is with you.
I am not afraid,
I am not dismayed,
Because I'm walking in faith and victory,
Come on and walk in faith and victory,
For the Lord your God is with you.

Make this your song too!

With love and prayers for you all

Your sister-in-Christ

Joanna



Prayer for Colton

The Parish of Colton along with those of Egton cum Newland and Lowick – with - Blawith will be exploring God's vision for the area, and the possibility of working with Coniston & Torver and/or Ulverston.

If you are a regular or non-regular member of Holy Trinity, Colton or value its presence in the community then we would all value your support at this time of reflection and discussion. How can you help? Well, the prayer below is a good start. If you have a moment or several opportunities over the next two months then please pray this prayer and consider what it is asking God. Many thanks for your support and consideration.

Our Father in heaven, we praise your name.

Your kingdom come, your work be done in Colton as it is in heaven.

Give us today our needs as your Church,

and forgive us our past mistakes and divisions

as we forgive those who have been divisive against us.

Lead us not into the temptation of self-interest

but deliver us from the evil of apathy.

*For the community of Colton belongs to you,
The beauty and character of our landscape and people,
Forever and ever. Amen.*



COLTON CHRONICLES

It is such a pity that the Anglican Church seems incapable of running its affairs simply, for we have a General Synod, a Diocesan Synod, a Deanery Synod and numerous committees. We have Archbishops, Diocesan Bishops, Suffragan Bishops, Archdeacons, Rural Deans, Vicars (Priests in Charge), Deacons, Non Stipendiary Ministers, Curates, Lay Ministers and those with a Licence to Lead Services and Preach, et al. And not forgetting Retired Priests without whom the Church would be in a mess.

There have been many attempts to combine parishes and benefices to cope with the decreasing number of Ordained Clergy, often with little regard to the exigencies of geography.

So far our benefice has remained independent albeit with an, allegedly halftime minister, whose dedication goes far beyond the limits of the rules his employment; so we all have duty to work, love and support each other and for those who minister unto us, giving thanks for our good fortune.

Our Diocese does love initiatives, many of which fall on stony ground, but its latest, **'God For All'** has promise as it promotes unity with other denominations to create a network of support and encouragement. It means that we have to take good look at ourselves and our involvement in the benefice, which will bring new things into our lives, some of which might take some getting used to.

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In the first decade of the 20th. Century there was one Parish Magazine for the parishes of Colton, Finsthwaite, Rusland and Satterthwaite each with their own minister. In the October 1919 issue the section for Colton reads:

"HARVEST FESTIVAL. – The decoration of the church will be done on the Friday morning when offerings of grain, fruit and flowers will be received at 10 am. We also invite assistance in the work of decoration. We

would remind our people that the Great Service of Thanksgiving specially ordered by our church is the Holy Communion or Eucharist; let us then draw nigh to the altar and shew our hearty thanks to God for His many mercies."

The services were Friday, 7:30pm, Sunday, Holy Communion 8:00am, Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion at 10:30am, and Evensong and Sermon at 6:30pm.

Back to the 21st. Century: HARVEST – ‘Farmers Harvest’ Service, Friday, 9 October. 7:00pm. Followed by our **Harvest Supper.** Adults £7.50, children 11 and under £4. Numbers to Sue Dean **T:** 01229 861 435. **Last date** for numbers **is Monday, 5 October.** Also list at back of the Church.

“The Church will be decorated on **Friday 9 October, 10:00am.** Flowers and produce would be welcome.”

Fête: Last year, due to matters outside of our control, we were forced to hold our Annual Fête in the Church Hall & Church which proved very successful, so it was decided to continue with this format. Again it proved successful and the net result exceeded that of 2014 in that the Church is better off by the sum of £1,400. Thank you to all who worked, baked, gave and those who generously spent.

* The star of the show was the wonderful presentation of the Magna Carta magnificently created, clearly with love, by Susan King which has been on show and in pride of place in Cartmel Priory– thank you Susan. *Donald.*



PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to John Tarr who celebrated his Diamond (60) Birthday in August. We hear that the celebrations were quietly exuberant.

Although all seems to be quiet in the parish there are those who have fallen foul of fate causing themselves some discomfort and your editor, despite the dedicated care from the NHS, is still walking about with a hole in his ear, much to the amusement of all and sundry, especially those with medical backgrounds. Commiserations to all who are suffering.

Especially our thoughts and prayers are with Gordon Pickles at this time, as he is far from well, and also with Jane.

Sexism has changed its shoes from brogues to heels as one of the last bastions of male preserve has been breached; it has been reported that the sales of garden sheds to the fairer sex has boomed. Apparently women are treating them as a space to work or indulge a creative hobby. Enjoying a G & T, perhaps?

