



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,
St. Luke's, Lowick and St. Mary's the Virgin, Penny Bridge
“We are now in an **Interregnum** as we are bereft of a Vicar”.

The Rev'd. Joanna Henson, Retired Priest

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PASTORAL LETTER

Lowick Farm House

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February 2015

Dear Friends

“.... ON WITH THE NEW”

The first time that I was inducted into a new benefice, the one thing that didn't quite go to plan was “ringing myself in.” Processing to the rear of the Church, I was required to toll the bell – a thing I had never done before, and for which I had been given no instruction. I knew that, according to tradition, the number of times the bell rang was supposed to signify the number of years you would be Vicar. I had in mind to ring “seven”, but, after more than twenty pulls, all that I had managed was *one* half-audible ping! (I remember being very relieved to survive happily into at least a *second* half-year!)

February is a good month for NEW beginnings. The early snowdrops are a wonderful harbinger of the new round of the seasons in Spring's new growth. The newness of the Babe of Bethlehem, heralded by Advent, celebrated at Christmas and manifested in the Epiphany, is rounded off with the solemnity of Candlemas (with Christingles) on February 2nd. And the coming of Lent gives new opportunity for personal discipline and devotion and of new spiritual growth. (Perhaps our Lenten ‘Coffee and Bible’ sessions, advertised elsewhere, could bring new blessing to *you*?)

This February will certainly mark a very important “New Beginning” for our combined benefice of Egton-cum-Newland, Lowick with Blawith and Colton. On Sunday 22nd, the Rev. Brian Streeter is to be installed as our new “Priest-in-Charge” (i.e. Vicar) by the Bishop of Penrith (God willing). As the new leader of our three parishes, Brian will be praying that the Holy Spirit will be guiding us in things both “Old” and “New”, and that together we will have *wisdom* to preserve what is of God in our present spiritual life,

and for *courage* for change to new ways, where that is desirable and necessary. We in our turn will be praying that, by means old and new, we may see increase and growth in our churches of the New Covenant, through New Birth and New Discipleship as citizens of the New Jerusalem.

Yours sincerely, in Christ,

David Gregg.



“GREENODD & DISTRICT CHRISTIANS”



LENT “COFFEE & BIBLE” SESSIONS

2015

“THE HOLY SPIRIT”

Session One: **“The Spirit in the Old Testament”**

10.00 am to 11.30 am on Wednesday 25th February

Lowick Farm House

Further Sessions on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March

(details to follow)



FLOWER ROTA

1 February Mrs. Elspeth Cooper.

8 February Mrs. Elspeth Cooper

LENT



COTTON CHRONICLES

Joy upon Joy we have a new Priest technically a ‘Priest in Charge’ but the Vicar to you and me, one Revd. Brian T Streeter who is currently ministering to the faithful in the Windermere Deanery. He is single but engaged to Anne and we believe the wedding is set for July. He is a quiet

man with a background in IT and although he will only be part time he spends the other half of his working life as the Regional Director for the North of England for the 'Filling Station Network'.

No, my friends, nothing to do with fuel but a contemporary vehicle for bringing Christian renewal and evangelism to the UK and Europe.

His Licensing Service is to take place on **Sunday 22 February, Penny Bridge Church, 10:30am.**



We welcome our new priest and his fiancée to our benefice with open arms and hearts and with God's grace we pray that he will lead us down the road we should be.



Joy upon more joy, we were privileged to have a magnificent Benefice Carol Service at Colton. The Service, beautifully put together by Joanna, a spruce church charmingly decorated, good music and behold a choir. It even included a man even if one suspects that he was under orders.

We cannot thank so many of you individually but bless you and thank you all for your wonderful efforts. But we can thank Joanna and David who have worked tirelessly to keep the 'show on the road' and our Benefice together since Gary left.

Our sincere condolences to Frank and Zella Slater, and their family, on the untimely death of their daughter Donna.

Donald.



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During Advent there have been those who have not been too well and those with troubles. Quite normal, you might think, but what is not so normal is the wonderful care people have bestowed upon them. There may not be many who come to church regularly or even at all but their kindnesses shows a remarkable Christian spirit in our parish. Special thanks to Roger Perry and Paul Holden who saved so many of us, in Bouth, weary legs by delivering our local Christmas cards.

At the back end of November all but 30 residents of Bouth met in the White Hart for the presentation of the proceeds of the earlier, much earlier 'Biking for Steve'

event to St. Mary's Hospice. The amount raised was £900 and those present were 'persuaded' by Roger Coates, well he does have a nuclear background, to make the sum up to £1,000.

He spoke well, apart from some near slanderous comments about this editor; the Donation was graciously received by the charming Dr. Swarbrick, aka Phil Ball. Glasses were then filled and refilled! Steve would have been proud.

