



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

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

PASTORAL LETTER

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October 2016

Dear Friends

Season of Mellow Fruitfulness!

October is the traditional month for Harvest celebrations, but you will search long to find any reference to Harvest services in the Book of Common Prayer! Such celebrations were then regarded as Pagan. Our now traditional celebrations began in Cornwall in the nineteenth century when a vicar wanted to redeem local pagan celebrations for Christianity. It soon caught on and Harvest became a very popular celebration across the Empire and in the United States. And why not? Harvest celebrations were very important to ancient Israel and the Hebrew Scriptures make much of the importance of offering the First Fruits to the Lord in thanksgiving and in seeking Divine support for the future harvest.

My ministry has included both urban and rural parishes. One of the most interesting periods of my of ministry was in the 1980's when I was rector of Gosforth and the two Wasdale parishes. Gosforth was famous for its potatoes and dairy herds, while Wasdale is a strong hold of the famous Herdwick sheep. However much of the challenge came from relating the Gospel to the congregation of Gosforth, the majority of whom were nuclear engineers and scientists.

There was very little opposition to Sellafield and many of the local farmers had part time employment on the huge site. But nationally nuclear power was and is very much is controversial. I met some of the men who fought the reactor fire in the 1950's, that is, those who survived the initial radiation dosage and had not succumbed to later related cancers. Green peace and Friends of the Earth lead the campaign against nuclear power and the disasters in Chernobyl and Japan remind us that the dangers are all too real; Tokyo came within a whisper of total evacuation following the melt down at the Fukushima plant.

We live in a complex world with growing populations to be fed. It will become increasingly necessary to consider the need for calculated risks, such as GM crop modification and controversial power production schemes in order to feed the world and keep the lights on! Our love of beef is actually one of the greatest causes of greenhouse gasses. We would be all better off as vegetarians, and I speak as one who loves his roast beef and Yorkshire puddings!

The Bible has much to say about our stewardship of the planet. We are very privileged to live in one of the loveliest corners of England (I do love the Highlands as well). We can appreciate our Lake District thanks to people like Beatrix Potter and Canon Rawnsley, both instrumental in the vision for the National Park. In our Harvest thanksgivings we should especially give thanks for their vision, but we must also pray for wisdom for all who make big decisions about our future needs. As an island we are totally dependent upon imported foods. We also need recognise our need for European migrant labour, especially in the fruit growing areas.

But at the end of the day, we must acknowledge that *‘All things come of Thee O Lord, and of your own we give Thee’*.

Have a joyful Harvest!

Yours in Christ

David Bickersteth



COTTON CHRONICLES

It is such a shame that more people do not make the effort to attend Benefice Services especially as the proposals for the future suggest that there should be a Benefice Serviced on every second Sunday; occasionally followed by a meal! On the last Sunday in July it was a pleasure to take part in the Methodist Holy Communion Benefice Service at Lowick; the simplicity of the order of service was a delight and perhaps an indication of things to come.

The proposals for the future are, apparently and reasonably, designed to drag us into the 21st. Century by abandoning our present form of Holy Communion service and introducing a form of service more suited to our

modern times i.e. one that does not have ‘thees’ & ‘thous’; there is also a suggestion that occasionally we have a service from the Book of Common Prayer, a reminder of our Anglican heritage, originating from the 16th. Century.

The meeting of the PCC where the proposals were discussed was a low key affair with only an occasional robust comment, although enlivened by a solitary outburst of indignation. One proposal, to have the same hymnals throughout the benefice, perhaps requires further and deeper discussions, if for no other reason, the cost in these hard times: our current hymnal, ‘Common Praise’, has 628 hymns between its covers!

Whilst the proposals are designed to encompass all the churches in the benefice, which can only be for the good, they may have a side effect of losing the precious individuality that we currently enjoy. One size fits all is not necessarily a good thing.

The bottom line however is, that those who are Christians, whether approving or disapproving of the proposed changes, have a duty and responsibility to support your church.

Elsewhere, it has been reported that the parishioners of a 12th. C Church requested permission to replace their woodworm infested pews with padded chairs, but those in authority, the Consistory Court of the Diocese, refused their application on the grounds that the upholstered seats could be “overly casual” and “incompatible with a house of God”.

Harvest: Our **Farmers’ Harvest** will be held on **Friday 7 October** with a **Service** at **7:00pm.** followed by **Supper,** the cost is £7.50 per adult and £4 for children 11 and under. Numbers to Sue Dean by **Monday 10 October.**
T: 01229 861 435.

Donald.



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Oxen Park Reading Rooms: There are to be six presentations of ‘*Travellers Tales*’ at the Carthouse in order to raise funds for the Rooms. Starting on **Monday 7 October, 7:30pm.** when Jim Dobson will be relating his experiences of ‘Nepal, then (44 years ago) and now’. On **Friday 4 November, 7:30pm.** Lin McIntosh on ‘Six months in Japan, China and

nearly Burma'. Tickets £4 from Gill McKinnon or Carol McNeill **T:** 01229 861 507 both in Oxen Park.

