



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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CHILDREN

One of the highest priorities in people's lives and in the lives of individuals, are children – the treatment of, and the value of, children. We may not all have children of our own but we have all certainly been children at one point – or are even still a child at heart!

How children are treated, their education, their discipline and their formation is very important to most people. The mistreatment of children, whether that be abuse or neglect, arouses great passions in individuals and society. We are, as a society, very protective of children and particularly, very protective of our own children – nearly every parent would rather suffer themselves than see their own child come to harm; nearly every parent works so that their child's life can be better than their own.

In children, we also think that we see the best of humanity. There is the innocence of childhood; the joy of the young child with every new discovery, everything is new and exciting; there is simplicity and uncomplicated trust. We ourselves, often pine for a return to our own child-like ways and innocence.

For Christmas, too, our children are often the focus and of great importance – Christmas, it seems, is not quite the same without children around. The decorating of the tree, the excitement of Christmas Eve, the unwrapping of the presents, and the joy (and misery!) of receiving those presents. Children add an extra dimension to Christmas.

And so, the real reason for celebrating Christmas, remembering the birth of Jesus Christ, seems a little odd. A parent, a father no less, gives up his child into dark and dangerous circumstances. Why would any parent, let alone a good God, give up a child, his only child?

The Bible tells us why in very simple language.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”

May you come to know the God who loves you so much, that He would give His Son’s life for yours. A happy and blessed Christmas to you all!

Blessings in Christ

Brian & Anne



ADVENT “BIBLE and COFFEE” SESSIONS

The following Sessions are planned, from **10:00/11:30am** on the **Wednesdays** indicated. The first will be at **Lowick Farm House** on **Wednesday 30th November**. The venues for the other sessions will be publicized in the December magazine. All are welcome.

“LOOKING FORWARD”

Session 1. “THE DAY OF THE LORD”

(Foretold by the Prophets)
(Wed. 30 November at Lowick Farm House)

Session 2. “THE END OF THE AGE”

(The teaching of Jesus)
(Wed. 7 December at Wetherlam, Greenodd)

Session 3. “EXPECTATIONS OF THE EARLY CHURCH”

(The “Parousia” – the Coming Again of Jesus)
(Wed. 14 December at Water Yeat House)

Session 4. “NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH”

(The Vision of the Book of Revelation)
(Wed. 21 December at the Vicarage)



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

*** Sunday 18 December, Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm.**

Saturday 24 December, Children's Service, Penny Bridge, 3:00pm.

Christmas Eve, Midnight Communion, Lowick, 11:00pm.

Christmas Day, Family Communion, Colton. 10:30am.



+THEY ARE ALL BENEFICE SERVICES+

*** There will be mince pies and coffee after the Carol Service.**



COLTON CHRONICLES

...And In With The New (Year)

In the New Year, starting on **Sunday 1 January**, the parishes in the Benefice, Holy Trinity, Colton, St. Luke's, Lowick with Blawith and St. Mary's, Egton cum Newland, will be following a different pattern of worship.

The changes are not substantial but will mean that St. Luke's and St. Mary's will be re-introducing services of Morning Worship as already happens at Holy Trinity.

There will be a new liturgy introduced across the three parishes based upon the Church of England's Common Worship liturgy in modern language – though provision is being made for the Book of Common Prayer where desired. It is hoped at a later stage to also introduce a new hymn book across the three parishes.

The reasons for the changes are to freshen the words of the services that are used; to make the services the same across the benefice to make it easier for those that lead; and to enable more leadership by the laity.

In addition, there will be regular informal services held at a number of locations, many not on Sundays, many not in church buildings, with modern songs and less words and more socialising!
Brian Streeter

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Rota: Week in, week out there are those in our flock who dutifully come to the lectern read the lessons and lead intercessions. We should all be grateful for their dedication especially as they are few and have to be called on for more perhaps more often than they would prefer. Added to which it can create difficulties for the compiler (your editor).

Willing volunteers would be welcome.

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Decorating the Church: Decorating the Church for Christmas this year will take place on **Friday 16 December, 10:00am**. Please turn up and help, it is good fun and the canapés are not bad.

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Nag!! Do not forget to pass over £6 to your distributor for the cost of this magazine. We repeat that it is purely for the payment to the printers. Everything else is done on a voluntary basis.
Donald.



PARISH NEWS

Our sadness continues and it is with sorrow we have to report the death of the mother of Pam Priestley. We send our condolences and prayers to Pam and her family in their time of grief.

Dearest Jean Pricket feels she can no longer send Christmas Cards to her friends in the Parish and has asked us to send her good wishes to you all.

It is fascinating what interests people: recently a visitor to our parish was deserted whilst his hosts were nearby quietly watching concrete being poured. At least it is better than watching paint dry.

