



PARISH NEWS

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

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

WWJD!

This month we as a nation decide whether our future should be in or out of the European Community. Church leaders and parish magazines are not the place for party politics, but the Church is and must be salt and light to society – otherwise we just become no more relevant than a club for people who enjoy meeting to share a common interest – even if it's in the God of *our* salvation. The much respected post war Archbishop, William Temple once remarked, “*The church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members*”.

The Church is the worldwide family of the followers of Jesus Christ. He had plenty to say about love, forgiveness, community, justice and peace. He taught his followers to realise they belong to the Kingdom of God, entered by baptism and faith. It's a community without boundaries, made up of all social and cultural nationalities from across the world.

I'm wary of political parties that use the term 'Christian' – as in Germany. To use the noun 'Christian' should in my book, imply putting Jesus at the heart of all our thinking and actions. I'm even more alarmed by the so called American Evangelical Right, which seems to have embraced a person who seems to advocate the maxim, not “*In God We Trust*” but “*In Gun We Trust*”! Building walls, with economic and political isolationism seem to be the strange recipe for making America great again!

But what of our future? As I write, today's *Daily Telegraph* says the 'stay' campaign has edged ahead of the 'leave' campaign. I'm not over impressed by either camp, there seems to be too much negative and fear ridden noise by both sides to the debate. One of the biggest financial 'houses' in the City says it would be positive for the UK economy to leave, while the head of the London Stock Exchange says it would be a disaster for Britain and

Europe – we would, he said possibly require a new American Marshall Plan to bail us out – something Donald Trump would firmly reject!

So it's a matter for consideration and personal choice. The Church, whatever the outcome, must continue to help create a true community without walls. Jesus taught us to pray – as we do every time we worship, the prayer that includes *'thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven'*.

A few years ago it was popular amongst young Christians to wear a wrist band with the letter WWJD imprinted on the band. It was to remind the wearer to constantly ask the question, *'What Would Jesus Do?'* The God we worship in Jesus our Lord is involved in all of creation, all of time, all of life. Jesus said even the birds of the air and the hairs of our heads are known by God! We exist because God wills our existence; His love holds the universe in being. Our Lord is interested in our future and longs for people to live in love, justice and harmony as His children.

Whatever the outcome of this month's referendum it will be imperative that healing takes place to restore broken relationship – including those in our political parties. In uncertain times we need our faith more than ever. Now is the time to spend more time in prayer for our nation and for the wider world. Do please pray and dare to ask WWJD?

Yours sincerely

David Bickersteth



Goodbye

Tim's Goodbye Service

Sunday 31 July will be the Revd. Tim Harmer's last Sunday as Vicar of Coniston & Torver.

As part of saying goodbye to Tim and June, there will be a service held at St. Andrew's, Coniston at 11:00am followed by refreshments, and all are invited to attend and offer their prayers and best wishes.

It is important to remember that when we say goodbye we are really saying "God be with ye" from which the word goodbye derives. So please join us

on **Sunday 31 July, at St. Andrew's, Coniston at 11.00am** and say "God be with ye" to Tim and June.

Brian Streeter.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Sing + Share: As they say – it does what it says on the tin! Sunday 26 June, there will be a time to 'Sing & Share', Greenodd Village Hall from 6:00pm.

This is an opportunity to sing favourite hymns and songs, and then enjoy a supper spread. Contact Brian **T: 01229 861 668** and tell him your favourite hymn or song that you would like us to sing.

It is hoped that we can have a number of these Sing & Share events up and down the Crake Valley every fourth Sunday – so please come along and join in!



Godly Play: Our local school, Penny Bridge CE Academy, is looking to run Godly Play activities with the children in the new school year.

To work alongside trained staff, we are looking for people who would act as helpers in the activities. In addition, we are looking for anyone who has **needlecraft** or **wood-working skills** to help create or put together some of the resources for the Godly Play stories.

If you could offer any time or skills, then please do contact Brian **T: 01229 861 668** as we will be *very grateful* – thank you.

