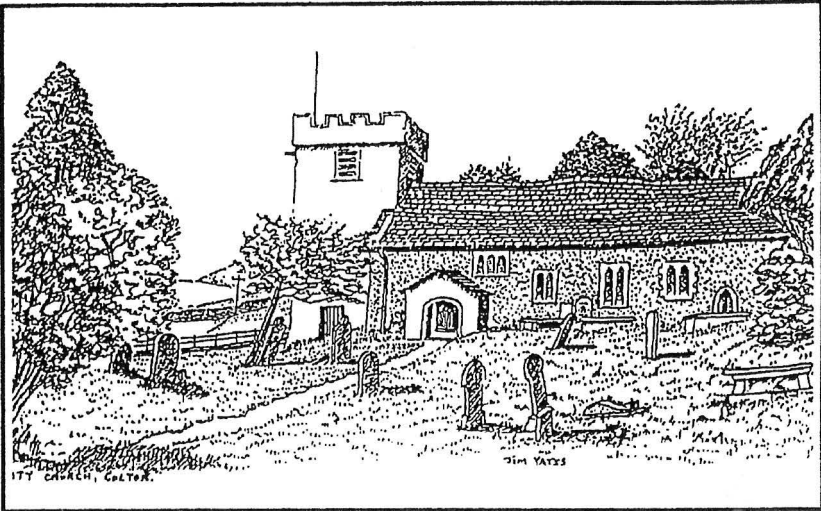




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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

One of my responsibilities in ministry was to fulfil the role of Chaplain to a local hospice. This ministry drew upon: my belief that God had called me to do this work for Him, my faith in God to provide any needs in the role, the Christian belief in life after death and God's ability and desire to heal the broken hearted. The hospice was a place where heaven and earth met.

The role of Chaplain had many facets: breaking up a physical fight, helping families to be reconciled to one another, a witness to miracles and standing in awe of hospice staff who not only used their skills but also their own tears and love.

One of the responsibilities as Chaplain was to deliver seminars on the spiritual care of the dying. In addition to hospice staff, medics from local hospitals and surgeries also took part. On one occasion a group of Junior Doctors were in attendance as part of their placement in the hospice. At the end of each seminar there was a question and answer session. I posed the question, "How does it feel to be contemplating your own mortality?" Responses ranged from the declaration of no interest at all in the subject to embarrassed silence and the shuffling of feet. One of the doctors spoke up. He said, "I have no fear of the day of my death, for as a Christian, on that day I will meet Jesus face to face". The silence was profound and was followed by an open and honest discussion about death and dying. The speaker testified to his faith in Jesus Christ and the difference his faith made to his life, including his calling to be a doctor.

Death is not a subject many discuss or personally contemplate. Yet for the Christian, death should not be a taboo subject. At the core of our faith is the belief, the assurance, that if we are in Christ, if Jesus is our Lord and Saviour and our lives are committed to His purposes here on earth,

then death holds no fear, nor is death the end. Death is the time of the fulfilment of all of our Lord's promises.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost, the deceived, the hopeless, those who love life and those who fear death. When confronted by the death of a friend and challenged by the deceased's sister Jesus asked her a question. He said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Her reply was simple,

"Yes Lord I believe..." Well, how about you, do you believe the Lord's words? If so, then death should not be feared but rather awaited with expectancy

In Him

Harry



COLTON CHRONICLES

The past year has been sad with the church closed an very few services but, the past is the past and we must look to the future and a return of the congregation.

The 30th. May was Trinity Sunday, the Patronal Festival of our Church, Holy Trinity, Colton and reminder of its ancient history. Built halfway up a fell side for the monks for Furness Abbey, consecrated in 1578 and became a Parish Church in 1676.

Not particularly a thing of beauty, but once inside it embraces the most joyous atmosphere of peace. If you ever need solace that is the place to be. We must all do our utmost to ensure it remains open as a Church!

On a more positive note we are blessed with willing workers, small in number, and none more so thar Rachel and John Tarr. Rachel is our PCC Secretary and John our Churchwarden. John, recently has had a rush of blood to the head and taken over the role of the vacant post of Treasurer. We wish him well and offer what help we can.