'Carols Round the Tree': The Annual Singing of Carols round the Christmas Tree on **Bouth Village Green** will take place on **Christmas**

Eve, Saturday 24 December, 6:00pm. Proceeds of the collection to the 'Great North Air Ambulance Service'.

The Croftlands Junior School Choir will be singing carols at **Booths, 5:30pm, Friday 25 November** when Father Christmas arrives for the start of Dickensian weekend, **AND on Friday 16 December** at the **Cafe, 10:00am.**

The school also invite you to the dress rehearsal of '*Superstar*' on **Monday 5 December** at **2:00pm**. Refreshments will be served from 1:45pm.

RSVP to 01229 585211 or **E: office@croftlandsjun.cumbria.sch.uk** no later than **Friday 2 December.**

Congratulations to our resident nightingale, Cathy Styles, who has been invited to join the chorus of the English Touring Opera's performance of **Bach's St. John's Passion** on **Sunday 4 December** at **Lancaster Priory**. If any are interested contact Cathy.

Old Hall Woods: The workgroup went ahead with 13 local volunteers and 3 from Rusland Horizons; most of the tasks were completed and the footpath is now much improved . An unexpected bonus was the cutting back of the undergrowth in front of the bench opening up the view to the village, thanks to Neil Croasdel (chainsaw man) and Scottie. Thanks to all who laboured so well.

Rusland Horizons: Braving the mud our six new apprentices have created a lovely new 250m long boardwalk forming section of the Greenway Trail route across Rusland Moss. It is worth a visit to see their good work. The coppice restoration is well underway and will continue to be our major effort through the winter.

Our Heritage Skills Training courses has been an overwhelming success and are now fully booked. Booking for August 2017 starts next April.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The 73rd. A G M went ahead smoothly with little change. Alison Gruber has taken over as Secretary from Susan Smith who is now the Vice Secretary. Jenny Smith has taken over the role of Media Secretary from Lynne Jowett. Everybody was thanked for their services.

Christmas Party: The Party this year will be held on **Wednesday 14 December, 7:15 for 7:30pm.** Invitations to 'local super seniors' will be sent out at the end of November. *Alison.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New Councillor for Central Ward: We are delighted to welcome Natalie Bibby as our recently co-opted Councillor for Colton Central Ward (Rusland and Bouth). Natalie moved to Crosslands 5 years ago, where she lives with her partner and young daughter. She works for the Environment Agency as an advisor to Defra, and has expertise in natural flood-risk management, peatland restoration and river restoration. She has a strong interest in sustainable energy solutions and will work on the 'Energy and Sustainability' actions listed in our Community Plan.

New Clerk: We are also delighted to say that we have appointed a new Clerk, Karen Birch, who will start work on 1st December. Karen has recently moved back to the Lake District, and is living in Grizedale with her partner and young children. She has worked in a number of management and administrative roles, most recently as visitor services manager and website coordinator for a National Trust property in Devon. For the time being, please use the same email address for contacting the Council. Mandy Lane will be on hand as a mentor during the first couple of months whilst Karen gets familiar with the role.

Hulleter Moss: At our last meeting, Sir Martin Holdgate, representing the John Strutt Foundation presented plans for the restoration of Hulleter Moss, part of the Rusland Mosses SSSI. He explained that the restoration process would be almost identical to that carried out at Hay Bridge Moss, with a perimeter bund, construction of shallow peat banks to retain water, some tree removal, and some planting of alder and willow. The construction of the bund requires planning permission; an application would be made in due course, and a site visit arranged.

Flooding on C5022, between Hulleter and Whitestock: Just to let you know that this new flooding spot will be investigated by Highways shortly; it seems as though a collapsed culvert is causing the problem.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5 December, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:00pm.

Mandy Lane (Clerk), T: 01229 861408, E: coltonpc@btinternet.com W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley: Children at Leven Valley are again experiencing a rich and varied curriculum. Class 2 have been working with a musical group called Zozo. They have been singing, dancing and learning percussion. They learned about time keeping during a very lively drumming session.

Class 1 have been studying Autumn and enjoyed a wonderful Autumn Walk. We were especially lucky this year as the dry weather and little wind meant the colours were especially beautiful. A group of children worked with Rusland Horizons to create woodland leaf prints on calico fabric as part of the Rusland Fell Horizons Fell Care day.

The upper school had an excellent Cartmel schools cross country event : Y3 and 4 girls came 1st, Y3 and 4 boys came 2nd, Y5 and 6 girls 5th and Y5 and 6 boys 2nd. Well done to everyone who took part and helped.

