



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

Lying in a hot tub lazily reading a good book, glass of something to hand Lovely!

In September I hope to be licensed as a Lay Reader in Carlisle diocese and, although the hot tub , may be an attractive proposition, it doesn't describe the nature of what I am about! I won't be reading in a horizontal position (!) but will be recognised by the church as having an authentic calling and ministry as a lay person.

My own calling, over 30 years ago, was first and foremost, a call to preach and teach which led me to Lay Reader training and then licensing in Durham cathedral. The words of the prophet Jeremiah summed up my own feelings at that time, 'But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a burning fire, shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed I cannot.'

Some years ago Lavinia Byrne wrote a book about the pioneer missionary women in the 19th and 20th century who had achieved so much. One woman, Mildred Cable, found herself one day in a remote village in China, faced with a very young girl, whose behaviour suggested that she was demon-possessed. Mildred knew that only priests dealt with exorcisms and she was a lay woman on her own. In that situation, she said, she remembered 'the mighty ordination of the pierced hands' and she felt able to pray for the girl.

Those words struck me greatly pointing, as they do, to the fact that if we have personally encountered the one 'whose hands were pierced' on the cross, then we have also been 'set aside' by God for a particular task in his church. In this season of Pentecost perhaps we could reflect on what God

is calling us to do and be assured that his Holy Spirit will supply us with all that we need.

In the Love of Christ

Pam



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS

PENTECOST PICNIC – SUNDAY 4 JUNE: All are invited to attend the **Annual Pentecost Picnic** on **Sunday 4th June** at **Tottlebank Baptist Church** commencing at **12:30 p.m.** (indoors in the Chapel if wet). We bring our own provisions, and take opportunity, like the Early Church, to be “all together in one place”.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING – TUESDAY 27 JUNE: This will be held (God willing) at **Lowick Farm House** from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** when we meet to praise the Lord together, and to pray for His work among us. All are very welcome.



“BIBLE AND COFFEE” – SUMMER SESSIONS 2017

We propose to hold four sessions, as follows, on the subject of **“CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITHS”**

Wed. 28th June – Session 1 – at Lowick Farm House: “YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BUT ME” – Basic Comparisons.

Sessions will run from 10:00 TO 10:30am.

COTTON CHRONICLES

On the Second Sunday of Easter we had a delightful ‘old fashioned’ service which was very much appreciated. Looking to the future we can now expect a mixture of ‘old and new’, which will no doubt, cause despair amongst the young and grumbles from the old; it was ever thus!

In every discussion there are pros and cons and in response to our comments on ‘modernisation’ :-

A Response from a 'Moderniser'!

Prithee wilt thou pass me that wondrous fruit of the cow, my sweet one? Familiar words at our breakfast table? I think not. 'Could you pass me the

milk' is more likely to be heard - a request made in the language that we now use in the 21st century.

I love Shakespeare. My favourite poet is the 17th century John Donne. I love beautiful language. However what I am more passionate about is that the good news of Jesus is accessible to all and that Jesus is not just a relic housed in a museum up the hill but that He is seen to be the amazing companion, Saviour, reconciler and forgiver that I know.

Jesus spoke Aramaic, the common language of the people at that time so that they could understand what He had to tell them about the Kingdom of God. He most likely spoke with a Galilean accent, real 'supermarket' language. His fiercest words were to the Pharisees who clung so tightly to tradition that they blocked what God wanted to do.

Let's not get so caught up in the church with our own likes and preferences that we obscure the glorious truths of the living faith in words that are meaningless to the majority of people today.

Pam Priestley.

Church Fête: Will take place a week earlier this year on **Saturday 8 July**. Donations of tombola prizes and books would be gratefully appreciated! Tombola prizes can be left with Margaret Sanders at Thurston View, Colton and books for Pam Priestley can be left at the church.

Cakes, scones and other edible goodies for both the teas and the cake stall would be most welcome on the morning of the fete at the school room, along with any plants for the plant stall.

Door	Nigel Priestley
Teas	Rachel Tarr & others
Tombola	Susan Lydon & Judy Redhead
Cake Stall	Susan Smith & gang
Books	Pam Priestley
Plants etc	Susan Dean & Team
Big Raffle	Susan King/John Tarr + helpers
Small raffle	Margaret Sanders
Quoits	John King

We are hoping for a fine day! Any queries please contact Johnny Tarr on 586 174 or e mail john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk



PARISH and other NEWS

Sadly we have to tell you of the death of Henry Watson (H) 1944 – 2017. Known locally as ‘The Tractor Man’ and born and lived at New Close Farm, Longmire until six months ago when he move to New Close Barn, Oxen Park.

