



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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Note: Friday is the Rest Day for our Vicar & Anne.

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Dear Friends

“INTRODUCTION”

As the newest recruit to the Ministry Team Brian has asked for an introductory article, so here goes! Gillian and I retired to Greenodd last spring, previously we had spent twenty six years in ministry in the diocese of Carlisle, mainly in West Cumbria, where I have served as Rector of Gosforth and Wasdale and latterly as Team Rector of Maryport. Immediately before retirement I served as Rector of Draycott-le-Moors with Forsbrook in Staffordshire, suburban villages just south of Stoke-On-Trent. We decided to retire back to Cumbria and Greenodd for family reasons and our love of Cumbria, although we met in 1975 when I was curate of Beverley Minster in York Diocese. A second curacy in Farnborough Hampshire followed Beverley before our first parish posting in Carlisle Diocese in 1981.

Farnborough and Gosforth proved very interesting appointments – firstly for the Royal Aircraft Establishment and latterly for Sellafield. We had high-tech congregations – many scientists and engineers. I had regular involvement in Sellafield before they appointed a ‘proper’ chaplain. The buzz of sharing the Gospel with scientists was challenging. Never let anyone tell you that science and faith don’t mix, we had over 500 each Sunday in the congregation of St Peter’s Farnborough, and over fifteen held doctorates. In the rural parishes of Gosforth and Wasdale we had seven PhD’s in the congregation as well as local farmers!

Gillian has been an integral part of my ministry and in our younger days was Diocesan Mothers’ Union Young Families Rep while I was diocesan MU chaplain. In addition I served the Sea Cadet Corps and for some years was UK North West Area Chaplain. Before moving to Staffordshire Gillian was an active leader in the Healing Ministry during Bishop Graham’s Dow’s time as diocesan bishop. We both share a commitment to the Healing Ministry.

We have two children, Simon, a vicar in Walsall, and Alice a qualified language teacher, who lives near us in Greenodd. Alice married Neil, a science teacher whose father is her God Father (!) and one time Vicar of Tamworth who now lives in retirement with his wife Janet, in Great Urswick. Like Alice's father-in-law Alan, I know I will be actively involved not just in our local parishes, but in the deanery as needs arise, particularly at the moment in the vacancy at Dalton. So if I'm not in church with Gillian you can rest assured I'm probably taking a service somewhere in the deanery and not walking our two dogs, which is our main form of free time exercise. We five grandchildren from three to twelve years old, the youngest two, Daniel and Katie attend Penny Bridge School and nursery.

As time goes on we hope to become more involved in the community and churches, and very much hope we can like Brian and Ann, have an open house for parishioners and perhaps bible studies and prayer venues?

God bless you.

David & Gillian Bickersteth



COLTON CHRONICLES

The Vicar writes: *"On behalf of the PCCs, congregations and communities of Egton-cum-Newland, Lowrick with Blawith and Colton, Anne and I would like to welcome David and Gillian Bickersteth to be part of our church families.*

David introduces himself more eloquently than I can below, but just to say that from this month you will be seeing David join the leadership team alongside David Gregg, Joanna Henson, Pam Priestley, Donald Wroe and myself – and I know that Gillian will play a very active role as well! We all welcome them warmly".



Some of you will have met David as he has quietly attended several of our services. Perhaps quietly is not the most accurate description as his singing voice is on a par with that of Giles!

The festive season is all but forgotten as we approach Lent, **Ash Wednesday, 10 February** when there will be an evening **Benefice Service, 7:30pm at Colton.**

But we should not forget all those who made Christmas at Colton so memorable: those who put up the tree and decorated the church so beautifully, those on duty, those who read, the descant choir, those who looked after us following the Carol Service and not forgetting Joanna and Brian who so lovingly conducted the service. Perhaps a forlorn hope, as Benefice Services have a tendency to rotate, but it would be joyful to have this year's Carol Service again at Colton. All three churches have their merits but Colton is the only one that has not been 'cleaned up & modernised' by the Victorians and as such retains that aged feeling so right for a Rural Christmas.