A poignant service led by the children for Remembrance Day was held and to which everyone was invited. As we approach the end of the Autumn Term our celebrations are being organised: the **Christmas Play** is being performed on **Tuesday 13 December at 1:30pm & 6:00pm**. **Christmas Dinner** for pupils, staff and governors is on **Thursday 15 December** and **Carols Round the Tree, Friday 16 December**.

Sue S.



CINEMA CLUB

This term's 6 children's film shows have been shown and the next set starts on **26 January** and on **Friday 30 December** we have a family matinee **4:00pm** of the latest 'BFG'.

Otherwise we have lots of films over the next couple of months; 'Brooklyn, Joy'- a supper special, 'The Big Short', 'The Danish Girl', I 'Daniel Blake and Carol'. – check your programme or the website for dates and times. If you haven't been before find a film you want to see and come and enjoy the warm and sociable setting.

OXEN PARK READING ROOM

We are holding a fund raising coffee morning at the 'Coro', **Thursday 1 December** – do come and join us. Bric a brac, books, cakes etc all welcome – please deliver to Oxen Park.

On **Friday 2 December** Colin Barr will be giving a talk - '*Travellers' Tales*', searching for European Wild Flowers. On **Friday 6 January** Mike Farnworth - '*A Trainer's Tale*'.
Carol.



C A B

"I'm worried by how much money I spend on gas. My home is cold and draughty. How can I cut my bills?"

The good news is that there are a few different ways you can use less energy, and also pay less for what you use.

Start by checking how much you're paying per unit (on your latest bill). Then use Citizens Advice's online energy price comparison tool at <https://energycompare.citizensadvice.org.uk/> to check if a different supplier is offering a cheaper deal.

If you do find a better offer, call or email the new supplier and ask to move to the tariff you've identified. They'll inform your old supplier and switch you over to their supply. This normally takes 17 days.

You should also look into improving your insulation. Your local Citizens Advice can advise you on this, and on whether you are eligible for financial assistance.

For more help, contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau **T: 015394 46464** or go online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk



Leven Valley Support Group St. Mary's Hospice

Xmas Quiz & Raffle. The Anglers Arms, **Friday 9 December**. Quiz starts at **8:00pm**. Four persons per team. **£2** pp. Includes supper courtesy of the Anglers Arms.
Dorothy C.

DIARY DATES

- 2 December Croftlands Junior School, Dress Rehearsal, 2:00pm.
Oxen Park Reading Room, Talk, ‘Travellers Tales’.
- 4 December **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 5 December Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
- 7 December Bible Study, Wetherlam, Greenodd, 10:00am,.
- 9 December Leven Valley Support Group, Xmas Quiz, Anglers Arms.
- 11 December **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 13 December Leven Valley School, ‘Christmas Play’, 1:30 & 6:00pm.
- 14 December Bible Study, Water Yeat House, 10:00am.
Bouth W I Christmas Party, 7:15pm.
- 16 December Decorating the Church, 10:00am.
Leven Valley School, Carols Round the Tree.
- 18 December **Benefice Carol Service, COLTON, 3:00pm.**
- 21 December Bible Study, Vicarage, 10:00am.
- 24 December **Children’s Service, PENNY BRIDGE, 3:00pm.**
Benefice Midnight, Holy Communion, LOWICK, 11:00pm.
Carols Round the Tree, Bouth Village Green, 6:00pm.
- 25 December **The Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**
Benefice Holy Communion, COLTON, 10:30am.
- 26 December **Stephen, First Martyr.**
- 27 December **John, Apostle & Evangelist.**
- 28 December **The Holy Innocents’**
- 30 December Cinema Club, Family Matinee, 4:00pm.



“Before they tucked into Christmas dinner, a family bowed their heads for a few moments. Well, it had been three minutes since they'd last checked their phones”.



“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.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month - December 2016

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
4 December	1. Judy Redhead	Isaiah 11: 1-10	
Morning Worship	2. John Tarr	Romans 15: 4-13	Susan King
9:30am Pam	3. Roderick Smith	Matthew 3: 1-12	

11 December	1. Sue Lydon	Isaiah 35: 1-10	
Holy Communion	2. Susan Smith	James 5: 7-10	Rachel Tarr
9:30am Joanna	3. Ian Pirnie	Matthew 11: 2-11	

18 December	Benefice Carol Service – Colton.  Clergy will arrange and notify Readers		
Carol Service			
3:00pm Joanna			

Christmas	Benefice Family Holy Communion – Colton 		
Box			
10:30am Vicar	3. Pam Priestley	John 1: 1-14	

SIDESPERSONS ROTA

4 December Mrs. Susan King

11 December Mrs. Susan Smith

18 December Mrs. Sue Dean & Mrs. Margaret Sanders

Christmas Day T B A



FLOWER ROTA

ADVENT

Benefice Carol Service – Decorating the Church

Friday 16 December, 10:00am



~~**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

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