He was a man of few words, a listener rather than a talker and will be remembered for his participation in the “Annual Tractor Run” raising substantial funds for various cancer charities. Henry will be sadly missed by his brothers, Tony, John & Tom and by his sister Margaret, as well as his many friends. Our prayers and condolences go out to the family.



😊 Congratulations to Rachel and John Tarr on the birth of a Grandson, Reuben Lucjan Marczak on 1 May weighing 7lb 10oz, first child for Naomi and James Marczak.



Nicola and Charlotte Fund: Thank you everyone who helped and donated to The Nicola and Charlotte Fund. After resulting in an amazing £93,614-66, we have been able to provide the following equipment for the hospitals, in memory of our girls.

- For the special care baby unit at Furness General Hospital - a Giraffe Omnibed, Patient monitor and Incubator.
- For the Sharoe Green Neonatal Baby unit at Preston Hospital, a Neonatal and Paediatric Ventilator, Pneupac Baby PAC Unit with accessories, and a Stimulation Doll to help with staff training.

Thank you for all your kindness and support.

Nicola and Charlotte's family.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The May meeting was open to all residents of the village [Ed. Sackcloth & Ashes! Some of us forgot]. Michaela Robinson-Tate came to speak about “My Cumbria Life”. Michaela, part of the journalistic team at ‘Cumbria Life’ gave an enjoyable talk about her work as a journalist. She spoke about some of the interesting local people she had interviewed over the year most

recently describing the article about Alex Brodie, former BBC foreign correspondent, who left journalism to found Hawkshead Brewery.

Michaela was keen to point out that ‘Cumbria Life’ was part of a small company based in Carlisle and was not linked in any way to ‘Lancashire Life’ or ‘Cheshire Life’ which are published in Preston. The company was still growing and was about to launch four new titles “Carlisle way” with its more youth focused format, “In Cumbria” aimed at local businesses, “Bay living” and “Taste” a food magazine

Food being often close to many people’s hearts, she then spoke about the 2017 food awards held in March at Kendal College, with local students preparing food for the attendees which included Michelin-starred chefs, producers and some of the industry’s most respected figures. Cumbria has four Michelin star restaurants so there is lots to be proud of locally. The audience did however have mixed views about *L’Eclumes* award as best restaurant in Cumbria!

Our **Annual Outing** is on **Wednesday 14 June**, A visit to the ‘Rusland Movement’, Greenodd followed by supper at the ‘Stan Laurel’, Ulverston. Meeting **Village Hall, 5:30pm – Carriages 6:00pm.** *Mainly Allyson.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Good bye and thank you to the Chairman: As I am sure some of you are already aware at the annual meeting on Monday 8th May Colin Barr resigned as Chairman to Colton Parish Council. Colin had been a councillor for 14 years and the chairman for 10 of those years. His skills, wisdom and local knowledge have been a great asset to the council helping drive various projects and initiatives forward. Members of the council would like to take this opportunity to thank Colin for his arduous work and dedication over the years. The new chairman for the parish council is Ken Dean, a local resident of Bouth who has been a councillor for 9 years. Ken has a wealth of experience behind him and we look forward to seeing him steer the council to support the community.

Another good bye: The council also has a change of vice-chairman. Vanessa Champion has resigned due to ever increasing family commitments. Vanessa has been a councillor for 7 years. Members of the council would like to thank Vanessa

for her time and determination driving forward various council led initiative. The new vice-chair for the parish council is David Hoyle, who has a home in Rusland and is very much a part of the local community. David has been a councillor for 7 years and is keen to support Ken in his new role.

Councillor Vacancies: It is a challenging time for Colton Parish Council, with both the Chairman and Vice-chair reluctantly deciding they can no longer commit to the role of councillor. This coupled with previous resignation which are as yet unfilled leaves the council short of 4 councillors. We need help from the community, please spread the word about the vacancies. It may not be for you, but perhaps you know someone who would excel in the role of councillor? Councillors don't need to have vast experience. It is very much a supported role with other experienced councilors there to allow you to develop. No qualifications are needed just a passion to support residents; and through the council help to provide answers to their issues and concerns. Parish Councillors are the essence of local democracy and have a vital role in speaking and acting on behalf of the communities they represent. If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on this voluntary position within the community, then do please get in touch with the Clerk (coltonpc@btinternet.com).

White line painting: It is fantastic to be able to report that missing white lines on various highways have now been replaced. For some places this has been a wait of nearly 4 years, the completed work will help to make our highways safer.

Rural Crime initiative: The Rural Crime initiative working group have recently met with Peter MaCall, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria. The meeting was to ensure that the group were spending the police grant money effectively and efficiently. I am pleased to say that Mr MaCall was very happy with the way the project was progressing and hoped that other councils in the area might be able to learn from what the group have achieved. Please do remember if you see anything suspicious this can be reported via 101. If you see a crime taking place then this should be reported via 999.