Have you ever wondered about how many of those who protest at 'men only clubs' are members of the W I.?

Sadly, very sadly our Library Van has turned its last wheel and come to rest in the knackers' yard; the County Council in their infinite wisdom, with little regard for the residents in South Cumbria, have decided that it will not be replaced. This, without doubt, was a planned execution as the poor vehicle was well past its survival date and should have been replaced some years ago. The excuse that they cannot afford it, is plainly ludicrous.

There is a faint glimmer of hope as our MP, Tim Farron, has taken the matter up with the Chief Executive of the County Council. If you are able you can return and renew your books at Ulverston Library where you will find the staff kind, considerate and helpful. **T:** 01229 404 151. Or you can **Email:** Kendal.library@cumbria.gov.uk

Added to our woes is that the Booth's Bus no longer runs neither does the Ulverston service. It is all particularly galling particularly to those elderly residents who are bereft of personal transport and rely on public services.

Equally sad is that our representatives on both the County and District Councils have been strangely quiet, perhaps hoping that we will forget about how badly we have been let down by the time the next election come around.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Geraldine Braithwaite gave a fascinating account the workings and history of the 'The Brook Hospital'. It was started by Dorothy Brook in Cairo in 1930 who, appalled by the state of 5,000 horses abandoned by the UK Government, created a Charity dedicated to alleviating the suffering of millions of horses, donkeys and mules throughout many of the poorest

places in the world and at the same time improving the lives of the people who depend on these animals.

They now work in eleven countries educating owners and training communities employing local people. Their network of mobile vans, veterinary teams, field clinics, and community animal health workers provide care and treatment for animals in need, all free of charge.

Our **October** meeting will be held on **Wednesday the 14th. 7:15pm, Bouth Village Hall** when Sandra O'Neill will give a talk on 'Hedgerow & Medical Herbs'. The competition is '*An Old Remedy*'.

Sue Smith.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Councillor for Central Ward: We are very pleased to welcome Kate Lodge-Brown as a new Councillor for Colton Central Ward. Kate lives at Crosslands, Rusland where she lives with her husband and two children, and from where she runs a VW camper-van business.

Adopt-a-Path Scheme for Colton's Rights-of-Way: The National Park, like other public bodies, have suffered a significant reduction in government funding in recent years, resulting in staff redundancies and a re-assessment of priorities. Although there is already a formal system of trained volunteers working alongside the National Park staff rangers, it is just not possible for them to keep an eye on the condition of all rights-of-way. Noticing that some of our footpaths and bridleways are overgrown and some stiles in need of replacement, we have suggested that we try an 'adopt-a-path' monitoring scheme using local volunteers. If you would like to join in with others in adopting a local right-of-way and reporting back on its condition, please get in touch with the Clerk, Mandy Lane (details below).

Super-fast Broadband (SFBB) - Winners and Losers: Mike Postle, our 'Broadband Champion', reported to the Council at our September meeting on the latest news from the Connecting Cumbria initiative. Maps now released for Phase 1 of the initiative (expected to be completed by Spring 2016) show that SFBB connectivity is planned for the south of the parish - Lakeside, Finsthwaite, Bouth and Spark Bridge; these are the 'winners'. However, the central and northern sector of Colton Parish (Bandrake Head, Oxen Park, Rusland) looks like a 'broadband desert' and these areas

are unlikely to see any benefit at all. Nibthwaite and the northern end of Colton hamlet are at the far range of the Spark Bridge SFBB cabinet and may well see no increase in speeds.

The Parish Council is working closely with Mike Postle to lobby hard for better connectivity for in Phase 2. See Mike's very helpful blog for regular updates: <http://postleorg.coffeecup.com/stream/>

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 19 October, 7:00pm, Bouth Village Hall.**

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The Future of the Rusland Spring Show....?

Gordon and Elsie Wilkinson have for many years run our very popular Rusland Spring Show which has become an important part of Valley life, raises crucial funds to maintain the Rusland Reading Rooms and lifts our spirits after the long winter!

Gordon and Elsie decided that it really was time to retire from the organisation of the Show this year, and so we are looking for someone to take up the baton as coordinator. The role of coordinator would mean overseeing the organisation of the Show to make sure everything is done that needs to be done, by delegating to helpers, with particular support from the Reading Rooms Committee members. (It would definitely not mean having to do everything yourself!)

We are all, I know, very keen to ensure that the Rusland Spring Show continues, but we need someone willing to step in as coordinator, so please contact Mandy Lane (**T:** 01229 861408 or **E:** mandybarrlane@gmail.com) if you would be willing to take on this role.