If you are interested in learning more about Godly Play then please visit their website www.godlyplay.uk or again contact Brian. *Brian Streeter (The Vicar).*



Apology: Praise was given last month for the beautiful Baptism service, but regrettably, as happens all too often, we ignored the fact that there is always someone in the background whose work has made such events run smoothly. So apologies and praise to Joanna for all her efforts in the preparation and the personal touches for the Baptism of Beatrix. Sorry!



PARISH NEWS

Whilst the rest of the United Kingdom was paying tribute to the 90th. Birthday of our Queen those in charge of Bouth Village Green were blissfully unaware of the occasion as the flagpole remained conspicuously bare. After a reminder the National Flag was, belated, raised. Added to which there was an absent of a flag on Colton Church.

Sadly these were not isolated incidents as on a journey to Barrow to pick up the magazines it was noted that there was also an absence of flags and bunting. Perhaps the Furness Peninsula has declared independence and become a republic.

On the other hand St. George, despite being a Palestinian of doubtful heritage, had his flag flying without any intervention.

* All is not lost as there are plans to hold an informal, local celebration for the **Queen's Official Birthday** on the Village Green in Bouth **on Sunday 12 June, starting at 3:00pm**. People need to bring their own food & drink (or buy drinks in the White Hart) and their own chairs! Help will be needed to erect the gazebo and bring tables from the Village Hall. Be at the Green **@ 1:00pm**. Any queries, contact Marion Hamer at High Cottage, Bouth, **T: 861 690**. Republicans are welcome!

The Bouth Village Green A G M was well attended and well run by incoming chairman David Hamer; vice chairman is now Roger Coates and the Book Keeper (what a quaint old name) is Sue Dean. The discussions covered a wide range of subjects not the least of which was the lack of the yellow lines adjoining the green. The minutes can be found on the Bouth website.

We are told that the hedgelings, which are showing promise, will develop into a fine hedge; one just has to be patient. A reminder of that old adage:

"Patience is a virtue, Possess it if you can, seldom found in woman, never found in man"

The reconstruction and renovation of Way Green Cottage, where May and Tommy Lambert lived for many a long year, is now looking like a desirable residence rather than an advertisement for scaffolding. We warmly welcome Sue and John Siddley who will, eventually in the fullness of time, live there. There may, however, be some confusion in names, as their neighbour is one John Sidwell; no doubt our Postie Ian will cope and at the

moment probably does not care as his beloved Leicester City have won the Premier League Championship.

Also on a high is Parish Councillor Ken Dean whose team, Burnley F C, have not only won promotion back to the Premier League but are also the Championship League Champions

The Highways Hotline: The County Council has, at last, seen common sense and scrapped the expensive 0845 number.

The New Number is 0300 303 2992.

Donald.



Bouth Womens Institute

At our May meeting Tracy Wells gave a delightful talk on 'Hats & Fascinators': for the male of species a fascinator is '*a woman's light, decorative headpiece consisting of feathers, flowers, beads, etc. attached to a comb or hair clip*'. Tracy was originally a hairdresser who followed her dream by becoming a milliner.

Her hats are made from Sinamay, (a fabric woven from the processed stalks of the abaca tree, a banana palm native to the Philippines. Abaca fibre is three times stronger than cotton or silk), and stiffened with wood glue, fur, felt and tweeds.

She makes wedding hats, homburgs, fedoras, trilbies and fascinators decorated with feathers, bows, buttons, zips and even barbed wire. Many can be seen at Ascot and Buckingham Palace; even on the head of Boy George.

When larger brimmed hats are worn the brim is turned down on the right and up on the left in order that, when a suitor is on the left of his lady and draws his sword to protect her, he will not knock her hat off.

On a lovely Saturday afternoon the Annual Spring Walk was its usual success with 45+ taking part raising £250 for WI funds.

The 'Outing' is postponed until July; so our June meeting will be a 'Members Evening', **Wednesday 8 June, 7:15pm, Village Hall.** *Vaguely, Susan S.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Elections: Eight of our nine parish councillors were re-elected (uncontested) this year, with one, Chris Potts, deciding to retire after more than 12 years of service for the community. We are very grateful to Chris for his active involvement on the Council including acting as our representative at National Park Local Plan and Rights of Way public hearings, advising on financial procedures, and working with County Highways to get roads and drains improved in Finsthwaite and Stott Park.

