



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,
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Note: Friday is Anne's & Brian's Day Off

PASTORAL LETTER

Woodside Cottage
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Dear Friends

O my goodness – Christmas is only a matter of days away and I know that some of you are, like me, still way behind on things that ought to be done.

It has been impossible to avoid the advertising campaigns, the Christmas music in the shops and the pressures of people telling us all what we should be asking for as presents. None more so than that well known department store, Selfridges. They sent us a completely unsolicited, glossy tome with the title “The Book of Wonder” containing gift suggestions. On opening it I was dumbfounded to find that there was very little in it that cost less than £1,000. Jewellery, clothing, handbags, watches (£140,000 each?) and perfume. What’s so wonderful about these things? The prices are eye-watering but that’s about all.

They are all the sorts of things which Jesus described as “treasures on earth”, things that, if you possess them, may be taken away from you by moths, rust or thieves. (Matthew 6:19-20).

I have a Book of Wonder too, it’s called the New Testament; but mine tells me about the gift of Jesus that has an everlasting value in our lives; the goodies that we unwrap or eat on Christmas Day are as nothing compared with this.

My Book of Wonder seems to have become “old hat” as society has become secularised but I am going to write down some of things that it promotes here. How about.....

*Reverence	*Wisdom	*Thankfulness	*Trust
*Humility	*Endurance	*Service	*Compassion
*Peace	*Forgiveness	*Justice	*Hope
*Care of all things created			

*working together in community for the common good.

These are the characteristics taught by Jesus that all Christians aspire to but the world refuses/ fails to follow, to the detriment of so many lives around the globe. The poor..... the homeless ...the hungry....

It would be wonderful to see you in church this Christmas, to hear again the Christmas message of hope that God's gift of Himself brings to us. I trust that it will leave you better prepared to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and find a new meaning in your lives.

With love and prayers for you all this forthcoming Christmastide

Your sister-in-Christ

Joanna



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS

“BIBLE AND COFFEE” SESSIONS – ADVENT 2017

“CHRISTMAS WORDS”

SESSION 3: “Glad Tidings of great JOY”

Wed. 6th December at ‘Woodside Cottage’, Colton

SESSION 4: “You shall name Him JESUS”

Wed. 13th December at ‘Water Yeat House’

SESSION 5: “IMMANUEL – God with us”

Wed. 20th December at ‘The Vicarage’, Penny Bridge

All sessions are from **10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** (God willing). Everyone is very welcome to attend. Further information from David Gregg (885258)



COLTON CHRONICLES

Vicar Expands

No, the headline of this article is not pertaining to my waistline, which is very much in need of reduction!

Instead, in early January 2018, the parishes of Holy Trinity, Colton, St. Luke's, Lowick with Blawith and St. Mary the Virgin, Egton cum Newland

will be coming together with the parish of St. Andrew's, Coniston and St. Luke's, Torver. Therefore, my role as part-time Priest-in-Charge will be expanding. So, there is no need for unnecessary concern for my waistline or my BMI!

Nevertheless, my wife Anne and I would greatly value your prayers and support as we get to know the communities of Coniston and Torver, and as we seek to serve the residents and the tourists passing through. We hope that Sunday services will continue as normal in the near future but understandably the greater workload will necessitate some changes for both ends of the Crake valley.

Anne and I are excited about the possibilities of Christians up and down the valley working together, and this new arrangement only makes official what has already been developing. Church and the Christian life, though a serious matter, should always be fun and joyful, and we hope to continue and enable this.

Brian Streeter



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carol Service, 17 December, Colton, 3:00pm (Mulled wine and nibbles afterwards)

Christmas Eve – Children's Service, Penny Bridge 3:00pm

Benefice Service, Colton, 11:00pm

Christmas Day – Benefice Service, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.



Decorating the Church: Friday 15 December, 10:00am.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Bishop of Carlisle has appointed The Revd Brian Streeter as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Coniston and Torver.

The Licensing Service will take place on Sunday 7 January 2018 at 2:30pm at St. Andrews, Coniston. The Venerable Vernon Ross will be officiating."

The Revd Canon Cameron Butland, Bishop's Chaplain.



The Bishop of Penrith, the Right Reverend Robert Freeman, will be retiring next Easter after working across the communities and churches of Cumbria since 2011.

Explaining his decision to retire, Bishop Robert said, “I have just celebrated my 65th birthday and this year have completed 40 years of being ordained. It seems a good time to explore the next phase of life.”



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It is with sadness that we have to tell you of the death of Tommy Baines who lived most of his life in Bouth. We send our prayers and condolences to son Alan and his sisters.

We send our good wishes to Jenny Smith, also of Bouth, for a good and full recovery following an accident at home, happily now out of hospital.

On a more cheerful note congratulations to Bryan Redhead who recently celebrated his 70th. Birthday. In this part of the world, that was once Lancashire, he is ‘nobb but a lad’.



