



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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Dear friends

Lord Teach us How to Pray

It is an amazing fact that the majority of people in Britain believe in prayer. This may not be the style, nor the type of prayer, as experienced in our churches on a Sunday but prayer is simply talking to, sharing with and listening to God. (For most people the last phrase being the hardest to do).

- A child runs into the road and the car approaching brakes suddenly. “Thank God he is safe” is the cry and the prayer.
- A person enters hospital and so many people say that they are praying for them – and not only those we know go to church.
- We are in trouble of some kind or other – physical, financial, marital, psychological – where do we turn to – “Lord help me”.

The list could go on and on and it becomes clear that so many people pray but to whom? Unless we believe in the God to whom we are praying why do so many people do it?

I believe that far more people believe in God and in prayer but for some reason or other do not want others to know – not even their own families. In some ways it is an embarrassment to them. If this is the case pray to God to give you confidence to tell others about your faith.

At a wedding rehearsal I always take the opportunity to tell everyone gathered to pray for the couple who are getting married and I emphasize that I believe in prayer. It is amazing the number of people who tell me they have prayed for those to be married.

On **Thursday 5 June** Bishop Graham is to lead an evening about prayer in Penny Bridge Church at 7:30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along and

listen to him and, if there is interest, I will be pleased to lead some follow up evenings about prayer over the next few weeks after his talk.

Lord hear our prayer.

Gary Wemyss

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

Recently, a bereaved relative stated that the family had not left the collection from the funeral to the Church as they understood “the money goes to Carlisle.” Can we end this myth **once and for all !**

Yes, we pay a goodly sum to the Diocese each year but that only covers the cost of the clergy, including stipends, pension, housing and training. Incidental expenses, like travelling costs for the Vicar and Curate are paid direct. The current cost to Colton is £15,525, which takes a bit of raising with an average congregation in the mid twenties (numbers not age). This is why we have fund raising events, like the Fête.

Talking of which the date of **5 July** is creeping ever nearer and we still need help in which ever area suits you; we are very flexible. At this moment contacts are:- Teas - Barbara Watson, Tombola –John King, Cake Stall - Susan Dean, Books – Susan King, Plants – Susan Lydon and Big Raffle – Wendy Smith.

A correction from last month – Bonzo & or Judy [*not Susan King*] will receive Tombola prizes and can we have some decent stuff as well as discarded Christmas presents.

The Keeper of our Church, Susan King was distressed to find that we had an attempted break in and dealt with the situation calmly and efficiently, in the absence of any senior member of the PCC. It was just as well that Susan did not find them in the act as one would not have given them much of a chance of survival. Thank you Susan.

The fact that the burglars went away empty handed does not, in any way, diminish the seriousness of the situation and we are all beholden to be vigilant.

There has been a PCC but as this editor was enjoying a long weekend break you will have to wait, with or without bated breath, until next month. Apparently though, some working groups have been formed so you can be sure that if you were not there you will be, at least, on one of them.

Please, will any family that would like the names of their loved ones, who have been cremated, inscribed on the Headstone, contact the Vicar ASAP as it will be removed for engraving at the end of June.

Well done everybody, for the Christian Aid Lunch raised the magnificent sum of £690 and counting. This could not have happened without the very hard work of the few, and we thank them. Pleasingly, many of the few, if not the majority, were from Colton. Incidentally, it was wonderful to see Hilary and, to give him his proper title, the Revd. Dr. Derek Tinsley, and both looking so well.

+ Sadly, if a little late, we have to tell you of the death, on the 13 February, of Alison Hambrey, widow of the Revd. Fred Hambrey, Vicar of Colton, 1970 – 1984. +

Considering the number of Susans we have in the parish some idle thought has been given to find a collective noun for them. Bryan Redhead has come up with a brilliant and descriptive answer – ‘A superiority of Susans’.