We have to tell you a tale of man versus beast: Dear Kathy Skelton is to all appearances a small fragile lady but appearances can be deceptive as our Kathy is as tough as old boots. On the way home from shopping she got off the bus on the A590 and wended her way home via the path along side Rusland Pool. Don't ask!

With her shopping in hand she was accosted by an irate cow and all but broke the world 100metres record heading for the nearest gate and safety. One cannot but think if there had been a confrontation, Kathy would have won.

The Bouth Bicycle Club is clearly designed for fair weather as neither hide nor hair has been seen of them for some months. They appear to have been replaced by the DSC, the Dog Strollers Club; we say stroller as watching them from the sidelines, walking would be something of an exaggeration. Added to which it was difficult to see who was in charge; on balance it was probably the hounds.

Congratulations to Joanna and Robert Henson who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We give thanks for their union and pray it will continue for many more years.

Clearly they do not agree with Samuel Pepys, who wrote in his diary on 25 December 1665 "*Strange to say what delight we married people have to see those poor fools decoyed into our condition.*"

For the first time for some years it was dry and clear on Christmas Eve which brought a good crowd to Bouth for 'The Carols Round the Tree'. The collection for the Hospice amounted to £199.10 and a cheque for £200 has been dispatched. The amount in 2013 was £154. Well done!

Margaret Sanders has been at it again and has raised £113.50, for the church, through the sale of those wonderful 'stocking fillers' she made for Christmas decorations and has asked us to thank you, the purchasers. Margaret, Bless and thank you!

Doreen Wood has asked us to thank all of you who sent her cards and apologises for not reciprocating but since her accident she cannot write.

Congratulations to the Tarr family who have increased their numbers and the population with the birth of Frank Edwin to Joshua and Flora on 3 January, all are doing well especially the grandparents. *Donald.*



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our first meeting of the New Year we were entertained by Will Locke of Wax Lyrical, Lindal. He kept us happy, not only with a fascinating talk about candles, but also by testing our skill at identifying various candles' perfume. This was not as easy as it might seem; the colour of each candle was not necessarily the colour one would associate with the smell! So, the 'orange' scented candle was a disconcerting maroon.

Wax Lyrical (though with a different name) started by selling imported scented candles, from a garage; the family had been inspired by a holiday in the States. It later moved into the Lindal premises and although originally the majority of candles were imported, now the majority are manufactured on site.

Candles first appeared in the UK around 400 A.D. made from fat, tallow or bees wax. It was only in the 1800's that paraffin wax started to be used, and they are still primarily made of this.

There is more to candle making than meets the eye, or nose! Many trial and error tests are used to achieve the correct burn and smell. There are many variables, and just so you know, when next you burn your pillar candle, every wick is centred by hand!

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 February, 7:15pm, Village Hall** when Mr. Bill Myers will talk on 'Cumbria in WWI.

For more information or details contact Jane Chaloner, T: 01229 861283.



"Whilst Adam slept, Eve from his side arose: Strange his first sleep should be his last repose."

Anon. (Which is probably just as well!)

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vacancy for a Councillor: Currently we have a vacancy for a councillor in Central Ward, as Anne Robinson has decided to step down due to family and other commitments. Anne served on the Council for seven years and we will miss her invaluable local knowledge and her helpful contributions on health issues in particular. We thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the Council.

Please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested in being co-opted to the Council and having a say in the future of the parish. We are an active, positive and good-humoured team! A Community Plan has recently been completed which consolidates the views and aspirations of the community for the future of the Parish – come and help us embark on projects to see these through. We aim to co-opt someone at our February 18th meeting.

A parish councillor must be 18 or over, a British subject or a citizen of a member state of the EU and be (a) an elector of the parish; or (b) a person who, over the whole of the last 12 months, has been owner or tenant of land or premises in the ward or has lived in the ward (or within 3 miles of it) or has had his/her principal place of work in the ward.

A map of Colton Parish and ward boundaries can be found on our website: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk (click on the map on the left-hand side).

If you want to find out more about becoming a Councillor and what it involves, then please contact the Clerk, Mandy Lane, or the Chairman, Colin Barr – both on 01229 861 408.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 16 February, 7:30pm, Finsthwaite Village Hall.**

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



Leven Valley Support Group for St. Mary's Hospice

An enchanted evening of songs by the Male Voice Choir 'Voce', Barrow's answer to Il Divo, was held on Friday 21 November in the Café Ambio, Haverthwaite. The evening started with a look around Motor Museum which had been provided free by Les Micklethwaite and included in the ticket price.

The 'Furness Four Piece' then treated the audience of over a 100 to a variety of music including songs by Bocelli, The Righteous Brothers, Josh Groban, Leona Lewis and many others.

During the break there was a "Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake" which was provided free of charge by Andrew Southcott Catering who also waived his fee for the evening.

After the refreshments Voce continued the evening ending with 'The Impossible Dream' which had the audience spellbound. A wonderful and successful evening which raised £850 for the Hospice.