The Ghyll Singers: Present ‘Winter Songs’ – **Tuesday 19 December, Ulverston Methodist Church, 7:30pm.** Tickets £10 including refreshments. www.ghyllsingers.org



Cinema Club: More great films coming up: ‘*A United Kingdom*’ (5th Dec), *Manchester By The Sea* (16th Dec), *Sherpa* (30th Dec), ‘*The Lunch Box*’ (2nd Jan). and *The Fencer*’ (20th Jan), check them out on the website and please book in to avoid having to be turned away.

We are showing a special member only screening, of Helen Mirren in ‘*The Audience*’ on **13 January**. This is a new venture for us as we can now access recordings of some of the popular live theatre presentations. This first one will be a trial to see if these could be popular. There will be a flat £5 charge for everyone – a bit less than Zeff’s or Fellinis. There will also be an interval.

This term’s children’s film shows finished with a special National ‘Into Film’ festival showing of ‘*Wallace & Gromit*’ – ‘*The Curse of The Were Rabbit*’. Over 100 children attended from different schools.



Oxen Park Reading Room: Table Tennis, (Mondays and Saturdays), Fitness with Ren (**Tuesdays 4.45pm**), and Dog Club (**Tuesdays 6:00pm**) are all on the go until refurbishment starts. Monthly fund-raising presentations are in The Carthouse. Next up will be young Fergus Meanwhell on **Friday 1 December** telling us about his successes in sailing, BMX and climbing; please book in with Carol or Gill in Oxen Park. On **5 January** Russell Peet will be here to tell us how he is progressing in the world of animators.

Orienteering: There are 2 local events coming up if you want to have a go. The first is at **NIGHT** on **13 December up Bessy Bank Lane** using **Sales Bank Wood**. A better than average head torch is required and surefootedness. Ask Carol McNeill for details.

Also on **30 December** there is a now annual event up at **Abbot Park Farm** from **10.30am/12.30pm**, this includes a beginners/family course. Well recommended! All day breakfast on offer by Carole at the farm. *Carol.*

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Rusland Horizons: Autumn marks the start of the coppicing season so the apprentices have been out working hard in the woods. The four new apprentices (Tom, Jonny, Matt and Richard) have just got their chainsaw certificates so they are making good use of their new skills. In other news we have had some lovely woodland sessions at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve with adults and children, including a family forest day and a Halloween night walk where we heard the local red deer stags roaring and listened to stories around the fire. Penny Bridge Academy pupils have been having great fun recording local people for the oral history project so there is more to listen to on our website on the Peeling the Onion project page if you fancy a nosey.

In the next few weeks we have the following events happening. Everyone welcome! **3 December** The Big Christmas Bash Conservation Day & Conservation work parties on the **5 December** and the **9 January**.

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Croftlands Junior School: Invites you to the dress rehearsal of their Christmas production '*Bethlehem*'. **Friday, 11 December, 1:45pm**, refreshments 1:30. RSVP to the school office **T: 01229 585211** or to office@croftlandsjun.cumbria.sch.uk by Friday 8 December. *Teacher Cathy.*



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our General meeting the following were elected for the forthcoming year.

Jenny Hare (President)

Alison Gruber (Secretary)

Sue Dean (Treasurer)

Hazel Coates (Events organiser)

Other posts to be confirmed in December:

Lynne Jowett

Sue Smith

Christiane Gruber

Jenny Smith

Lorraine Pilkington has resigned as Vice President and taken up her new and exciting role as child care provider on Grandma's Wednesdays!

Christmas Party: Wednesday 13 December. Invitations to 'local super seniors' will be sent out at the end of November.

Alison'



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Police and Crime Commissioner's survey regarding Council Tax for policing: You may have heard in the local news that Peter McCall, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cumbria wishes to raise the amount residents pay through their council tax to cover policing in our communities. He is asking if residents will pay an additional 1.92% next year. If you would like to comment on the consultation, then please follow this link <https://cumbria-pcc.gov.uk/finance-governance/budget-finance/budgets/>

Forestry work at Grizedale: Over the coming months there will be winter woodland thinning taking place within Grizedale forest. The main route for haulage vehicles who are extracting the wood is via the Grizedale to Colton Road. Please be aware that there is going to be an increase in traffic along this road, but the hauliers have been requested to respect the communities who live and travel along these narrow country lanes.

Lengthsman: Another busy month for Archie out clearing flood water and unblocking drains. Lin Bridge – Cleared flooded drain, cut back vegetation and swept road, Finsthwaite – Cleared 4 blocked drains, cut

back vegetation, dug out blocked drain chamber, Colton-Oxen Park Road – Cleared 12 drains after hedge trimming works, Rusland – Cleared flood water, unblocked drains and swept the road, Thwaite Head – Dug out drains, cut back damaged verges, Rusland Triangle – Dug out and rodded 5 drains after flooding. As always please do remember to log any highways incidents through Cumbria County Councils hotline 0300 303 2992 (answer phone service evenings, weekends and public holidays) or visit www.cumbria.gov.uk

Community Transport: A number of community transport schemes operate in Colton mainly through the efforts of volunteers and Cumbria CC.

