



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”.

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PASTORAL LETTER

Lowick Farm House
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March 2014

Dear Friends

NEW BEGINNINGS

As we say our fond farewells to Gary and Elizabeth, I hope it is not too insensitive to cite a couple of epitaphs! I think my all-time favourites are “SEE!” (the shortest ever, on the tomb of a hypochondriac) and “WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT” (on the headstone of an army officer accidentally shot by his batman!) I do so because I recall the words of a wise bishop (Basil Guy, Bishop of Gloucester) who wrote, “When we appear before God in glory, He will NOT ask, ‘Were you successful?’ but rather, ‘Were you FAITHFUL?’”

Gary and Elizabeth have served God and His Church (and the local community) here during years of serious decline in our country in the outward profession and practice of the Christian faith (although I do believe that it has made true disciples of Jesus Christ much more real in terms of their personal faith, devotion and commitment). If there is one thing that has marked their time here with us it is their faithfulness. As they come to the end of their long and faithful ministry here, and move on to their “new beginning” at Sedbergh, I am sure you will wish to join me in our prayers for them for a long and happy retirement.

But it will also be a “new beginning” for us who remain. During the vacancy we shall be nominally in the care of the Rural Dean (Canon Alan Bing, Rector of Ulverston), with the Churchwardens (listed inside the front cover) as the local contacts for occasional ministry (Services of Thanksgiving, Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals). We shall seek to maintain the existing pattern of worship in our three churches, with Joanna and myself able to provide most of the ministry for Communion Services. If anyone is in need of Pastoral Care (Sick visiting, Home Communion, or spiritual crises of any sort) do please contact Joanna (861800), Barbara

Watson (861638), our Licensed Lay Minister, or myself (885258) and we will do what we can to help.

The friends and followers of Jesus Christ are primarily found in local church congregations. Ordained ministers offer vital leadership, but it is the local “body” of believers who are called to be salt, light and leaven in the local community. He Himself has no tombstone of course! His “epitaph” says, “He is not here. He is risen.” Hallelujah! May He sustain us all, by His Spirit, in this demanding but exciting period ahead.

With love in Christ,

David Gregg



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS

Bible Study & Coffee 10.00 – 11.30 am

THE VIRGIN MARY

WED 12 MAR: “PREPARING THE WAY”

Lowick Farm House

WED 19 MAR: “THE CONCEPTION”

Tottlebank Baptist Church

WED 26 MAR: “THE BIRTH”

Barnside, Bouth

WED 2 APR: “NURTURING THE CHILD”

Wetherlam, Penny Bridge

WED 9 APR: “MARY’S DISCIPLESHIP”

Water Yeat House

For further details, please ring David Gregg T: 01229 885 258



“Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.”

Proverbs.

COLTON CHRONICLES

Our beloved Vicar, to give him his full title, the Revd. Canon Gary Wemyss, with his lovely wife Elizabeth, will shortly have swanned off into the sunset for what we hope and pray will be a long and happy retirement in Sedbergh. And we hear, to play with his 'toy trains'; whatever else it will be, his retirement will not be sedentary and we look forward to learning of the mischief he is sure to get up to.

All the 'thank you's' have been said but this editor is more than grateful for Gary's help and assistance both with the Colton News and church matters over the last ten years; he was always the first to find the errors but always with good humour and I have never failed to put the phone down without a smile on my face. On the other hand his efforts to keep me on the 'straight & narrow' have been less than successful, more of a failure really.

As we enter into what is known as an Interregnum memories of the past come flooding in and although a replacement priest will take some time we trust we shall not be put through the uncertainties and the Machiavellian tribulations that marred our last interregnum. But, as last time, we all need to pull together, be patient and tolerant to ensure our church survives.

We express our heartfelt thanks for the dedicated work of our 'Clerics', Joanna, David & Gary who have been working exceptionally hard to ensure that 'normal service' is maintained.

! Please note David's comments in the Pastoral Letter !

LENT: There will be a service on **Ash Wednesday, 5 March, Colton, 7:30pm.** The service on **16 March** will be Morning Worship, **Colton 9:30am** as will the service on **30 March, Mothering Sunday** at **Colton**, but at *** 10:30am.***



We are told not to harp on about money because it puts people off, which is understandable, but the sad truth is that whilst our church exists for the people it requires funding.

This is appreciated by those who run our Fête each year and those who contribute in many other ways, so we are pleased to announce a

PIANO RECITAL

by

Martin Roscoe

In aid of Colton, Rusland & Satterthwaite Churches: **Friday 4 July, Brathay Church**, Nr. Ambleside, **7:30pm**. The program consists of 'Fantasies' by composers "Haydn, Beethoven (The Moonlight Sonata), Mozart, Stenhammar, Brahms, Schubert & Chopin."

