



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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April 2017

Dear Friends

The Walk of Witness

You may be surprised to learn that I was once heavily involved in a *demo!* It was all to do with a bypass. The people of Stoke Hammond (of which I was Rector) had been complaining in vain about speeding traffic through their village, completely ignoring the 30 m.p.h. limit, until one morning a twelve-year old girl was hit and nearly killed. In an uprush of anger and concern they organized a blockade of the early morning rush hour through traffic (Aylesbury to Milton Keynes) by a continuous line of people passing to-and-fro across the road. It went on for several weeks, and caused chaos. Eventually it was regulated by the police, who actually *orchestrated* a “five-minute-on and five-minutes-off “ system! The Rector was asked to join in, so I turned up in my full clerical robes on two successive mornings with two banners of my own devising. The first showed a Vicar interring a tiny coffin, with the caption, “There is one job I can do without!” The second depicted a little grave, suitably marked, with the message, “WE DON’T WANT OUR CHILDREN TO GET A-CROSS!” This managed to get us onto the local television news – and led to a very successful outcome. Today the Stoke Hammond bypass stretches all the way from Linslade to Water Eaton.

As Christians in England, especially with the vagaries of our weather, we are not much given to outdoor public demonstrations, although Jesus final instructions to His disciples concluded with “You shall be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8), and most of the early witness of the Church took place in the open air. But just once in the year, we (as “Greenodd and District Christians”) have made opportunity, for several years past, for a public “Walk of Witness” on Good Friday, to join in procession behind a large wooden Cross, to walk from the far end of Main Street to the green outside the Village Hall, as a commemoration of the walk of Jesus Christ to the Hill of Calvary, there to be crucified as

our Saviour and Redeemer. In the words of the apostle John, “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). In grateful witness to our trust in Him, those of us who follow Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives will have the same opportunity this Good Friday to make our own public open air witness to His amazing, loving sacrifice. Do please join us.

With love in Christ

David Gregg



Walk of Witness: Good Friday, 14 April, 10:30am. ‘Turning Circle’, Main Street, Greenodd. Refreshments after, Greenodd Village Hall.



Bible Study

SESSION 5:

SUFFERING

Wednesday 5 April at “Lowick Farm House”, Lowick Green. From 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Contact David Gregg **T:** 01229 885 258.



COLTON CHRONICLES

EASTER SERVICES

- 2 April, Passion Sunday ‘Morning Worship’ 9:30am.
- 9 April, Palm Sunday, ‘Benefice Holy Communion’, Colton 10:30am.
- 14 April, Good Friday, ‘Devotion at the Cross’, Penny Bridge, 2:00pm.
- 16 April, ~~EASTER SUNDAY~~, ‘Holy Communion’, 9:30am



As there continues to be some concern with regards to the form of the Lord’s Prayer in our current liturgy perhaps we should look at the history. In the King James’s Bible there are two references Matthew who uses ‘debts’ and ‘debtors’ and Luke ‘sins’ and ‘indebted’.

The first use in English was in 1395 when ‘debtors’ was used; ‘trespasses’ came into use in Old English in 1549, back to ‘debtors’ in 1611, and in our modern English language, ‘trespasses’ in the Book of Common Prayer, 1662. It wasn’t until 1988 that the word ‘sin’ was fully introduced.

A definition states ‘Trespasses is about what a person does; sin is about what a person is.’ Take your pick!

Still on the theme of history did you know that eggs, at one time, were banned during Lent which is why we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras in France). The ‘Easter Egg’ is a symbol of the empty tomb following the resurrection of Jesus, originally stained and painted sometimes in red to represent the blood of Christ at His crucifixion.

Magazine: Problems continue with Mrs. King being unable to deliver to the farther reaches of the parish, but you will not be disappointed as she will post them. Thank you, Susan. And we are still short of the payment for this esteemed publication.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you of the death of the Revd. Nicholas Dixon on Sunday 26 February. He was the father of the Revd. John Dixon, Vicar of Hawkshead, Rusland and Satterthwaite. He spent his career ministering to the needs of the residents in Cumbria.

† Our condolences and prayers go out to his wife and all the family.†

Our sympathy and goodwill to both Bryan Redhead and Graham Wallace who are both suffering from joint problems. We wish them every success with their operations and a speedy recovery.

With news of avalanches in the Alps we give thanks for the safe return of those in our parish whose simple pleasure is spending time sliding down a frozen mountain on two planks of wood. We are also thankful, for our sakes, that it appears that Paul Holden’s days of cavorting on two wheels are over as he has recently acquired a battery assisted bicycle and hopefully will now proceed sedately; his choice of colour, however is debatable.