Tribute: Sadly, because of the pandemic much belated. Over twelve months ago we lost a wonderful lady the Revd. Doreen Harrison. In the days of dark despair, following the resignation of our beloved Vicar Revd.

Dr. Derek Tinsley, and before we were unceremoniously shunted into the Furness Deanery, this slight lady curate, Revd. Doreen Harrison, descended upon our parish like a gift from above and very quickly guided us on the way to our road to Emmaus. Added to which she was a saviour to our farmers during the foot & mouth outbreak.

She also 'guided' this editor on to the chancel steps to eventuality take service and preach, 20 years ago, which sadly may soon come to an end because of the postulations of the Diocesan bureaucrats.

A grateful thanks to our Vicar the Revd. Brian Streeter for arranging the few services we have had and being a superb 'Zoom Master'. *Donald*



CHURCH FÊTE

The Church Fête is taking place on **Saturday the 17th of July at 2.00pm.** Donations of tombola prizes and books would be gratefully appreciated! Tombola prizes can be left with **Margaret Sanders at Thurston View Colton** and Books for **Pam Priestley** can be left at the church.

Cakes, scones and other edible goodies for both the teas and the cake stall would be most welcome on the morning of the fete at the school room, along with any plants for the plant stall.

We have our regular band running the stalls but would welcome any volunteers who would like to help as none of us are getting any younger!

Stalls: Teas - Tombola – Cake Stall – Books – Plants – Big Raffle – Small Raffle – Children's Activities

If you are able to sell Raffle Tickets, please contact **Susan King T:** 861 173

We are hoping for a fine day! Any queries you may have please contact Johnny Tarr on **T:** 586 174 or **E:** john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk



“Our streets are not empty. They are filled with love.”

The Queen

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It has been a long grinding sad twelve months but on the other hand the comment of the Queen sums up the quality of the British people and none more so than the residents of Colton Parish where unlimited love, care and kindness has blossomed a sure indication that our Christian Faith is alive and well. We now look forward to the reintroduction of our regular services with music and hymns. Be there!



Bouth Village Hall: In all probability the residents in Bouth, local historian Ronnie Mien apart, are unaware that the hall was built in around 1910, became the Reading Room for the Gun Powder Works at Black Beck and was passed to the residents in the late twenties.

Nothing much was done until the nineties when substantial improvements were made. Sadly, since then, little has been done and now the Hall is in much need of substantial improvements. To this end a Development Group has been formed, an Architect appointed and a planning application made.

Clearly extensive funds will be required and there will be a need for fundraising activities. These will be announced later.



Cinema Club: We will start showing films again in September and we are going to be 'spontaneous' – that means we will select films month by month. It will save putting out a programme which we might then need to change. There are lots of great films come out in the last 12 months and we are looking forward to sharing them with you.

If you are not a member and would like updates then email Carol to be put on the contact list. crimcneill@gmail.com

We were fortunate enough to receive covid recovery funds and would like to invest some of this in helping local film makers make a film about something local or other creative artists with an idea they would like to develop. Contact Carol for more details.

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Bouth W I: There will be a Social Gathering on the Village Green with ‘social distancing’, if necessary, on **Wednesday 9 June, 7:00pm**. We have found that the Black Beck Caravan Park hoisted a fundraising event for the Patterdale Rescue Team Chris Lewis who was critically injured and is now being rehabilitated in Southport. Donations from villagers, caravan owners, and local businesses raised £2,148. Thank you.

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RUSLAND HORIZONS

The trees have taken their beautiful summer mantle now, and as they’ve flourished, we’ve been delighted to be able to restart in earnest our group activities. Volunteers have made a wonderful job of rebuilding quite a few of the small drystone walls around the buildings at Rookhow; many thanks to full-time Waller and excellent teacher Jim Doherty in leading these sessions in April and May. Jim generously intends to tutor for further walling sessions for Rusland Horizons Trust over the summer, so we are excited about learning more. Some determined volunteers also battled with rhododendron at Black Beck Woods; ‘rhody bashing’ is hard work but a very visible impact to a habitat is made in just a few hours. We have also been busy at Great Lindeth Woods again, supporting the growth of young saplings by erecting shelters to protect trees from browsing deer.

