



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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Note: Friday is Anne's & Brian's Day Off

PASTORAL LETTER

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April 2018

Dear Friends

I think my abiding memory of this last weekend and Moving Mountains will be from Penny Bridge School on Friday. A group of us had been in school launching 'Open the Book' and had acted out the story of the Prodigal Son. After much hilarity with a 'herd' of snorting pigs (6 children complete with pig ears) and Brian Streeter with a tea towel on his head, the children sang the Easter song they had been learning. It was an amazingly joyous song which the children obviously loved singing, so much so that they spontaneously carried on singing as they walked out of the hall and the refrain 'Jesus is alive, Jesus is alive' rang in our ears as we packed up. Fantastic! This new month of April begins on Easter Day, that day when the anxious, frightened, confused followers of Jesus began to learn that there was the possibility of a new beginning. Jesus was no longer in the tomb. He was risen!

Years ago, a lawyer called Frank Morrison, set out to look at the evidence in order to disprove the resurrection. But something happened to him. Not only did he find the evidence supporting the resurrection overwhelming but more than that, as he believed in and trusted Jesus, he found that a new life had begun.

When I faced cancer some years ago and didn't know what was going to happen, I thought a lot about death. Samuel Johnson once said 'when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully!' Sometimes I would have huge doubts as to whether anything I had believed was true. As I read the Bible and looked for my own 'evidence' I found that the resurrection came to mean something very personal. Jesus had been through death but had been raised and I learnt again that the living Jesus was the only one who understood, who would be at my side and who could take me through the valley of the shadow, into the life beyond.

I love the words of Billy Graham about his own death, 'I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address'!

In the love of Christ,

Pam



COLTON CHRONICLES

The Church: The faithful may be few in number but all work extremely hard, in their various ways, to keep Holy Trinity, Colton going, and we thank you.

For many years Mrs. Susan King, apart from other duties, has been distributing the Parish News throughout the parish other than in Bouth and we are grateful for her efforts, but now, as she no longer drives, it has become a bit of a burden; however help is now at hand and we give thanks to Sheila Rotherham and John King who, together with Susan will continue the distribution of the Magazine.

As from April (the May edition) the magazines, other than Bouth, that are normally picked up from 2 Colton Cottages will now will be deposited in Colton Church. For others, your copy will continue to be put through your letter box, as usual. For any problems contact the editor.

Baptism: A baptism is always a very welcome event in our church and on Sunday 25 February it was a special occasion when Reuben Lucjan Marczak son of Naomi & James Marczak and grandson of Rachel and John Tarr was received into our faith.

"Defend, O Lord this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, and more and more until he come into thy everlasting kingdom."



APCM: The meeting, as normal, was only attended by members of the PCC, whom in the absence of others re-elected themselves. There has however been some changes as our Treasurer, Nigel Priestley and Electoral Roll Officer, Ian Pirnie have resigned. Thank you gentlemen for all that you have done for our Church. Derek Parkin, a retired Bank Manager, who is not in the best of health, has been examining our accounts and keeping us on the financial straight and narrow for over 20 years and for free has retired. We

are grateful for his efforts over all the years and we forgive him for absconding to Ulverston.

In place of those have resigned their replacements are – Treasurer, Mary Postle: Electoral Roll Officer, Susan Dean: Financial Independent Examiner. Nigel Priestley.

Benefice: After further consideration the Benefice has been renamed – ‘Coniston and Crake Valley’.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

🎵 Congratulations to Ruth Wardle, a talented violinist, a member of Her Majesty’s Royal Marines and the daughter of Rachel and John Tarr, who gave a solo performance of ‘Meditation’, from the opera ‘Thais’ backed by the Massed Bands of Her Majesty’s Royal Marines in the Albert Hall on the occasion of the Mountbatten Festival of Music. 🎵



We know those in the parish who have been having health problems who, understandably, do not wish to be named. We pray that they will have speedy and full recoveries. 😊



RUSLAND HORIZONS

Upcoming Activities: Practical Conservation Volunteer Days: **Tuesdays 10 April, 1 May, 5 June. All 9:00am– 4:00pm.**

Meet at National Park Southern Office, Lane Ends, Haverthwaite, LA12 8AB. Help with woodland restoration and other conservation work as part of our Coupes and Cords project. Booking essential*.

Woodland Archaeology Surveys: during week **April 16 to April 20.** Bark peelers huts, charcoal pits & ancient bloomery sites: our woodlands hold a wealth of hidden heritage. Help to uncover new information about the history and landscape development of the area through archaeological survey. Booking essential*.

Heritage Skills *There are still some places left on some of our Heritage Skills courses:* Improver's Spinning - **19 May**; Rusland a la Carte - **16 June**; Natural Dyeing - **23 June**. Booking essential*.

Community Nature 'Bioblitz' Event, Volunteer Guides, Coordinators and Experts needed!

We are planning a big community 'bioblitz' event (species recording) over 24 hours on **30 June/1 July** based at Bowkerstead Farm, Satterthwaite. Could you help us coordinate and guide people at this event? More details are on our website. If you can help, Please email rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk using subject field 'Bioblitz'. Thank you!