Apparently there are those in the parish who are not altogether happy with some of the contents of this magazine. Now there is a surprise ! It is quite understandable, as after nearly 13 years, one can get stale and even repetitive, to say nothing of the frustration and hours on the telephone trying, often unsuccessfully, to get information.

The honourable thing in this situation is for the editor to resign, which he is most happy to do, so if anyone is interested, please contact said editor; see inner front page. The other alternative is to join with the Egton & Lowick magazine. The decision is yours.

Donald.



COFFEE

1 June Mrs. Christine Holden + Helpers.



FLOWER ROTA

1 June In memory of Teisy Teasedale
8 June In Memory of Teisy Teasedale
15 June Mrs. Wendy Smith
22 June Mrs. Wendy Smith
29 June Mrs. Wendy Smith



MOTHERS UNION

In May a Service was held in St. Anne's, Haverthwaite, taken by the Revd. Joanna Henson, with Crosscrake, Haverigg and Rampside members. During the service Dr. Edwina Davies was inducted as a member of the Leven Valley M U. and was warmly welcomed into our fellowship.

Afternoon Tea followed and we enjoyed meeting and chatting to members from other branches. Our next meeting is our **Annual Outing** on **Thursday 12 June** when, in the afternoon, we shall be visiting the **Paper Mill at Milnthorpe**. There are no meetings in July & August. *Wendy.*



PARISH NEWS

It has been a sad, sad month with so many of our number departing this planet and we offer our prayers and condolences to the bereaved members of the all the families and that they may know the consolation of God's love.

We remember Nancy Watson of Low Longmire Farm; she had lived locally all her long life and was a traditionally hard working farmer's wife. Until recently she was a member of the Oxen Park W I, the Mothers Union and the Lowick Show committee and she dearly loved Whist Drives.

Also Kate Kirk who lived for many years at the entrance to Black Beck Caravan Park where she enjoyed chatting to passing walkers. She had a passion for cats and a most glorious garden.

Alan Hind, late of Oxen Park died suddenly and unexpectedly. He was a chemist at Glaxo and after retirement was heavily involved in conservation.

He loved the outdoor life had an interest in archaeology and a passion for boats, which led to his involvement in the restoration of the Prawn Trawler, 'Heart of Oak'.

We also lost Noel Brooks, 78, on 19 April. He was born in Oldham, brought up in Bolton and Thornton Cleveleys where he met wife Hilary at Junior School; he spent nearly all of his working life in the textile industry and like all good managers started on the shop floor.

The majority of mill workers are women and there is no doubt that young Noel grew up rather quickly; he was fortunate to work throughout the world but mainly in the Far East and after early retirement ran a market stall selling trousers where, with his love of life and bonhomie, he was in his element. Fortunately, for us, he gave that up when they moved to Bouth.

He was sociable and friendly and if he saw anybody either in the village or the White Hart he would welcome them; the residents of Black Beck, if not knowing anyone else, all knew Noel Brooks. He was also mischievous but that was part of his charm and to say that he will be missed is the understatement of the year. Hilary and family have expressed their warm thanks for the loving comfort they have received from so many.

Sadly and very recently, on 13 May, Mrs. Jean Redhead, formerly of Greenodd, mother of Bryan and mother-in-law of Judy, died, aged 78. She enjoyed her long life, mainly in Ulverston.

Finally the lovely Hannah Wilson a stalwart of Rusland Church is also no longer with us.

"Welcome Lord, into your calm and peaceful kingdom, these who have departed to be with you; grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just; and give them the life that knows not age, the reward that passes not away." Amen.

To a little joy; a very belated, but also a very warm welcome, to the Wylie family, Amanda and Ian with children Isobelo and Eleanor who have come to live in Spark Bridge; Ian is a serving Naval Officer and Amanda a management guru, whilst surely not applicable, a trick of mind has triggered a memory of a headline in a National Newspaper. "Men 'cowering' in a world filled with bossy females."