1. The Voluntary Car Scheme - organized by Cumbria CC and run by local coordinator (Marguerite Calvert 01229 885498). Pre-book via the coordinator, costs 45p per mile for a door to door service. Drivers are paid 45p per mile, more volunteer drivers are always being sought.

2. Rural Wheels - administered by Cumbria CC (contact 0845 6023786). Users purchase a £5 smartcard to register which comes with £5 credit. The service uses local taxis, must be undertaken between 8.30am and 6pm and is limited to 2 return door to door trips per week to the nearest town. Costs 45p per mile (or 25p for shared journeys).

3. The Community Minibus scheme provides accessible and affordable transport for community groups, either self-drive or with a volunteer driver. www.cumbriact.org.uk or Linda Howarth on 01539 727001.

4. The Royal Voluntary Service (contact 0845 608 0122) which provides help particularly to the elderly to get to hospital and GP appointments, but also shops and town trips.

5. NHS Patient Transport - If you are unable to use public transport due to a medical reason, you may be eligible for transport to hospital appointments or after discharge from hospital. Ask your GP surgery for more information.

Our next parish meeting is Monday 4 December 2017 in Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:00pm.

Karen Birch (Clerk), E: coltonpc@btinternet.com W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Over the past year, I have been getting into debt as my wages don't keep pace with inflation. Every time I reach my credit card limit, the company increases it automatically. At first I thought this was wonderful but now I can't see how I will ever repay it. What can I do?

Citizens Advice has found that many people are in your situation – irresponsible credit card lenders are pushing people further into the red by raising their credit limit without checking their ability to repay it.

It's really important that anyone who is struggling to pay off their credit card seeks debt advice as soon as possible. Citizens Advice can help you to work out the best way to manage your finances and strategies for repaying your debt. They can also help you to maximise your income, including any benefits or tax credits you may be entitled to.

If you feel you are entering into a credit card debt spiral, get help as soon as you can.

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.



Christmas Past

Oh happy days, the snow fell over-night,
Memories are precious let's not forget,
Don't do anything you might regret.
Christmas is the time of year to share,
To treasure family far and near.

Melvina Germain



“And is it true? And is it true, this most tremendous tale of all seen in a stain-glass window's hue, A Baby in an ox's stall?”

John Betjeman.

DIARY DATES

- 1 December Oxen Park Reading Room, Monthly Presentation. The Carthouse.
- 3 December **Morning Worship. 9:30am.**
Rusland Horizons, Conservation Day.
- 5 December Cinema Club. 7:30pm.
Rusland Horizons, Conservation Day.
- 6 December Bible & Coffee, Woodside, Colton, 10:00am.
Rusland Horizon, Conservation Day.
- 10 December **Benefice Service, Lowick, 10:30am.**
- 11 December Croftlands School Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal, 1:45pm.
- 13 December Bouth W I Christmas Party, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
Bible & Coffee, Water Yeat, 10:00am.
Orienteering, Bessy Bank Lane.
- 16 December Cinema Club 7:30pm
- 17 December **Colton Carol Service, 3:00pm.**
- 19 December Ghyll Singers 'Winter Songs', Ulverston Methodist Church, 7:30pm.
- 20 December Bible & Coffee, The Vicarage, 10:00am.
- 24 December **Christmas Eve, Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am**
Children's Service, Penny Bridge, 3:00pm.
Benefice Service, Colton, 11:00pm.
'Carols Round the Tree', Bouth Village Green, 6:00pm.
- 25 December **Christmas Day, Benefice Service, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 26 December **Stephen, First Martyr.**
- 27 December **John. Apostle.**
- 28 December **The Holy Innocents.**
- 30 December Cinema Club, 7:30pm.
Orienteering, Abbots Bank Farm, 10:30am.
- 31 December **Benefice Service, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**



"We have in England a particular bashfulness in everything that regards religion."

Addison.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month – December, 2017

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
3 December	First Sunday of Advent		
Morning Worship	1. Graham Wallace	Mark 13:24-37	Susan King
9:30am Joanna			
10 December	Second Sunday of Advent		
Holy Communion	Benefice Holy Communion		
10:30am David G.	St. Luke's, Lowick		
17 December	Third Sunday of Advent		
Carol Service	Readers will be notified by Pam		
3:00pm Pam			
24 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
Holy Communion	1. Donald Wroe	Luke 1:26-28	
9:30am Vicar			
Benefice Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Colton			
24 December	1.	*Isaiah 62: 6-12	
Christmas Eve	2.	*Titus 3: 4- 7	
11:00pm Joanna	3.	*Luke 2:1-20	
25 December	Benefice Holy Communion		
Christmas Day	St. Mary the Virgin. Penny Bridge		
10:30am Vicar	✙		
31 December	Second Sunday of Christmas		
Holy Communion	Benefice Holy Communion		
10:30am David B.	St. Mary the Virgin. Penny Bridge		

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

3 December Mrs. Susan King
 17 December Mrs. Susan Smith
 Mrs. Susan Dean
 24 December Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 9:30am
 24 December T B A
 11:00pm



Flower Rota
 Advent



Decorating the Church – Friday 15 December, 10:00am.



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