Satterthwaite Bloomery Excavation - look out for this event on our website (exact dates/times to be decided):— various dates between **30 April** and **1 June**.

***To book and for more information**, please go to the website: www.ruslandhorizons.org.uk and go to 'What's On'. To contact the RH team, email: rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk or T: 01539 792698 ext. 2759.

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Bouth Village Hall: Local impresarios Graham Jowett and Kevin Smith present: Micki Consiglio, a sensational female vocalist covering soul, motown, pop and rock. **Saturday 14 April, doors open 7:30pm.**

Tickets are £9 and can be obtained from Graham graham.jowett@gmail.com and Kevin jenkev@live.co.uk. All proceeds in aid of Ulverston Inshore Rescue, as did the £50 from the Cheese and Wine Evening. The Bingo Evening raised £240 for Hall funds.

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Cinema Club: Films for April – **Tuesday 3 April**, "*Locke*" and **Saturday 21 April**, "*Paterson*". Both at the **Carthouse, 7:30pm.**

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Dog Club will start again on **Tuesday 10 April, outside near the Reading Room** (6:00pm – 6:45pm £2 a dog).



Bouth Womens Institute

There has been much media cover of late with regards to the empowerment of women, International Women's Day 2018, clearly unaware that this has occurred in this parish for some considerable time. A perfect example is this branch of the W I where its members rule the village and the men do as they are told.

As Margaret Thatcher said "In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman".

But there is dissention in the ranks as membership subscription to the W I has risen to £41 and increase of 13 percent over the past three years due to demands from headquarters. The fees have almost doubled in a decade and it would appear that some members in rural areas can no longer afford them.

At our March meeting the speaker was Alan Hoskins on the subject of submarines, which was very precise and detailed in the way in they were constructed and for their purpose, which is to protect Britain. He also described how the interior of the submarines are designed into sections and the reason for each section. He included an enormous amount of detail, which, no doubt, the men appreciated more than the members.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 April, 7:15pm, Village Hall** when the subject of the talk will be 'North West Blood Bikes'. The speaker is to be confirmed. The competition is *'Dracula/Vampire'* themed.



School News

Sadly there isn't any, which is a pity as although there is not a school in our parish people are interested in what goes on in our local schools, which are all Christian Faith Schools. One reason, also sadly, is that with much we regret, Sue Sanderson, who has been our contributor for Leven Valley School for many years, has had to give up her role because, like many volunteers, she is over worked and something had to go. Our grateful thanks Sue for all that you have done for us.



"Term, holidays, term, holidays, till we leave school, then, work, work, work, until we die"

C. S. Lewis.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lengthsman: Another hectic month for the Lengthsman, making maximum use of the hours that the parish allocates to this role. Lakeside has had drains uncovered, unblocked and verges cut back to try and ease flooding on the road. Lowick Bridge has had potholes temporarily filled in and logged on the Highways Hotline for a more permanent repair. Penny Bridge has had some attention to trees and verges. Ickenthwaite got blocked drains cleared. Rusland Vicarage Triangle not only had the drains cleared but had a visit from Cumbria County Council staff to plan a way forward to reduce road flooding in this area.

Highways Hotline: This is a reminder to you all that you can log any issues you have with regards highways via the online system. Go to www.cumbria.gov.uk and 'Report a highway fault', whilst the system is a great way of alerting Cumbria County Council to issues that we have within the parish it needs to be noted that when an issue is closed/completed it doesn't mean the issue is no longer there it means that Cumbria County Council have logged the fault and have a timetabled plan to attend to it.

Councillor vacancy: The council is still looking for a volunteer from the Finsthwaite and Lakeside area to become a councillor for this ward. We are particularly keen to have someone from this area to represent the views of local people both at council meetings and within the wider community. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this role then do get in touch for an informal chat.

GDPR: It is hard not to have heard about GDPR; or as most of us are referring to it as the new Data Protection laws as we keep being reminded about how organisations need to be ready for the changes. Parish councils are no different. The Clerk and one of the councillors recently attend a training course to help get the council ready to be compliant. It must be said that in principle the changes are easy to understand and that with the use of the Information Commissioner's Office website www.ico.org.uk any organisation handling data can be compliant.

Date for your diary: The **Annual Parish Open Meeting** & the **Annual Colton Parish Council Meeting** are to be held on **Monday 14 May**,

7:00pm, Bouth Village Hall. All are welcome to attend, there is the chance to hear the Chairman's report which reflects the work of the council over the past 12 months.

Our next Parish Meeting is Monday 26 March 2018, Rusland Village Hall, 7:00pm.

E: coltonpc@btinternet.com W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



Citizens Advice Bureau

Advice on Housing Problems:

I live in a privately rented house and the damp is aggravating my three-year-old daughter's asthma. I've told my landlord but she's not taking action. What can I do?

Resolving damp issues can be difficult, as the cause isn't always obvious and it's important to realise that your landlord could evict you.