Donald.



GREENODD AND DISTRICT CHRISTIANS

LENT: "BIBLE AND COFFEE" SESSIONS

The subject will be **"The Apostle Peter:** What can we learn from the New Testament account of him?"



WEDNESDAY 17 February Lowick Farm House

WEDNESDAY 24 February The Vicarage



Also the **2nd the 9th** and the **16 March**

All sessions start with Coffee at **10:00 am** and end at **11:30 am**. Everyone is welcome. Further details from David Gregg **T: 01229 885 258**



'PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to report the death of Cynthia Burns and the father of David Hamer. Cynthia for many years, together with her husband Jack, did great work for our church. We send our prayers and condolences to the family of Cynthia and to David and his family.

Haverthwaite Surgery: Dr. Adams will be taking a six week break and so Dr. Edwards will be taking more sessions to fill the gap and reduce the need for locums. The surgery is aware of the need for many of us to lose weight and in order to help is running a **'Weight Loss Club' on Tuesdays at 5:30pm.**

The Carols Round the Tree at Bouth on Christmas Eve was not as well attended as usual probably due to the appalling weather but the carols, well led by Jane Patton, were sung with gusto and a healthy £200 was collected for the Defibrillator Fund. Thank you to Kath & Nigel Barton, hosts of the ‘White Hart,’ for the much appreciated mince pies and especially the mulled wine.

Birthday: Many congratulations to Alison Gruber (Whytell) who celebrated her 50th Birthday on Christmas Day, poor girl. Clearly this did not inhibit her as she was seen joyfully quaffing champagne at breakfast time! The village held a glorification of the occasion in Bouth Village Hall, early in January, which was equally joyous.

Welcome: We are very fortunate that two lovely couples have come to reside in our parish and in particular, Bouth. So a very warm welcome to Jillian Atherton & Phillip French, Yew Tree Barn and Jennifer & Kevin Smith, 3 Kiln Cottage (methinks it now has a posh name). Bless them, they are already joining in village affairs which they will find rewarding and if they ever need help they only have to ask. One word of advice, especial for the men, you mess with the W I, at your peril! *Donald.*



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The January meeting was ‘open’ and very well attended as the chaps were under strict instructions and dutifully obeyed. It was great night as we were well and truly entertained by the ‘Archie Workman Show’. Archie is the Colton Parish Lengthsman with a passion for drains, gullies and gully covers which has projected him to nationwide celebrity status.

Whilst what he told us about his parish work was both informative and interesting the real fascination of his presentation was Archie! An engineer in the ship building industry, a Russian speaker and as well as his parish duties the Managing Director of the Ulverston Business Centre. Well done Archie and thank you.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 10 February, 7:15pm. Bouth Village Hall** when the speaker will be Laura Wyatt and her subject “Grasmere Gingerbread.” The competition is ‘*Biscuit Cutter*’! *Donald.*



RUSLAND HORIZONS

Funding on the horizon at last: The Rusland Valley and Fells Landscape Partnership is delighted to be able to confirm that it has been successful in its bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the sum of **£1.3M**, which will provide much of the funding for the *Rusland Horizons* scheme. Additional partnership funding is also in place for the first year.

The Steering Group will begin the process of recruiting staff in February and 15 projects will be launched at intervals during 2016. These carefully planned projects cover aspects of traditional skills, landscape and wildlife, local history, archaeology and access. We will be recruiting up to 12 apprentices to help with the work and to learn a range of land management and conservation skills. The scheme runs for three years but we will also be planning a legacy programme to continue what *Rusland Horizons* is starting.

There are many opportunities for local people to become involved including volunteering their skills, stories and knowledge, learning about the landscape and just enjoying taking part in a range of events. Please visit the website – www.ruslandhorizons.org – for more information; updates will also appear in community newsletters. It has taken a lot of hard work and commitment to get to this stage; it will be rewarding to see the aspirations of local people, who came up with the ideas over five years ago, finally come to fruition.