Rusland Reading Rooms Committee.



CINEMA CLUB

October has three very different films showing, two at **The Carthouse in Oxen Park - Saturday 3 October** – “*2 Days 1 Night*” – a French film by the Dardennes Brothers. **8:00pm start, Tuesday 6 October**, – “*The Theory Of Everything*”, about Stephen Hawkins, **7:30pm** and the third, a ‘**Supper**

Special', at Rusland Reading Rooms on Saturday 31 October 7:30pm – “*The Babadook*” – specially chosen for Halloween, so be prepared to be a little bit scared!! “Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble ...” what’s for supper? Wait and see! Booking advised for all 3 please. **T:** 861507

Our first children’s show of the season is “*Shaun The Sheep*” at The Outback Hall, **Thursday 1 October 3:45pm**. ONLY £2, all are welcome. Drink (could be a cup of tea), snack and child care provided. *opcc.*



Approaching retirement? Not sure what to do?

Following pension reforms on April 6, people approaching retirement have greater freedom over how they can use their pension pots. People can take a lump sum, take out an annuity or a mixture of both. Pension Wise is a new Government service designed to help people make sense of their pension options, and empower them to make the right choices for them.

Individual face to face Pension Wise guidance appointments are now available to book, for those aged 50 or over. The guidance will help you understand your options to access your (defined contribution) pension pots after age 55.

To book your guidance appointment locally, call into any South Lakes CAB outlet or ring us on **T:** 015394 46464 or contact the centralised booking number on 01900 68981. You can also find information on Pension Wise at www.pensionwise.gov.uk

Volunteers: South Lakes Citizen Advice is currently seeking volunteers. So if you can spare one day a week and would like to help local people, why not volunteer? We have a range of roles and offer free training. Travel expenses will be paid.

For further information please call **T:** 015394 46464 or email support@southlakes.cabnet.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment and any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 015394 46464 for an appointment and help.



DIARY DATES

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



October is 'National Depression Awareness Month'

- 1 October Older Persons Day.
Cinema Club, Children's Show, Outback Hall, 3:45pm.
- 3 October Cinema Club, Carthouse, 8:00pm.
- 4 October **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 9 October **Decorating the Church, 10:00am.**
Farmers' Harvest Service, 7:00pm, Supper afterwards.
- 10 October World Mental Health Day.
- 11 October **Harvest Service, 9:30am.**
- 14 October Bouth W I, Bouth Village Hall, 7:15pm.
Battle of Hastings, 1066,
- 18 October **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
Luke the Evangelist.
- 19 October Colton Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.
- 21 October Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.
- 25 October **Holy Communion. 9:30am.**
End Of British Summer Time, clocks **Back 1 hour.**
Battle of Agincourt, 1415.
- 28 October **Simon and Jude, Apostles.**
- 31 October Cinema Club, Supper Special, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm .



Song*

Oh roses for the flush of youth,
And laurel for the perfect prime;
But pluck an ivy branch for me
Grown old before my time.

Oh violets for the grave of youth,
And bay for those in their prime;
Give me the withered leaves I chose
Before in the old time.

Christina Rossetti

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month October 2015

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
4 October	1. Sue Lydon	Genesis 2:18-24	
Morning Worship	2. Margaret Sanders	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Donald Wroe
9:30am <i>Pam</i>	3. Roderick Smith	Mark 10: 2-16	
9 October	1. Susan King	Joel 2:21-27	
Farmers Harvest	2. to Arrange	Matthew 6:25-33	Susan King
7:00pm <i>Joanna</i>	3. N/A		
11 October	1. Rachel Tarr	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	
Harvest Service	2. Susan Smith	Hebrews 4:12-16	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	Mark 10:17-31	
18 October	1. Roderick Smith	Isaiah 35: 3- 6	
Morning Worship	2. Judy Redhead	2 Timothy 4: 5-17	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	3. John Tarr	Luke 10: 1- 9	
25 October	1. Margaret Sanders	Jeremiah 31: 7- 9	
Holy Communion	2. Susan Smith	Hebrews 7:23-28	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	Mark 10:46-52	



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

9 October Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 11 October Mr. Roderick Smith
 18 October Mrs. Susan Dean
 15 October Mrs. Susan Smith



FLOWER ROTA



4 October Mrs. Susan Smith
 9 October HARVEST FESTIVAL
 11 October HARVEST FESTIVAL
 18 October Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 15 October Mrs. Margaret Sanders



A Truism:

"It all went to plan, but then it always does when you win."
 AP McCoy.

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