Tickets £15 including post concert wine & canapés: they will soon be on sale and to ensure priority to local people they can be reserved.

Contact Susan King T: 01229 861 173.



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There has been a plethora of birthdays of late and the more notable ones we know of are that Birkett Cooper celebrated his 96th. and there was lady who reached 70. It would be ungallant to mention her name, but she is good with flowers; the vice chairman of Bouth Village Green, David Hamer is 50 and we hope that the newly planted hedge, organised by David & wife Marion will survive equally well.

Off Road Motorcyclists: Their defence in last month's issue has caused what we can only describe as Email rage! It is not only their driving habits that cause concern but also their disregard for the environment, rudeness and their arrogance. Regrettably they have not confined their activities to approved tracks and have driven across a well established nature reserve.

They have driven across a fenced deer sanctuary, a private coppice wood and an area where school children have gathered to learn about forest crafts; their response at being asked to leave was socially unacceptable. All should be able to enjoy their hobbies but not at a cost to others and the countryside. (*This is the refined version*).

Donald.

NOTICES

Bouth Village Hall: Bingo with a free glass of wine on **Friday 21 March, 7:30pm**. This is for much needed Hall funds so please support. Oh! raffle prizes are required to Alison Whytell **T: 861 267**



Rusland Show: The Rusland Valley Spring Show will be held on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of April** in the **Rusland Reading Rooms** and a Large Marquee. Anyone requiring Schedules or Entry Forms or further information contact:

G Wilkinson Tel- 01229860253. E-Mail [gmailto:gordon.wilk876@btinternet.com](mailto:gordon.wilk876@btinternet.com)



St Mary's Hospice: The **Courtyard at Holker Hall** are to host a **Charity Gala Dinner** to raise as much money as possible for St Mary's and the Casa la Famiglia Madre Colomba Orphanage **on Friday 28 March.**

There will be live entertainment compered by Hairy Biker Dave Myers, a fashion Show presented by Liliana Myers and a Live Auction. Tickets, £75 and you can also book table by contacting:

cafe@holker.co.uk or phone the Courtyard Cafe on 015395 53907.



Furness Bach Choir: Their next concert is to be held on **Saturday 5 April, Dalton St. Mary's, 7:30pm.** They will be singing **Handel's Messiah** and will be accompanied by the Holborne Players who will be playing period instruments.

We think that this is the first time Messiah will be performed in this area with a baroque orchestra.



Haverthwaite Surgery Patients' Participation Group: The next meeting is to be held on **Thursday 13 March, Surgery 6:30pm.** We repeat that this opportunity for constructive dialogue between patients and staff, not a forum for whingers. If anybody has a concern you can contact Elspeth Cooper **T:** 01229 861 395 who will raise the matter on your behalf.



Bouth Womens Institute

The February meeting was bereft of a speaker, presumably due to the weather, but that did not deter the ladies who had a quick cup of tea and down to the White Hart, no doubt to put the world to rights.

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The ever popular **Spring Walk and Cream Tea** will be held on **Saturday 3 May 2014 at 1:00pm sharp**. The start is at **Bouth Village Hall** and everyone is welcome.

There are walks to suit all ages and abilities. Enjoy a lovely stroll through our beautiful countryside (map provided). A delicious cream tea is served between **3:00 – 5:00pm**.

Cost: £5 - adults, £1 - children under school age. We do ask that children are kept under control and dogs kept on leads. We look forward to meeting you and if you don't want to walk you can just come for tea.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 March, 7:15pm, Village Hall** when the speaker will be Mr. Bill Myers, his topic – The Cumbrian Cooperative Society.

Donald.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Broadband: Is your Business Registered? We may get more properties in Colton Parish connected earlier to superfast broadband if we can show we have a lot of registered businesses in the Parish. If you run a business from the Parish, and want to get faster broadband as early as possible, then please register it with Mike Postle (our 'Broadband Champion' for the Parish) via his website and registration form on postleorg.coffeecup.com/stream/ .

This register will be used by the Connecting Cumbria project to demonstrate need and draw on more funds to provide earlier access to faster broadband services.

There is also a business register on the Parish Council's website (www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk), constructed from information publicly available on the internet. This has been set up to help promote local businesses and also to link with Mike's register to ensure we have as complete a picture as possible. Please check whether your business is there and let the Clerk know if you want to add or change anything.

Windermere Lake Users' Forum: At our Parish Council meeting in January, Carole Shaw, Chair of the Windermere Lake Users' Forum came to explain the role of the Forum. Formed six years ago following the

decision to apply a speed limit bye-law on the Lake, the Forum acts as a consultative body for lake activities and also provides advice and guidance on both the lake and its catchment. Representatives include users of power-boats, sail-boats, paddle-boats as well as swimmers, anglers, Windermere Lake Cruises, commercial mariners, and outdoor sports providers.