Our next Meeting is Monday 5 June 2017, Colton Church Hall, 7:00pm.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel: The John Muir Explorer Award Group have been busy conserving, discovering, exploring, and sharing wild places as part of their

Explorer Award. Over the last year they have been learning and practising map reading, route planning and navigation skills. These skills have recently been put to good use on training walks over Howbarrow, through Chapel How Plantation and fell walking up Wetherlam. The students have also been learning to camp and cook in the outdoors as we prepare for our Borrowdale/Scafell Pike expedition.

The group will also be travelling to the John Muir Trust's land in Glenlude Scotland for a weekend of wild camping and conservation in mid-June. As well as completing their own personal conservation activity. *Dr. Paul.*



Leven Valley: The children at school have started the new term with a range of visitors helping to enrich our curriculum. The strong links with Rusland Horizons continued with a visit by a shepherdess who talked about hay meadows.

Cumbria cricket have also been in school helping the children to improve their cricket skills especially catching and bowling. The weather has been very kind supporting all the outdoor activities.

Class 1 have been discussing the stories written by Beatrix Potter and have made some wonderful animal masks.

The older children have been working very hard as this is their exam term as well as learning from the visitors coming into school including Mr Russell from Cartmel Priory with whom they made a rocket which they trialled in the school grounds. *Sue S.*



LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARYS HOSPICE

Annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale Sunday 18 June, Haverthwaite Playing Field. Craft & produce stalls, books, cakes, plants, refreshments, Little Beasties, Bouncy Castles, Fifi the Flea, The Magician, raffle etc. Also Taffy Thomas and the Furness Morris Dancers. **Gates open 9:00am.**

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.

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CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

Advice highlighting changes which may affect your household budget this financial year

New rates for wages, benefits and tax came into force in April along with changes to pensions and savings. Keeping on top of new rules that can affect your finances is vital to managing your money. This can be complicated and if you're not sure whether you're affected or how, Citizens Advice can help.

There are increases to the National Living Wage and Minimum Wage, and to statutory maternity pay. There are reductions for some new claimants of Universal Credit and ESA (for people unable to work) and child tax credits will be limited to two children. The income tax personal allowance and higher rate tax threshold have risen. Council Tax has also increased.

There are changes to pensions too. You can use some of a defined contribution pension to pay for financial advice. The state pension rose by 2.5%, and the amount you can save in an ISA increased.

Checkout details online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

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 debt and on-going enquiries. South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity, No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574



“The seeming truth which cunning times put on to trap the wisest”

Shakespeare

DIARY DATES

- 4 June **Pentecost. Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
Pentecost Picnic, Tottlebank Church, 12:30pm.
- 5 June Parish Council Meeting, Colton Church Hall, 7:00pm
- 11 June **Barnabas, Apostle.**
Trinity Sunday – Colton’s Patronal Festival.
Benefice Holy Communion. Penny Bridge, 10:30am.(?)
- 14 June Bouth W I Annual Outing. Meeting, 5:30pm. Carriages, 6:00pm.
- 18 June **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
Car Boot Sale, Haverthwaite Playing Field. Gates Open, 9:00am.
- 24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**
- 25 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 27 June **Prayer Meeting, Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.**
- 28 June **“Bible & Coffee”, Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.**
- 29 June **Peter and Paul, Apostles.**



PENTECOST

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Sunday 7 weeks after Easter Sunday. It was once better known as a Whitsun, when there used to be a Whitsun Bank Holiday, sadly now called “The Spring Bank Holiday”.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.



A Prayer for Pentecost

“O Spirit of the living God, who dwellest in us; who art holy, who art good: come thou, and fill the hearts of thy faithful people, and kindle within them the fire of thy love: through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month June 2017

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
4 June	Pentecost		
Morning Worship	1. Gordon Pickles	Acts 2: 1-21	Susan King
9:30am <i>Pam</i>	2. Rachel Tarr	John 20:19-23	
11 June	Trinity Sunday – Colton's Patronal Festival Benefice Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Colton Roderick Smith Matthew 28:16-20 Rachel Tarr		
Holy Communion			
<i>David B</i>			
18 June	First Sunday after Trinity		
Morning Worship	1. Sue Lydon	Matthew 9:35-10.8	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>			
25 June	Second Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	1. Susan Smith	Matthew 10:24-29	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>			



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

4 June Mrs. Susan King
18 June Mrs. Susan Smith
25 June Mr. Roderick Smith



FLOWER ROTA

4 June Wedding
18 June Mrs. Sally Pirnie
25 June Mrs. Susan Dean



Tongue-in-Cheek:

Man for the field and woman for the hearth:
Man for the sword the needle she:
Man with the head and woman with the heart:
Man to command and woman to obey;
All else is confusion.

Tennyson