Oxen Park: The ‘Travellers Tales’ raised over £1,000 towards our fund raising efforts – thanks for all your support. We are all very excited with our ‘green hut’ and about moving on. To find out please come to our AGM **Monday 3 April, 7:00pm. Reading Room.** Tea, a spot of wine (r/w) and maybe a cake to tempt you to come along. This is your facility. **Be there!**

Cinema Club: The end of the season is nigh and we expect full houses so please book in advance. Park in the pub car park, but as the pub is closed, bring your own drinks.

On **Tuesday 4 April** we are showing ‘*Golden Woman*’ featuring Helen Mirren and on **Saturday 8 April** ‘*Eye in the Sky*’ again with Helen Mirren & Alan Rickman. NO Supper –**Carthouse, 7:30pm.** *Carol & Donald.*



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Despite the March meeting being on International Womens Day it did not bode well as the speaker was unable to attend. Her subject was to be ‘Ladies Underwear’ entitled “British from Bottoms up” but it turned out to be “Ladies with Bottoms Down” as the WI being the WI took it in their stride with the indubitable Susan Smith organising a Quiz about chocolates and sweets. Being ladies there were no winners or losers just some added calories and light gossip.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 April, Village hall, 7:15pm.** New Members always welcome. *Jenny with a little help from Donald.*



CORRECTION: Apologies to the Leven Valley Support Group for getting the date of their next event wrong. The ‘**Evening of Flowers**’ at the **Motor Museum** will be held on **Friday 31 March. 7:30pm.**



RUSLAND SHOW

Saturday 8 April, 12 noon – 4:00pm. Sunday 9 April 10:30am – 4:00pm.

Rusland Reading Rooms –Marquee – St. Pauls Church Rusland

Entries by **Tuesday 4 April** to Judi Winterson, New House, Thwaite Moss, LA12 8 JZ or Email: judiwinterson@gmail.com



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy for Central Ward: We currently have a vacancy for a Councillor to represent the Central Ward of our Parish. This covers Bouth and Rusland. If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on this vital role within the community, then do please get in touch with the Clerk (coltonpc@btinternet.com). The vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Councillor Natalie Bibby. The council would like to take this opportunity to thank Natalie for her hard work and commitment during her time as Councillor. There is still also a vacancy for a Councillor in the West Ward of our parish. This covers Colton, Oxen Park, Nibthwaite, and Spark Bridge (Colton side of the Crake).

Rural Crime initiative: As you may be aware there is a project underway to help reduce rural crime in both our parish and the neighboring parish of Satterthwaite. A public meeting has been held in Bouth and another will have taken place in Satterthwaite. The Bouth meeting was very positive with residents expressing an interest in helping with the project. If you were unable to attend the meetings but would like to be involved or would just like to know more about the initiative, please contact the Clerk.

Protecting the Manor House at Oxen Park: The parish council has applied to SLDC for the Manor House pub to be an Asset of Community Value (ACV). A well-supported public meeting has been held and generated enthusiasm for community involvement in the future of this pub. ACV status confirms this local support and, normally, gives local people a chance to raise funding to bid for the asset when it comes on the market. Although too late for the current sale, the application demonstrates the need to retain the property as a pub into the future. If you would like to be kept informed of any developments, please contact the Clerk.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 27 March, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:00pm. There will be a talk from the Hawkshead First Responders giving information on their role within the community.

Karen.

Karen Birch (clerk), T: 01229 860 115, E: coltonpc@btinternet.com, W: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



RUSLAND HORIZONS

Last month we celebrated our one year anniversary; reflecting on the last twelve months, we've achieved a lot, from building and training our team of young apprentices. There are however lots of opportunities coming up to get you involved:

Seeking Spielberg – Help us tell the epic Rusland Horizons story: If you're interested in learning or honing your film-making skills and you'd like to make some short video blogs about our projects, then we'd love to hear from you. Training and equipment will be provided. Contact Clare Dyson for details 07787 154065.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12 April: Practical Conservation Volunteer Work Party Day, 9:00am – 4:00pm **Open to all!**

Thursday 20 April- Apprenticeships Taster Day, 10:00am – 2:00pm If you're interested in applying for our Valley Futures apprenticeship programme, come and find out what it's all about.

Monday 10 April to Sunday 30 April; Woodland Archaeology Survey.

Our hedgerow surveys project returns for a second season. If you were involved last year, this will be a refresher session. If you're new, you will get a full introduction.

Please note, unless stated, is booking essential for all these events. You can book in the following ways:

www.ruslandhorizons.org E: rusland.horizons@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Call the Rusland Horizons team T: 015397 724555



SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley Primary: Unfortunately we received their contribution for the March edition just too late to publish, but we thought you would still like to read their news.

The autumn term ended with wonderful Christmas celebrations. The PTA arranged for Christmas Crafts workshops where the children made crafts

and these were then sold at the Christmas Play.

Years 5 and 6 entertained the members of the Lunch Club at Haverthwaite Church Hall

The whole school performed a Christmas play based on Michael Morpurgo's "On Angel Wings". The performances were supported by friends, parents and governors and enjoyed by all. The events were hosted by the PTA who sold crafts and supplied refreshments.