First, make sure you're not doing anything to cause the damp. Then you could report the problem to the Environmental Health department at your local authority. They can issue an awareness notice, which tells your landlord what she needs to do to fix the problem, although it doesn't enforce it. They can also serve the more serious improvement notice, which requires your landlord to carry out the work and also offers you some protection from eviction.

Alternatively, you could take her to court. If your landlord is held responsible, the court can grant an injunction and possibly award compensation. Seek advice from us before doing this because the legal process can be complex.

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. Please note that from 1 April 2018 the opening hours at Windermere will be reduced, but contact details remain the same.

*South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity,
No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574*

Moving Mountains

It seems like March 8th and Moving Mountains were never going to arrive and then. In the twinkling of an eye – it is all over!

From the moment our team arrived on Thursday it was all go, straight into a lively evening with the young people at John Ruskin School. The next morning they were up bright and early, gathering in Coniston for prayer for the day ahead, which started with the launch of Open the Book. A few grown-ups gathered at the Primary school to open the Bible and present the story of the Prodigal Son as a mini drama. I was there – dressed up in a robe and the de riguer tea towel on my head as were the others and we were joined by some of the children dressed in a smaller version of the adult robes, plus six little pigs sharing their trough with the younger son. The message had clearly been learned by the children – it doesn't matter what you've done, say sorry and God will tell you that He had always loved you come what may. A lesson that we might all take to heart.

We played again to a packed assembly at Penny Bridge Academy in the afternoon and have been enthusiastically invited back to both schools! Later the children from Coniston School said that the re-telling of the story from the Bible had been the best part of the day.

Saturday saw the team up early and assembled in the Reading Room in Coniston for a fund-raising coffee morning for the X12 bus. It was packed and the team talked to so many people! It raised over £500 for such a great community resource.

It wasn't over by any means! The team visited our churches on Sunday to share their Christian beliefs with the congregations and in the afternoon, pretty tired by now, they pulled out the stops at our Vintage Tea with Messie Tea for the children in Greenodd Village Hall to raise funds for the school up the hill. Another success!

I don't know how many people we touched but it felt like a lot and encourages us to move forward as we continue with the county wide endeavour to take the message that 'God is for All' into our communities.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to a wonderful weekend.

Joanna.

DIARY DATES

- 1 April **EASTER SUNDAY, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 3 April Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 8 April **Combined Service of Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 10 April Dog Club, outside, near the Reading Room, 6:00pm.
Rusland Horizons, Volunteer Day. 9:00am -4:00pm.
- 11 April Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 14 April 'Big Night Out' Bouth Village Hall, doors open 7:30pm.
- 15 April **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 16 April Rusland Horizons, Woodland Archaeology Surveys, until 20April.
- 21 April Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 22 April **Holy Communion, 9:30pm.**
- 23 April **St. George, Patron Saint of England.**
- 25 April **Mark, Evangelist.**
- 28 April "Spring 'Bluebell Walk'" Bouth Village Hall, 1:00pm – Tea 3:00pm – 5:00pm.
- 29 April **Combined Service of Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**
- Satterthwaite 'Bloomey Excavation' various dates between 30 April & 1 June.



The Bouth W I Spring 'Bluebell Walk' takes place on **Saturday 28 April**, starting at **Bouth Village Hall, 1:00pm**. There are three self-guided circular walks (maps supplied), the longest is 6 miles, with two shorter routes, 3.5 & 2 miles. Cream Tea (not to be missed) to follow -3:00pm – 5:00pm. Cost £6, under 5's £2. Concessions £5.



Furness Bach Choir

Announce their next Concert, a performance of "*Petite Messe Solennelle*" by Rossini conducted by our new conductor Marco Ballasi on **Saturday 24 March, St James' Church, Blake St. Barrow, LA14 5UE**. Tickets £14, in advance, £16 at the door, from Sutton's Book Shop, Ulverston **T: 01229 827 680**.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month – April -2018

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
1 April	Easter Sunday		
Holy Communion	1. Sue Lydon	Acts 10:34-43	Pam Priestley
9:30am Joanna	2. Graham Wallace	John 20: 1-18	
8 April	Second Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
10:30am David G	St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge		
15 April	Third Sunday of Easter		
Morning Worship	1. Roderick Smith	Acts 3:12-19	Judy Redhead
9:30am Pam	2. Janet Pickles	Luke 24:36b-48	
22 April	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion	1. Margaret Sanders	Acts 4: 5-12	John Tarr
9:30am Vicar	2. Susan Smith	John 10:11-18	
29 April	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
9:30am David B	St. Luke's, Lowick		



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

1 April Mrs. Susan King

8 April Combined Service, Penny Bridge

15 April Mrs. Susan Smith

22 April Mrs. Margaret Sanders

29 April Combined Service, Lowick



FLOWER ROTA

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Decorating the Church for Easter, Saturday 31 March, 10:30 am.

Volunteers are welcome

“O God, help us not to despise or oppose what we do not understand”

William Penn.

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