Since the elections, we have learned that another Councillor, Kate Lodge-Brown, is having to move away from the area and sadly must also resign from the Council. During Kate's short term, she has made a very useful and active contribution and we are very sorry to lose her. We wish her all the best in her new location.

Vacancies on the Council: This news of course means that we now have two vacancies on the Council to fill – one in East Ward and one in Central Ward. If you would like to join us, help to see through the policies and actions in our newly produced Community Plan (available on our website), and have a say in the development of the new Lake District Local Plan, then get in touch with the Clerk (details below). A Parish Councillor must be 18 years or over, a British subject or a citizen of a member state of the European Union and be (a) an elector of the parish; or (b) a person who over the whole of the last twelve months has been owner or tenant of land or premises in the parish or has lived in the parish or within three miles or has had his principal place of work in the parish.

Road markings: As reported at our recent Annual Parish Open meeting at Bouth, it is getting on for 3 years now since our request for renewal of various road markings was approved by Highways and unfortunately we are still waiting. These include yellow lines around Bouth Village Green, SLOW markings on the road at Bouth and Oxen Park and junction linings at Rusland Cross. Your Clerk has had assurance that these will be done this summer.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6 June, Colton Church Hall, 7:00pm.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory Academy: Art and Design and Technology GCSE students held a successful exhibition in school last month. This was a chance to showcase their GCSE work so that friends, family and staff could enjoy them in their final form. Art work varied immensely both in the media used and the interpretation of themes.

The students showed how amazingly creativity and thought and also showed how sensitive young people are to the world in which they live. Conflict, travel and personal challenges were just some of the themes covered. Design technology projects were based on a flat pack design, but again the end products varied immensely from small and intimate pieces with integrated electronics to more large scale traditional furniture with a modern twist. *Dr. Paul.*



Leven Valley Primary School: Everyone welcomed Mrs Andrew who has joined us as HLTA and who will be working in Classes 2 and 3.

The curriculum theme this term in Class 1 is: “Senses” which will focus on Science and Knowledge and Understanding of the World. The children will learn about their senses, how animals use them and how some people deal with losing one of them. In History the children will be learning about famous people from the past like Louis Braille and Helen Keller.

In Classes 2 and 3 the children will be studying the contrasting locality of Brazil as the Olympics will be taking place in Rio this year. They will also study the history of the Olympics. They will be comparing the similarities and differences between South America and South Lakes, as well as the wonderful habitats within the rainforests and the issues related to them.

The children have been filling new planters ready for planting. The PTA kindly provided and organised both! Thank you we are looking forward to getting our hands dirty and eating the produce!

The children took part in two athletics events: one in Fell Foot Park and one in Ulverston. Everyone did their best and represented the school very well.

Cricket coaching sessions will be offered on Friday mornings by ‘Cumbria Cricket for everyone’.

Class 3 are looking forward to their outdoor residential week in June. We hope they have a great time. *Sue S.*



Citizens Advice Bureau

Carer's Allowance: If you are caring for someone with a long-term illness or disability and you have had to reduce or give up work, financial support may be available for you both. What is available will depend on your circumstances.

The person who is ill may be eligible for Personal Independence Payments (PIP) to help with their daily living and mobility costs. Their eligibility will be assessed on how their condition affects them, and what support they need.

To apply for PIP, you can call the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and then complete the form you are sent.

If the person you care for receives the component of PIP which covers living costs (as opposed to mobility costs), then you may be able to claim Carer's Allowance. You need to earn £110 a week or less from your job after tax, and care for the person for 35 hours a week, to be eligible. You can make an application on the gov.uk website.