Colin Barr (Chair, RVFLP)



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

December Floods: Although most of Colton Parish escaped the worst of the recent flooding, some properties and businesses in Finsthwaite and Lakeside were unfortunately inundated, either from the lake or from fell-side water. The Parish Council has expressed its sympathies and sent those affected information and advice from County and District Councils; links are also on the website.

In terms of the roads, County Highways of course have their hands full with the aftermath of the flooding, and your Clerk has been holding back from bothering them for a while. However, even before Storm Desmond, the rains and high tides turned Bouth causeway into a lake, with the water deep enough to cover the top of the hedges. Despite many calls to County

Highways, the road was not closed for 3 days, during which time two cars drove into the floods, resulting in fire engines, police, ambulances and other rescue teams being called out. The Parish Council wrote to County lamenting the waste of resources, which could have been prevented had the road been closed earlier, and asking how the local community could help with early alerts for closing the causeway in future.

Our roads in general are awash with water and debris. Maintenance of our roadside drains have been neglected by County Highways for a long time, with many now so overgrown by the verge that they cannot operate. Archie, our Lengthsman has been working extremely hard in all parts of the Parish to get some of the badly blocked drains running again. He is buying some even longer drain rods!

Green Roads: Some of you will have noticed that Pegg Lane, between Oxen Park and Ickenthwaite, is almost impassable on foot, even wearing wellies. Meanwhile, recreational off-roading groups continue to use these lanes (which they are legally allowed to do), making the situation much worse. Our Chairman has been attempting for at least two years to arrange a meeting with Highways about the status of these lanes.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 15 February, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:00pm**

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory: The end of last term was very enjoyable with our Christmas Service in the Priory on Wednesday 16th December led by the Rev Nick Devenish and students from Y9, the service contained a mixture of reading, drama and music with the school band playing the music for the carols. This was followed later in the day by a lovely traditional Christmas dinner with table service provided by the prefects. On Thursday (the students last day in school) we had a short pantomime in mid-morning for Y7 and Y8 and the whole school enjoyed the end of term talent show in the afternoon.

Dr. Paul.



Leven Valley Primary: The end of the school term in December 2015 was

celebrated with Christmas services and the school plays. The plays were very entertaining and showed the amount of work the children had done in the curriculum to support them. Key Stage 1 focused on the Nativity story with particular emphasis on what the animals thought about all the goings on in the barn. It was wonderfully presented, all the participants were brilliant and really professional with their words and their acting.

Key Stage 2 presented a play developed by Mrs Jones about Christmas in World War Two. It was very challenging both the context and the characters the children played. They carried it off very well and showed how the curriculum work is so enhanced through using art, music and drama.

Grateful thanks go to everyone who helped to put on the productions and the audience for supporting them. The end of the year brought sad news as Mrs Collier was leaving us. She has been an excellent school administrator, and a particularly welcoming presence in the office. We thank her for all her hard work, we know we will miss her and wish her all the best for the future.

The new school term has started well, despite initial difficulties with bridges both of which have now opened. Curriculum themes that are being covered this term are as follows: Key Stage 1 are looking at Transport and Journeys beginning by investigating the children's transport use and journeys to school.

Reception children will take turns to have Dogger, our class puppet, for a weekend. History will focus on transport of the past. Key Stage 2 are working on the Romans: learning about the Romans in Britain and the impact they had on our lives. Art study will be on architecture, mosaics and sculpture and there will be a visit to Hadrian's Wall. Class 3 will be having a series of film making workshops as part of a joint Into Film project with other schools and some professional film makers. Sue S.