Asked about pollution (you may be aware of the growing problem of toxic algal blooms on the lake) Carole Shaw said that this was a significant concern; she explained: "The south basin is more polluted than the north basin of the lake, due to a number of factors: the cleaner water enters Windermere from the north and travels through the length of the lake collecting contamination along the way.

The pollution has been reduced since United Utilities installed a new flood tank last year but there is still much more to be done to reduce the level of phosphates in the south basin. There is a five-year scoping and evaluation exercise currently under way."

A word about pollution: Toxic blue-green algal blooms are caused by high pollution levels, particularly in summer. These blooms have caused lake-based events to be cancelled; dog-owners should also be aware that these blooms can be deadly to dogs. Everyone - residents and businesses – should do their bit to reduce pollution on the lake – please see the article by the Windermere Reflections project in our recent Parish Council newsletter (or go to www.windermere-reflections.org.uk) which provides important guidance on the use of phosphate-free detergents and how to dispose of waste safely.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 24 March, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.**

Mandy.

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OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

You might think we are nearly at the end of our season but we are planning a few extra films at **The Carthouse in Oxen Park**. The first will be the re-mastered original film of *Epic of Everest* with Sandy Irvine and George Mallory - on **Saturday 12 April**. The others will be **Saturdays 10 May and 7 June** – all starting at **8:00pm** – a chance to see some more recent films - check

the website for details. In March we have a heart warming Dutch film *Kauwboy* – the story of a boy who befriends a Jackdaw – on **Tuesday 4 March at the Carthouse** and the final pre-programmed film at Rusland – *Attack The Block* – it could be just up your street – light entertainment, just what is needed for a Saturday night.

Come and see our new super screen and finally a reminder that we do hire the Carthouse out for special film parties.

Carol.



LEVEN VALLEY C of E SCHOOL

Staff and the Curriculum committee of the Governors have been working hard planning the introduction of the new Government Curriculum and life in School continues to be busy with the Juniors taking part in a hugely enjoyable soccer tournament organised by Cartmel Priory School.

The Juniors were also involved in an ‘Egyptian Pyramid Building Day’ An amazing Pyramid complete with burial Chamber was built to 1/80th. scale that you could actually crawl inside. A scale model of a body would be the length of the end of your little finger – 2/3 cm.

As well as constructing the pyramid the children carved hieroglyphics from stone, shaping limestone and granite with hammers & chisels, disembowelling and mummifying a body, making papyrus and hauling a sled over rollers. Later in the day Class 1 and parents came to see the results of their efforts.

Class 1 enjoyed a visit to the Museum of Lakeland Life as part of their Topic this term, which is about Toys. They discovered toys from past times and dressed up as Victorian children and found out how people used to live in the Lake District. They also had a wonderful Toy Museum created by old toys brought in by parents & grandparents; a special thanks to all those who brought the toys in and were willing to talk about them.

Great excitement was caused by a visit by the Northwest Ambulance Service complete with helicopter on the School playing field. The pilot and paramedic talked to the children about their jobs and the aircraft: an important reminder of this invaluable service. The children are now discussing future fundraising ideas to support this service which is entirely dependable on charitable donations. Thanks again to the crew.

Sue Sanderson.

‘You forget what you want to remember and remember what you would prefer to forget.’

‘People always leave traces. No person is without a shadow.’

- Graffiti on buildings in New York City

DIARY DATES

*** SERVICE TIMES: See the Rota & Below***

- 1 March **St. David.**
- 2 March **Morning Worship, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 4 March Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 5 March **Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion, Colton, 7:30pm.**
- 9 March **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 10 March Commonwealth Day.
- 12 March Bible Study, Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.
Bouth W I Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 13 March Haverthwaite Surgery 'Patients' Participation Group', Surgery, 6:30pm.
- 16 March **+Morning Worship+, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 17 March **St. Patrick.**
- 19 March **Joseph of Nazereth.**
Bible Study, Tottlebank Baptist Church, 10:00am.
- 20 March Vernal Equinox. The beginning of Spring!
- 21 March Bingo – Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 23 March **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 24 March Colton Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
- 26 March Bible Study, Barnside, Bouth, 10:00am.
- 28 March St. Mary's Gala Dinner, Holker Courtyard.
- 30 March **Mothering Sunday, Morning Worship, Colton, *10:30am***
British Summer Times begins; clocks go **forward 1 hour!**



The Parish Magazine, March 1919

During Lent there will be a Wednesday night service at 7-15. Another opportunity is offered you of learning the comfort of true repentance and the comfort of being at peace not only with God but with our own hearts.

FUEL- We want another cart of coke for the church. Who will bring it ?

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