For more help, contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau **T:** 015394 46464 or go online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk



Roudsea Woods and Mosses NNR

Osprey Open Day: Saturday 25 June, 10:00am – 4:00pm (drop-in throughout the day.) This event is free of charge, no booking required & all ages welcome. With telescopes set up and experts on hand, get a close-up view of a family of ospreys on their nest and find out more about these fantastic summer visitors. At this time we hope to see a number of youngsters on the nest, with the adults frequently flying in with a bountiful supply of fish for their hungry tribe. Take part in our self-guided Osprey Odyssey trail for the young and young at heart.

Directions: Start at the reserve base car park, Fish House Lane, Haverthwaite, LA12 8PE. Turn off B5278 by bridge at Low Wood (SD 330827). Follow private road 1.5miles



LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARYS HOSPICE

Annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale Sunday 19 June, Haverthwaite Cricket Field. Craft & produce stalls, books, cakes, plants, refreshments, owls, donkey rides, Little Beasties, bouncy castles, raffle etc. All proceeds in aid of St Marys Hospice. Come along for a fun day out! Admission £2 adult children under 16 free Car Boot £7 pre booked £8 on day.

Contact Dorothy **T:** 015395 30132, Marian **T:**015395 31779

DIARY DATES

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



- 4 June Derby Day
- 5 June **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 6 June Colton Parish Council, Meeting. Colton Church Hall, 7:00pm.
- 7 June Cinema Club, 'Cycle Orienteering Event', the Manor Pub, 5:30pm - 8:30pm.
- 11 June The Trooping of the Colour.
- 12 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am. The Queen's Official Birthday.**
'Jacobs Join' Bouth Village Green, 3:00pm. Republicans welcome!
- 15 June Bouth W I, Members Meeting, 7:15pm.
- 19 June **Morning Worship, 9:30am. Fathers Day.**
Leven Valley Support Group, Annual Fair, Haverthwaite Cricket Ground.
- 20 June Summer Solstice, Longest Day.
- 25 June Osprey Open Day, Roundsea Woods. 10:00am – 4:00pm.
- 26 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
Sing & Share – Greenodd Village Hall, 6:00pm,
- 27 June Wimbledon.



Oxen Park Cinema Club

Charity fund raising '**Cycle Orienteering Event**' around the parish on **Tuesday 7 June – 5:30 – 8:30pm** – anyone can enter (**Manor Pub in Oxen Park**) but this is mainly to ask everyone to be patient with cyclists round the lanes. Profits will go to Oxen Park Reading Rooms and the Cinema Club. Concerns & enquires to carolmcneill@tiscali.co.uk



Note: Thank you to whoever repaired the handle to the Font lid and to those who followed in order to do the same thing but found it done!



"If you want to stop a lady talking, ask her to sit on her hands."

By a man whom we cannot name, in order to protect him.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month June 2016

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
5 June	1. Gordon Pickles	1 Kings 17:17-24	
Morning Worship	2. Susan Smith	Galatians 1:11-24	Susan King
9:30am Pam	3. Janet Pickles	Luke 7:11-17	
12 June	1. Sue Lydon	2 Samuel 11:26-12,10,13-15	
Holy Communion	2. Judy Redhead	Galatians 2:15-21	Rachel Tarr
9:30am Joanna	3. Ian Pirnie	Luke 7:36-8.3	
19 June Fathers Day	1. Roderick Smith	Isaiah 65: 1-9	
Holy Communion	2. John Tarr	Galatians 3:23-29	Pam Priestley
9:30am Donald	3. Graham Wallace	Luke 8:26-39	
26 June	1. Margaret Sanders	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	
Holy Communion	2. Susan Smith	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	John Tarr
9:30am Vicar	3. Rachel Tarr	Luke 9:51-62	



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

5 June	Mrs S King
12 June	Mr R Smith
19 June	Mrs S Dean
26 June	Mrs S Smith



FLOWER ROTA

5 June	Mrs Dewhurst
12 June	Wedding
19 June	Wedding
26 June	Mrs S Dean



Old and

Long have poets vaunted, in their lays,
 Old times, old loves, old friendships, old wine,
 Why should the old monopolise all praise?
 Then let the new claim mine.

When the old creeds are threadbare, worn through,
 And all too narrow for the broadening soul,
 Give me the fine, firm texture of the new,
 Fair, beautiful and whole.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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