Oxen Park Cinema Club

As always we have some great films coming up. In **February** there is *The Homesman* (2nd), *X+Y* (6th), and *Human Capital* (13th) this is a Supper Special, with supper at The Manor first (at **7:30pm**). In March *Wild* will be shown

at Greenodd (1st) and *Difret* (5th) and out last Supper Special on 19th is *Wild Tales*.

There are 6 more children's films to be shown at Leven Valley School on **Thursdays 3:45pm – 5:30pm** starting on **21 January** with *E.T.*, then *Pinnocchio* (28th) and Mr Bean's Holiday to France. (4 Feb); all families welcome and only £2. Enquiries and bookings through the secretary **T:** 861507.



Four Steps to help tackle domestic abuse

Last year 1 in 15 women, and 1 in 33 men experienced domestic abuse at the hands of their partner or former partner. **The Citizens Advice 'Talk about Abuse'** campaign encourages friends and family to identify those at risk and where to seek help.

1. **Pay attention to changes in behaviour**
2. **Start a conversation**
3. **Listen, support and believe**
4. **Suggest further help**

Call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence **Freephone** 0808 2000 247 or online nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk.



St. Mary's Hospice Support Group

Will be holding an evening of **'Flower Demonstrations'** by Roz Harris on **Friday 29 January, 7:30pm Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum**. Tickets £7.50 includes visit to the Motor Museum 6:30pm>.

Tickets from: Dot: **T:** 015395 30132 Sylvia: **T:** 015395 31685
Marion: **T:** 015395 31779



"One man's remorse is another's reminiscence"

Ogden Nash

DIARY DATES

Services at Colton are at 9:30am. Benefice services both home and away 10:30am.

- 2 February **Presentation of Christ to the Temple – Candlemas**
Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 3 February Cinema Club. Children. Leven Valley School, 3:45pm.
- 7 February **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 8 February Chinese New Year.
- 9 February Shrove Tuesday.
- 10 February **Ash Wednesday, Benefice Service, Colton, 7:30pm.**
Bouth W I, 7:15pm, Bouth Village Hall.
- 13 February Cinema Club Supper Special, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 14 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.** Valentine's Day.
- 15 February Colton Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall. 7:00pm.
- 17 February **Bible Study, Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.**
- 21 February **Morning Worship, 9:30pm.**
- 24 February **Bible Study, The Vicarage, 10:00am.**
- 28 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

St. Francis of Assisi



St. Francis of Assisi (1162-1226) was the son of a wealthy Italian merchant. In his early twenties he gave away all his wealth and took up a life of poverty and service.



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month February 2016

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
7 February	1. Margaret Sanders	Exodus 34:29-35	
Morning Worship	2. John Tarr	2 Corinthians 3:12-4.2	Susan King
9:30am Joanna	3. Susan Smith	Luke 9:28-36	

BENEFICE SERVICE

10 February	1. David Lancaster	Isaiah 58: 1-12	
Ash Wednesday	2. David Gregg	2 Corinthians 5:20b—6.10	X
7:30pm. Vicar	3. Rachel Tarr	John 8: 1-11	

14 February	1. Sue Lydon	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11	
Holy Communion	2. Rachel Tarr	Romans 10:8b-13	Pam Priestley
9:30am Vicar	3. Ian Pirnie	Luke 4: 1-13	

21 February	1. Donald Wroe	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	
Holy Communion	2. John Tarr	Philippians 3:17-4.1	Judy Redhead
9:30am Pam	3. Susan Smith	Luke 13:31-35	

28 February	1. Roderick Smith	Isaiah 55: 1- 9	
Holy Communion	2. Judy Redhead	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	Rachel Tarr
9:30am Vicar	3. Ian Pirnie	Luke 13: 1- 9	



SIDESPERSONS ROTA

7 February Mrs. Susan King
 14 February Mrs. Susan Dean
 21 February Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 28 February Mrs. Susan Smith



FLOWER ROTA

7 February Mrs. Elspeth Cooper

LENT



Deceit: *“Deceit is useful: without deceit and without betrayal, there would be no literature.*

D Leon.

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