



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

All is God's

Over Easter there has been a movement in the Christian Churches to direct people to look from material possessions to God's provision for our needs – physical as well as spiritual – and the need to acknowledge our dependence on God.

Easter has been a beautiful time both in worship and in the richness of everything around us. The hedgerows were particularly full of flowers, lambing has taken place and in the countryside it is a time of consolidation and preparation.

In the past "Rogation Services" took place in our parishes. Originally, Rogation Days were held on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day. In the Western Church, processions to bless the crops and, later, to include "beating the bounds", developed from the old Roman rites of "Robigalia" ("robigo": Latin for "rust" or "mould"), when prayers would be offered to the deity for crops to be spared from mildew. It is no coincidence that, today, farmers now spray their crops against mildew.

As you may have noted on last month's insert from the Mission Group there is to be a "Rogation Celebration" outdoors at Tottlebank on Sunday 10th May beginning at 12 (noon). This will take the form of a short time of worship followed by a picnic lunch and we hope many will be able to join us thanking God for the richness of his gifts to us.

We are reminded of this in the introduction to confession for Rogationtide: Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands. Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Rev'd Joanna Henson

By the time the magazines are out the Rev'd Joanna Henson will be well into her placement. Recently, I received the following from the Rev'd Roger Latham, who deals with curates continuing training after ordination, for publication in the parish magazine. This month seems most opportune to do so and to remind you to continue to pray for Joanna and Bob and their family.

Curate Training - What is Involved?

I have been asked to say a few words about what is involved in the training we offer to curates in the Diocese. It's especially important that training parishes understand what their curates are being asked to do, so that they can support their curate in prayer and in other, more practical ways! Within the Diocese of Carlisle, we train our curates in three particular ways: First, and most important, each curate is placed in a training parish. Here they can learn the basics of parish ministry- preaching, teaching, leading worship and offering pastoral care. The training parish should be a supportive environment in which the curate can develop existing skills and learn new ones, trying out new things and learning from their success or (importantly) failure. We try to place curates in parishes where they will learn from existing good practice, and discover how to build strong working relationships with ordained colleagues and lay people; a curacy parish has a huge impact on the future ministry of any ordained minister.

Second, the Diocese runs a compulsory programme of curate training which is designed to give curates a broader understanding of the church and its ministry, and to develop skills of theological reflection. It is important that ministers are not just able to function in parishes, but to reflect upon and learn from their experiences. We therefore expect all curates to participate in two residential and four day conferences each year, and to be part of an action-reflection group which meets regularly, led by an experienced ordained colleague. This inevitably means that curates will be spending some time away from their parishes, but it is an important part of their training and they need to know that their parish supports them in this.

Third, many curates undertake placements to gain particular kinds of experience. This might be in a specialist ministry such as hospital or school

chaplaincy; in a parish with different patterns of spirituality, ministry and worship; in a different context, whether urban or rural; or in a different structure, such as Team ministry. Even the best training parish cannot offer every kind of experience, and so placements are an important way of ensuring our curates gain a full breadth of training to shape their future.

A curacy can be a demanding time. Curates have much to learn, and have to undergo many changes, as do their families. We are enormously grateful for the support of our training parishes, who are willing to provide our curates with a supportive base from which to grow. All the training we ask them to do - whether in the parish or out of it - is intended to prepare them for future ministry. I hope that this helps you understand better how your curate's training is structured. Please continue to support them!

Confirmation

In late November there is to be a confirmation service for the benefice and neighbouring churches. If you are an adult, have not been confirmed and would like to be, or you are a youngster aged 11+, and would like to be confirmed please contact the Vicar on 01229 861285.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

Another Church Year has passed and in Holy week, which always seems a little odd, the Annual Church Meeting took place and, as usual, without any histrionics, a bit dull really. There were however some changes as Peter Smith, after many years of selfless duty, retired from the P C C and we all thank Peter for his dedication over all those years.

The big change was that dear Bonzo Johnson has retired as a Churchwarden; he too has worked selflessly for our church for more years than either we or Bonzo can remember. He has been an ever present figure making sure that all is in order and the church kept in good condition; we do not know whether or not he will continue his fight with the boiler or whether he will withdraw, bloody but unbowed. The current state of play is The Boiler 3 - Bonzo 1 and that is a flattering score.

“Thank you dear sir, from all of us, for everything you have done for the church, the parish and we lesser mortals, over all those unknown years.”

Bonzo will continue on the PCC as Treasurer but only for the next 12 months at the most. We urgently need a replacement so please, will any of you who can add up, think very seriously about volunteering.

The rest of the PCC is unaltered but we give a very warm welcome to Barbara Watson as our new Churchwarden; please ensure that you all give her every support, and we all wish her well.

A new Bishop has been appointed but due to the mysteries of the Anglican Church and what passes for a Government, it will be some time before we lesser mortals are informed. In the meantime Bishop James will take over the duties of the Diocesan Bishop and we must all pray that the Good Lord will grant him strength and wisdom for this task.

Would you believe that, according to the latest research, 53% of the population believe in life after death, 55% believe in heaven and 70% believe in the human soul. It is the last figure that gives hope for whilst few might be Christians clearly a large proportion of the population have a faith and that is not a bad beginning for hope for a better world.