Table tennis is proving popular and if you would like to play you can join in on **Mondays 7:00pm & Saturdays 10:00am**. You can also book the table /Hall for yourself.

The Dog Club started on Tuesday 20 September and runs for six weeks, 5:00-6:00pm. £2/dog. Just turn up.

Defibrillator: A Basic First Aid course, run by 'Heartstart', has been organised for **Tuesday, 18 October, Bouth Village Hall**. Everyone is welcome, about two hours long, including tea and biscuits. For those who are interested please contact Marion Hamer **E:** marion@bestpath.co.uk or **T:** 01229 861 690.

Old Hall Woods: Bouth Volunteer Group - First meeting to re-establish the group to work with Rusland Horizons in the management of the Forestry Commission woods behind Old Hall Farm was attended by about 20 locals. The Group will initially be involved in improving the footpaths with local work parties but will also be involved in all aspects of woodland management as per the Horizons website. The Forestry Commission management plan is currently being reviewed by a subgroup including Gordon Pickles so we can plan a series of work days with Rusland Horizons over the coming months.

If you are able to help in any way please get in touch with Paul Holden who is acting as liaison for the group or directly with Rusland Horizons. Labour, tools and expertise will all be welcome and we hope to have a project up and running within the next few weeks.

Contact details – Bouth Group - Paul Holden - p.holden1@hotmail.co.uk or 01229 861 223

Rusland Horizons – Dougie Watson – dougie.watson@lakedistrict.gov.uk



The cycling craze has reached this parish and recently we saw a 'young' Paul Holden cavorting down the road on his new wheels like a 14 year old. On reflection a 14 year old would probably have been more responsible; fortunately there was nothing coming the other way.

Farewell & Welcome: A sad farewell to the Cooper family who have moved to the urban delights of Ulverston and a very warm welcome to Louise & Innes Clark-Scrimgeor. Another invasion from the North?

Fair Trade: Tina Blaker, a Fair Trade volunteer, is bringing a display of Fair Trade jewellery, textiles, cards and gifts available to buy, on **Saturday 8 October, 10:00am - 3:00pm at the home of Nigel and Pam Priestley - Green House Farm, Bandrake Head.**

Come for coffee and cake and enjoy browsing through the Fair Trade goods. Tina herself has visited a number of the projects overseas and has seen what a difference they have made to local communities. *Donald.*



Bouth Womens Institute

At our October meeting we were entertained and educated by Sally Farington on the history of tea This was originally a hobby but she is now a loose leaf tea retailer supplying local establishments. 5000 years ago the Chinese used it as a tonic and now 165 million cups are drunk, worldwide, per day and 3000 types of tea are produced in 35 countries including England and Scotland.

Apparently when making ordinary tea, water should be freshly boiled and used immediately but all other teas i.e. green tea and white tea need water at 80 degrees.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12 October, 7:15pm. Village Hall** when Paul Rose will be bringing his 'Rescued Owls'. *Sue S.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Highways: It is now 3½ years since your Chairman sent in his road markings survey of the Parish to Highways, and we are still waiting for road markings to be carried out in Bouth, Rusland and Oxen Park. We have been told in July that plans have been moved forward for Colton Parish and that they will be carried out 'in the next few months'. It is also 3 years since we requested and were promised a replacement for the rotten finger-post at the turn to Rusland Church; we have been trying to get an update from our County Councillor. Lastly, we have been told that the Highways

Hotline is the only formal way for anyone, including Parish Councils, to submit defects and problems on the highway, so please, use the hotline on 0300 303 2992, email: highways@cumbria.gov.uk or go online to the Cumbria Highways website (www.cumbria.gov.uk 'Report a Fault' page).

Deer Poaching and Rural Crime: Colton and Satterthwaite parish councils have together submitted an application to the Police and Crime Commissioner for resources to help tackle rural crime, and deer poaching in particular. Poaching of deer has become a serious problem over this summer, with incidents recorded on a regular basis. If you witness unknown people in unfamiliar vehicles lamping local fields and woods at night, then they are almost certainly poaching. The only exception to such lamping activities at night would be local people carrying out legitimate fox or rabbit control. **If you see anything suspicious, then please report it IMMEDIATELY to the police on the '101' service (or '999' if an emergency or a crime is in progress).**

Please note that i) It is an offence for anyone to shoot deer at night ('night' is defined as one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise). ii) Female deer cannot be shot between April 1st and October 31st to prevent the killing of pregnant females and those with dependant young, and iii) It is illegal to use anything other than a licensed firearm of the correct calibre to kill deer.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 24 October in Bouth Village Hall, 7:00pm.

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



Roudsea Woods & Mosses NNR

Roudsea Wood and Mosses National Nature Reserve has been home to a pair of Ospreys since 2013, and they use an artificial nest platform offers superb opportunities for visitors to view the Osprey family's daily going's-on at the nest. The birds reared two chicks in 2014, unfortunately none in 2015, but more happily one chick this year.

The male bird was reared at Glaslyn in 2008, and he established his territory in the Roudsea area in 2012 with his mate. The male has been a

first-class supplier of fish, bringing in a mixture of grey mullet and flatfish from the Leven Estuary throughout the season to feed his mate and chicks.