They have become regular church attendees and it is wonderful to see the children in our church. We wish them all, health, happiness and contentment during their stay in this beautiful part of the world.

A reminder of the **‘Magic For All’** at **Rusland, Saturday 28 June, 2.30pm.** And an apology to all Harry Potter fans, I know that mudbloods should have been muggles, but it sounded better. A word of warning – watch out for the **‘Witch of Colton’**, S++++ K+++.

Judy/Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Spring Walk & Cream Tea was a resounding success, although tinged with an underlying deep sadness at the loss, on the same day, of Noel Brooks. He will be missed more than words can say.

Many thanks to all the helpers especially Judy, who put out all the directions for the route, all the cake-baking ladies, everyone who helped layout the tables (and clear away at the end!), Penny for the maps and all the walkers, 59, who turned up. £304 was taken, helped by Peggy Mather’s ‘salesmanship’. [Those who know Peggy would also know that Dick Turpin would have been proud of her. Ed.]

In the business part of the meeting in May Hilary thanked everybody for their kindness to her, for all the flowers and the cards in the past month – in this village it only seems natural.

The rest of the evening, which was open and standing room only, was a riot when we were entertained by Mike Maher & Alex Sharphouse telling us about the Lakeland & Haverthwaite Railway, the problems and the joys and showing some great and evocative photographs. One suspects that Mr. Maher with his somewhat misogynistic, if amusing, comments might have been on the wrong end of a rolling pin when he got home.

Next month; short meeting **11 June, 5.45pm., Village Hall. Carriages 6.10pm.,** meeting at **Tank Square, Ulverston, 6.30pm.** After the ‘Walk & Talk’, supper at the **Farmers Arms.**

Almost Penny.



“The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation”

Thoreau

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

With regret we say goodbye to Sally Baxter & Tony Atkinson both of whom have resigned and we thank them for their hard work and helpful contributions. We welcome Mrs. Brenda Fisher, Nibthwaite & West Ward and Mr. Kenneth Dean, Bouth & East Ward.

The recently formed Community Board have approved part funding for our Lengthsman, Mr Slater who is now at work and will collaborate with the County's new Highway Steward, when appointed. As before, Cllr. Penelope Lovegrove Tel: 01229 861 091 will be the point of contact.

The Mitre Housing Association, which provides affordable rural housing and is part of the Diocese of Carlisle, hopes to start work, later this year, on the construction of seven house & flats on the site of the former Satterthwaite School. All the residences will be subject to local occupancy clauses which will extend to surrounding parishes. Further information from the Association Tel: 01768 861 400, Email: enquiry@edenha.org.uk

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 23 June, 7.30pm., Colton Church Hall.**

Mandy.



Mèdecins sans Frontières

Mèdecins sans Frontières is a charity and a leading organisation for emergency medical aid, employing doctors, nurses and other workers from many countries including about 120 from the UK. It provides relief to victims of war, natural disasters and epidemics irrespective of race, religion or political affiliation. It has worked in over 60 countries and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.

To find out more, a documentary Award Film **'INVISIBLES'** is being shown on **Thursday 3 July, Methodist Church Hall, Broughton-in-Furness, 7.30pm.** Entrance free, refreshments. Donations to MSF welcome.



"It takes two to speak the truth – one to speak, and one to listen"

Thoreau

EVENTS

Crake Valley & Colton Outreach Group

The group will be holding a café style Community ‘**Songs of Praise**’ celebration on **Sunday 29 June, Greenodd Village Hall, 11.00am**. We will gather from **10.30am**. for croissants and coffee.

Representatives from each of our churches will introduce their favourite hymn and the guest speaker will be Rod Redhead of St. Thomas’s church, Kendal. Our local MP, Tim Farron will be attending to make a presentation to Betty Spendlove in recognition of the long years of service to the local community of her late husband Noel Spendlove. Please do come, if you can.