The PTA also funded a visit by the whole school to the pantomime "Peter Pan" at Forum 28 in Barrow. This was enjoyed by everyone. On December 15th Christmas Dinner was cooked by Gail and helpers. Governors, staff and children thanked her for the wonderful meal and everyone admired the Christmas hats worn by children and staff.

The term ended with Carols around the Christmas Tree, a now well established tradition, enjoyed by all and a really good start to the family Christmas festivities.

We are looking forward to 2017.

Sue S.



GRIZEDALE FOREST

There are two wonderful Art Exhibitions at the Forest Centre:

- 'Faintly Falling Upon All the Living and the Dead' – Mariele Nuedecker's Exhibition, showing throughout 2017.
- Biosystem – a solo exhibition by Méadhbh O'Connor which brings together sculptural installation art that uses 'living orbs' to draw attention to our place in a wider natural system that is both powerful and fragile. The constellation of 'living orbs' was commissioned by the Forestry Commission and presented as a walk-through gallery installation. The Exhibition runs until **11 June**.



"Art must be parochial in the beginning to become cosmopolitan"

George Moore

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Problems with a Mobile Phone Contract?

“I recently signed a two year phone contract with a new network provider but the reception in my home is terrible. Can I cancel the contract? “

Poor signal doesn't give you a right to cancel, but you can take action. If you bought your mobile online or over the phone within the last 14 days, simply cancel the contract. If you bought it in store or have had it for longer, explain the problem to the company. They may give you a device which can boost your signal.

If this doesn't work, ask to terminate the contract. They will usually ask you to pay an exit fee, which can cost as much as the contract. If you don't want to pay then use their complaints procedure. If you haven't got a resolution after 8 weeks, ask an Alternative Dispute Resolution Service to make a decision on releasing you from the contract.

For further help, call the consumer service helpline **T: 03454 04 05 06** or contact South Lakes Citizens Advice **T: 03444 111 444**.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – T: 03444 111 444 for an appointment and help, T: 015394 46464 for on-going enquiries. South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity, No: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574



A Word of Encouragement

O what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!
But when we've practised quite a while
How vastly we improve our style!

J R Pope



DIARY DATES

- 2 April **Passion Sunday, Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 3 April Oxen Park Reading Room AGM, 7:00pm.
- 4 April Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 5 April Bible Study, Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.
- 8 April Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
Rusland Show, 12 noon – 4:00pm.
- 9 April **Palm Sunday, Benefice Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30am.**
Rusland Show, 10:30am – 4:00pm.
- 10 April Rusland Horizons, Woodland Archaeology Survey until 30 April.
- 12 April Bouth W I , Village Hall, 7:15pm.
Rusland Horizons Volunteer Working Party, 9:00am. – 4:00pm.
- 14 April **Good Friday. Walk of Witness, Greenodd, 10:30am.**
‘Devotions at the Cross’, Penny Bridge Church, 2:00pm.
- 16 April **EASTER SUNDAY. Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 20 April Rusland Horizons, ‘Apprentice Taster Day’ 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- 23 April **St. George, Patron Saint of England. Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 25 April **St. Mark, Evangelist.**
- 30 April **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



Sonnet 29

When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes
I alone beweep my outcast state,
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,
And look upon myself, and curse my fate,
Wishing me like one more rich in hope,
Featured like him, like him with friends possess'd,
Desiring this man's art and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contentment least;
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Haply I think on thee, and then my state,
Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate;
For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings
That then I scorn to change my state with kings. *Shakespeare.*

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month – April 2017

Date	Readers	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
2 April	PASSION SUNDAY		
Morning Worship	1. Janet Pickles	John 11: 1-45	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Pam</i>			
9 April	PALM SUNDAY - BENEFICE SERVICE, COLTON		
Holy Communion	1. Sue Lydon	Matthew 21: 1-11	Pam Priestley
10:30am <i>Vicar</i>	2. John Tarr	Matthew 27:11-54	
16 April	ESTER SUNDAY		
Holy Communion	1. Margaret Sanders	Acts 10:34-43	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	2. Roderick Smith	Matthew 28: 1-10	
23 April	Awaiting Information		
Holy Communion			John Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>			
30 April	Awaiting Information		
Holy Communion			?
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>			

SIDESPERSONS ROTA

2 April Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 9 April Mrs. Susan King
 16 April Mrs. Sue Dean
 23 April Mrs. Susan Smith
 30 April Mr. Roderick Smith



FLOWER ROTA

Decorating the Church – Saturday 15 April – 10:00am



In a Churchyard

Readers, pass on, nor idly waste your time
 In bad biography, or bitter rhyme;
 For what I am, this cumbrous clay ensures,
 And what I was is no affair of yours.

Anon

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