The birds have now departed and are on their way to West Africa where they will spend the winter. However, from mid-March in 2017 we will be keeping our eyes to the sky in anticipation of their return to their nest and for another successful breeding season.

Rob Petley-Jones.



Citizens Advice Bureau

Pay Day Loans

Poor credit checks causing problems for pay day loan borrowers:

Some payday lenders are still failing to carry out basic checks to make sure borrowers can afford to pay back their loans, putting them at risk of serious debt problems.

Citizens Advice has reported on payday lending since the introduction of a cap on payday loan interest rates and fees in January 2015. Since then the number of payday loan problems has almost halved, and nearly 40% of lenders have left the market.

These are significant improvements, but lenders are still not legally obliged to find out how much potential borrowers earn and spend before approving their applications.

If you're thinking about taking out a payday loan it's important to find out the interest and charges before you borrow. Also make sure you are clear about what will happen if you can't pay it back.

If you are struggling with payday loan debts or need advice on managing your money South Lakes Citizens Advice is here to help. **T:** 015394 46464

The Citizens Advice website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk)



Cinema Club

The season has started, the programmes are out. Booking ahead secures a seat (carolmcneill@tiscali.co.uk). Our next is 'Mad Max Fury Road' on **Tuesday 4 October** followed by 'Slow West' on **Tuesday 15 October**, both at the **Carthouse, 7:30pm**.

Children's films start again at **The Outback Hall**, Leven Valley School on **Thursday 6 October. 3.45, -£2.** Followed by films on **Thursday 13 October & Thursday 20 October.**



Rusland Horizons

Get involved and have fun carrying out practical conservation tasks in our wonderful landscape on **3 November** at the **Rusland Fell Care Day** in association with Friends of the Lake District. There will be activities to suit all interests; dry stone walling, red squirrel conservation, woodland working including coppicing, deer fencing, path creation.

Fuel in the form of tea and cake will be available!! Booking is essential. Please contact Ruth Kirk **T:** 01539 720788, **E:** ruth.kirk@fld.org.uk, or book online at www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk.



Electricity North West

Electricity North West has a new '105' emergency telephone number to report power cuts or to get up to date information on power cuts.

- Dialling 105 will connect customers to their local network electricity supplier and is a free service.
- 105 is just one of the ways that customers can contact their supplier. Also by normal telephone (check your bills), via their website and on social media.
- 105 is to be used if customers spot damage to electricity power lines or substations and if could put anyone in danger also call the emergency services.

* Any queries in relation to this service contact Electricity North West
T: 0800 195 4141

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"Duty is what one expects from others, it is not what one does oneself."

Oscar Wilde

DIARY DATES

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



- 2 October **Morning Worship, 9:30am.** Coffee to follow.
- 4 October Cinema Club, Carthouse 7:30pm.
- 6 October Children's Cinema Club, Outback Hall, 3:45pm.
- 7 October **Farmers' Harvest 7:00pm,** Supper to follow.
- 9 October **Harvest Service, 9:30am.**
- 11 October Henry VIII Given the title of "Defender of the Faith" 1521.
- 12 October Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 13 October Children's Cinema Club, Outback Hall, 3:45pm.
- 15 October Cinema Club, Carthouse 7:30pm.
- 16 October **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 20 October Children's Cinema Club, Outback Hall, 3:45pm.
- 23 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 30 October **Benefice Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**



"Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
and live this day as if thy last;
improve thy talents with due care;
for the great day thyself prepare".

Hymn 1, verse 2, Common Praise



"In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government"

John Adams



Colton Church - Rotas

Month - October 2016

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
2 October	1. Roderick Smith	Habakkuk 1: 1- 4; 2: 1- 4	
Morning Worship	2. Rachel Tarr	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Susan King
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	Luke 17: 5-10	
7 October	Farmers Harvest		
7:00pm <i>Vicar</i>	Readings to be arranged		
9 October	1. Judy Redhead	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c	
Harvest Service	2. Sue Lydon	2 Timothy 2: 8-15	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	3. Margaret Sanders	Luke 17:11-19	
16 October	1. Gordon Pickles	Genesis 32:22-31	
Morning Worship	2. Janet Pickles	2 Timothy 3:14-4.5	John Tarr
9:30am <i>Pam</i>	3. Ian Pirnie	Luke 18: 1- 8	
23 October	1. John Tarr	Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22	
Holy Communion	2. Susan Smith	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	3. Graham Wallace	Luke 18: 9-14	
30 October	All Saints Day - Benefice Holy Communion Service - Lowick		
10:30am <i>Vicar</i>	2. Pam Priestley	Ephesians 1:11-23	

SIDESPERSONS ROTA

2 October Mrs. S King
 7 October Mrs. S Dean & Mrs. M Sanders
 9 October Mrs. S Dean
 16 October Mrs. S Smith
 23 October Mr. R Smith



FLOWER ROTA

2 October Mrs. Susan Smith
 7 October Harvest
 9 October Harvest
 16 October Harvest
 23 October Harvest



"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light".

Helen Keller