The next Prayer Walk will be on **Sunday 1 June, Colton Church, 3.00pm**. To walk & pray around Bouth, Oxen Park and Bandrake Head. *David.*



St. Mary’s Hospice

The Leven Valley Support Group are holding their **Annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale on Sunday 15 June, Haverthwaite Playing Fields, from 9.00am., Admission £2**. Bookings: Car Boot, £6 in advance, £7 on the day. Contacts: Sylvia Chadwick 015395 31685 & Marian Wilson 015395 31779.

This is always a great occasion for an even greater cause. **Please Support.**



Ulverston Choral Society

The Society is performing the ‘**Petite Messe Solennelle**’ by Rossini on **Saturday 14 June, Kendal Parish Church, 7.30pm**. Tickets £8 available at the Church Door or by Tel: 01229 8299 939 or 01539 62744 .

If you are wondering why we are promoting the Ulverston Choral Society it is because Sue Lydon, sister of Judy, plays the organ for us in church and like Judy has a great voice and sings with the Society.



Services and Rotas for June

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Second Sunday after Trinity

St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship and Baptism		
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	6:9-22, 7:24, 8:14-19	
	Second Reading	Romans	1:16-17, 3:22b-28	
	Gospel	Matthew	7:21-29	
Readers:	Colton	S Smith	W Smith	J Tarr
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	P Ashton	E Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& C Holden	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex	
8th	Third Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am Benefice Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	12: 1-9	
	Second Reading	Romans	4:13-25	
	Gospel	Matthew	9:9-13, 18-26	
Readers:	A Naylor	G Mitchell	J Henson	
Sidesmen:	S Wood	& J Wood		
	No service at Penny Bridge and Colton			
15th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion and Baptism		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	18: 1-15	
	Second Reading	Romans	5: 1-8	
	Gospel	Matthew	9:35-10:8	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	B Watson	I Pirmie
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& M Bullock	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	S James	J Henson
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& B Watson	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	S James	& N Lord	
22nd	Fifth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion and Baptism		
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	21: 8-21	
	Second Reading	Romans	6:1b-11	
	Gospel	Matthew	10:24-39	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	R Smith	C Holden
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	C Styles	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& C Holden	
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	R Long	& D Lancaster	
29th	Paul and Peter, Apostles			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Ecumenical and Benefice Service		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	12: 1-11	
	Second Reading	2 Timothy	4: 6-8, 17-18	
	Gospel	Matthew	16:13-19	
Greenodd Village Hall		10:30am Community Celebration		
	Music – Readings – Hymn Singing	All welcome.		

DIARY DATES

***A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30am.**

- 1 June Prayer Walk – Colton Church – 3.00pm.
5 June Evening Prayer with Bishop Graham – Penny Bridge – 7.30pm.
11 June **Barnabas the Apostle.**
Bouth W I Annual Supper, Village Hall, 5.45/6.10pm. Tank Sq. 6.30pm.
12 June Mothers Union Annual Outing – Paper Mill, Milnthorpe.
14 June Ulverston Choral Society – Kendal Parish Church – 7.30pm.
15 June Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale, Haverthwaite Playing Fields, 9.00am. >
21 June The Longest Day.
23 June Colton Parish Council Meeting – Colton Church Hall – 7.30pm.
24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**
Midsummer Day.
28 June ‘Magic for All’ – Rusland Church – 2.30pm.
19 June **Peter & Paul, Apostles.**
‘Songs of Praise’ – Greenodd Village Hall – 10.30/11.00am.



This wonderful poem was found by Ian Pirnie, for which, grateful thanks.

*Did you think of us this morning
As you breathed a word of prayer?
Did you ask for strength to help us
All our heavy burdens bear?
Someone prayed and strength was given
For the long and weary road,
Someone prayed and faith grew stronger
As we bent beneath the load.
Someone prayed - the way grew brighter
And we walked - all unafraid
In our hearts - a song of gladness
Tell me - was it you who prayed?*