The Support Group would like to thank everybody for their kind generosity and for their continuing support!!

Dorothy.



A reminder of the need for help in the Rusland Valley and environs.

RUSLAND HORIZONS

Rusland Horizons is a scheme to develop a number of projects in the Rusland area in order to make improvements to the landscape. We are in the development stage with the work scheduled to start in 2016.

More information on www.ruslandhorizons.org

The projects are planned to include, woodland management, landscape features, wildlife, archaeology, local history, heritage skills and a Greenwood Trail. We need your help to find out:

- *What people know about the area*
- *What they do there*
- *What they think of it*
- *What information would help to understand and enjoy the area*
- *Whether they would volunteer to help.*

We would like to hear from you and would be grateful if you could take part in our online survey. Click below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JF7L2DW>

Colin Barr.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

As Carol McNeill has gone swanning off to the Antipodes we have done our best to cobble together some information about the Club's activities in February.

On **Tuesday 3 February, 7:30pm, Carthouse** there will a showing of *'Nebraska'*. Cert: 15. On **Saturday 21 February, 7:30pm, Finsthwaite Village Hall**, there will be a **Saturday Supper Special**, *Fill the Void* light supper provided (+ £4), bring your own drinks! Cert: U.

The Junior Film Club continues at **Outback Hall, Leven Valley School** on **Thursday 12 February, 3:45pm, start**, children can be collected at **5:30pm**. Admission £3 which includes a snack and child care. *Donald.*



C.A.B.

Tax Return Deadlines

If you have to complete a tax return for 2013/14, and you haven't yet sent it to HMRC, remember not to do it on paper. You may end up having to pay a £100 late-filing penalty.

The deadline for sending in (filing) a paper tax return for the tax year ending 5 April 2014 was 31 October 2014. If your paper return is delivered to HMRC after that date, you will be charged a £100 penalty, unless you have 'a reasonable excuse' for sending it late. This applies even if you have no tax to pay.

Alternatively, if you complete your tax return online, you have until 31 January 2015 to send it to HMRC. To send an online tax return, you must be registered for HMRC Online Services. This involves HMRC sending you an activation code in the post, so you need to allow time for this to arrive. You can register for online filing on the GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk.

Most people don't have to complete a tax return. You can check whether you need to complete one by using a tool on the GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk. You can find guidance on what might be accepted as a reasonable excuse for not filing a tax return on time on the HMRC website at www.hmrc.gov.uk. This page also gives information about how to appeal against a late-filing penalty.

If you are in need of help we have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 015394 46464 for an appointment and help.

If you don't need us for advice, how about helping us by becoming a volunteer or making a donation? Not many people realize that we are a charity - see our website for details www.southlakescab.org.uk.

DIARY DATES

† During the Interregnum everything is being done to ensure Service Times remain constant but this may not happen so please take note of the Rota & Below.



- 1 February **Morning Worship, 9:30am.** Coffee to follow.
- 2 February **Presentation of Christ to the Temple – Candlemas.**
- 3 February Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 8 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 11 February Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 12 February P C C, Barnside, Bouth, 7:00pm.
Junior Film Club, Outback Hall, 3:45pm.
- 14 February Valentine's Day
- 15 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 16 February Colton Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 17 February Shrove Tuesday.
- 18 February **Ash Wednesday, Service T B A.**
- 21 February Cinema Club. Supper Special, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 22 February 'World Thinking Day'
- 25 February Bible Study, Lowick Farm House. 10:00am.
- 22 February **Licensing of our new Vicar, Penny Bridge Church, 10:30am.**



School News

Unfortunately we have no news this month, presumably because the New Term has only just started and there is little of interest to say. We hope that normal service will be resumed next month.



Advertisement on a Church Notice Board:

"Carpenter from Nazareth looking for Joiner. Apply within."

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R O T A

So far our retired Vicar has been composing the Benefice Rota but this is now in the hands of a representative from Lowick whose deadline is too late for the Colton News. This being so you will have to manage with the Colton version.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

ROTA: MONTH - FEBRUARY 2015

Service	Sidespersons	Readers	Prayers
1 February		Gordon Pickles	
Morning Worship	Susan King	Susan Smith	Susan King
9:30am.		Graham Wallace	

8 February		Sue Lydon	
Holy Communion	Roderick Smith	Margaret Sanders	Rachel Tarr
9:30am.		Roderick Smith	

15 February		John Tarr	
Holy Communion	Susan Dean	Janet Pickles	Judy Redhaed
9:30am.		Ian Pirnie	

22 February	Licensing Service for our New Priest, Penny Bridge Church. 10:30am. The Revd. Brian T Streeter.		
10:30am.			



“Regimes based completely on consent have never existed, do not exist, and probably never will exist.” Mussolini.

It would, no doubt, get this editor into serious trouble if he compared this quotation to an organisation close to home, but there again, it is food for thought.