Our Veteran Tree Guided Walks, kindly provided by Vanessa Champion of the Woodland Trust, have proven very popular. Participants learned early on in the walks that very often, the most antique of our trees are not those found in our woodlands; often trees found on field boundaries have had much longer to grow uninterrupted than those of our previously busy woodlands which were coppiced and worked so heavily until only relatively recently. Great enjoyment was had in cheerful yet competitive tree identification, and Vanessa’s excellent tutorage meant that everyone left feeling enthused and with increased respect for these old friends who’ve seen so much.

We enjoyed a brilliantly informative evening with Back on Our Map’s Mic Mayhew, via Zoom, who taught us about these clever, acrobatic and stealthy creatures, the habitat they need to thrive and the risks and benefits

of reintroduction to the Rusland area. We continue to partner with BOOM as they continue their important work in investigating the feasibility of this and consulting with the local community.

We so appreciate all the support and votes we gained during our bid to EOCA (European Outdoor Conservation Association) for our Fighting for Atlantic Rainforest project. Although it didn't win us the hoped-for funding we sought, we continue to plan, alongside Plantlife and the National Park, to carry out Rapid Woodland Assessments in our woodlands in coming months as the first big step in this endeavour, so we can ascertain urgent priorities and plan next steps.

Looking ahead to the summer months, we are excited about further volunteer opportunities at walling and in woodland conservation. We plan to offer further Veteran Tree guided walks and also some butterfly-focused guided walks and work party events. Excitingly, we are partnering with Furness College in a small-scale project to provide their students with opportunities to experience the working landscape of the Rusland area and its people. Our stakeholder involvement in the **Local Nature Recovery Scheme** led by Cumbria County Council continues, and we are eager to work on this with our partners, members and volunteers to help improve and protect our precious habitats.

None of this could happen without the support and engagement of our wonderful Trustees, event and expert leads, volunteers, members and the wider community; the ongoing support Rusland Horizons receives is absolutely wonderful and is helping ensure this special area remains vibrant and healthy for the future.



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I've been saving up to have my kitchen redone, but I'm a bit worried about it. Last time I had any work done on the house, it took more than double the time I thought it would and ended up costing me a fortune. I'm looking for a different builder this time, but how will I know I can trust them?

Here are some steps you should take when choosing a trader:

- **Find a Trading Standards ‘approved trader’** - use the internet to search for one in your area or the Government’s approved trader scheme [TrustMark](#).
- **Get references or recommendations** - ask people you know or ask the person you hire for examples of work they’ve carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won’t give references - it’s a sign they could be dishonest.
- **Find out if they are a current member of a trade body** - trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong, so check your trader is a member. Ask who they’re registered with and then check the trade body’s website.
- **Only use certified traders for gas and electrics** - it’s dangerous to use someone who doesn’t know what they’re doing. Check the [Gas Safe Register](#) for a list of traders and use a [registered electrician](#) who can certify their own work. When you’re having a kitchen fitted, it’s worth checking whether the person you’ve hired will be doing the electrical or gas work themselves. If not, check who they will be using and whether they’re registered.
- **Get a written quote** - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the builder can’t change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. Try to compare quotes from a number of contractors to make sure you’re getting a fair price.
- **Get a written contract** - this should cover exactly what you’re paying for and everything you’ve agreed on, like timings, payments, who will pay for materials and subcontractors.
- **Think carefully about payment** - opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Where possible, try to pay by card as this can afford you [extra safeguards if something goes wrong](#).
- **Keep copies of receipts** - also keep your written contract as evidence, as well as photos of any problems if they arise.

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.

South Lakes Citizens Advice, your local charity, is here for you.

How to access:

- Call 015394 46464 - this is being staffed from 9:30 – 2pm
- Adviceline: 0808 2787 984
- email advice via our submission page on our website www.southlakescab.org.uk
- Help to Claim (Universal Support): 0800 144 8 444

If you have a problem with a contractor, and you're not sure what to do or where to go, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline 0808 223 1133 or talk to South Lakes Citizens Advice.

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Church Services for June 2021

6th	First Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Bikers Breakfast	Rev Ian Swift
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
13th	Second Sunday after Trinity		
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bickersteth
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
20th	Third Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
Holy Trinity Colton	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bickersteth
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch
27th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	TBA
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter



Parish Council: Due to the current circumstances we have not had a contribution but hope all will be well next month. And we also hope to have full services.

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