Christian Aid

The **Lunch for Christian Aid** will be held on **Wednesday 13 May, Rusland Reading Room, Noon ‘til 2:00pm**. The usual superb homemade soups and exquisite cheeses. The proceeds go to provide wells, seeds etc for those with little and especially in disaster areas.

Garden Fête

A reminder that the Fête this year will be held on **Saturday 25 July** and is being organised by John Tarr who being new at the game may need assistance, so all you ‘old hands’ stand by to help and, no doubt, direct. There is a list at the back of the church for raffle prizes but also start looking for Tombola prizes, books, plants, jars and tins; all good stuff you understand, no rubbish! More next month.

Donald.



Delay

The Mothers Union meeting was later than usual this month so the news can be found further on in the magazine.

PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to tell you of the death of Ethel Taylor, 96, formerly Post Mistress at Greenodd. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Jennifer and David.

A delighted Sue and Ken Dean are grandparents again, as a daughter, Esther, was born at Airdale General Hospital, Keighley on 29 March – 7lbs. 9ozs. to their daughter Rachel and husband Russ Greatly. Congratulations.

George Young has joined the not so young gang of those of us who have had joint replacements. George has now a brand new knee and is doing very well; Millie is delighted, as it is keeping him home and out of trouble though probably not for long.

Apologies to Carol McNeill, for getting the Cinema Club April date wrong last month, and for any poor soul who might have turned up a day early.

The indomitable Margaret Sanders has organised a Dance to be held in **Greenodd Village Hall, Thursday, 8 May.** in aid of Colton Church. Margaret asks for offers for Raffle prizes and Sweets (Puddings).

We are very lucky to have sisters Judy & Sue play the organ for us at our Sunday Services. Sue is a member of the Ulverston Choral Society and she has asked us to tell you that they are holding a concert on **Saturday, 16 May, Coronation Hall, 7:30pm.** The program is 'Hymn of Praise' – Mendelssohn & 'The Music Makers' – Elgar. Tickets (£10) from the Coronation Hall or Sheila Preston, Tel: 01229 829 939. Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

We met on Wednesday April 8th. and enjoyed a presentation by Mrs. J. Shaw on the subject of stained glass. She was most explicit, covering the whole spectrum of production from designing a piece, cutting the brass surrounds, demonstrating through to the finished article. Members asked many questions and were very interested in the process.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 May, 7:30pm, Bouth Village Hall.** It is an Open Meeting, so chaps are welcome! The speaker will be

Mr. B. Chattaway and his subject – ‘Ulverston Inshore Rescue’. The competition is ‘A Seaside Souvenir.

The June Meeting, is our Annual Outing and as arrangements are still being made, no definite information is available yet.

As there is no Spring Walk planned for this year, the chairman of the Village Hall (and probably his missus) is planning another fund raising event, which may involve a stroll around the village.

Penelope.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Colton Community Plan Working Group held its first meeting in Bouth on 24th March. Liaison officers Clive Wickham (LDNPA) and Judith Quigley (SLDC) explained the increasing importance of these Plans as a source of local opinion for informing policy on key issues like housing, planning, countryside access, etc.. The Plan is to be a community-led initiative that will express your views, desires and ideas for the future of the Parish, so we need your participation! The Working Group will be consulting you in the coming months by holding events as well as sending out questionnaires. We welcome anyone who would like to play an active part in the development of the Plan - please contact the Clerk.

Over the past few months, the Parish Council has been involved in discussions about 'Locality Working' and 'Local Area Partnerships' (LAPs). LAPs are groupings of parishes that will enable us to have greater influence on how District and County services are delivered and budgets spent. The Highway Stewardship scheme is an example of this new way of working and so far seems very successful - we have had a much greater say on priorities for road repairs over the past few months (see our website Highways page). Each Parish Council was asked which LAP it would like to join; Colton has opted for High Furness, which includes for example Blawith, Coniston, Satterthwaite and Hawkshead parishes. We await the final outcome of the consultation.

Our next meeting is the **Annual Parish Council, Monday 11 May, 7:30 pm, Bouth Village Hall.**

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www.coltonparishcouncil.org.

Our friends next door.

Staveley-in-Carmel Parish Council are enquiring into the possibility of establishing a 'Booth's Free Bus' stop in the said village of Staveley and there has been a positive response from the supermarket but only if there is support. Will any residents who are interested in this service please contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Sarah Shires, 8 Water Close, Backbarrow, Tel: 015395 30076. Email: sas@backbarrow.freemove.co.uk Sarah.



Greenodd Postal Services

Janet and Lloyd would like to thank you for your support since the closure of the Post Office counter and remind you that the Post Office Outreach Service opening hours are :- **Monday 1:30pm – 5.30pm. Tuesday & Friday 9:00am – 12:30pm.**

Importantly, we can now issue vehicle tax discs.

Janet & Lloyd.



Oxen Park Cinema Club

The new program of films will restart in September but during the summer there will be 'Film Making Workshops' for 9 to 13 year olds. To find out more check the web site.

Carol.



Our Mission Group

The Vicar's Pastoral Letter has explained the meaning of Rogationtide and told of the celebration at Tottlebank Chapel but we can add that as parking is limited sharing of cars would be an advantage.

A reminder that our monthly prayer time is on **Saturday 9 May, Lowick Farm House, 9:30am** and our prayer walk starts at Tottlebank Chapel on **Sunday 3 May 3:00pm** and will focus on Sparkbridge, Colton & Tottlebank.

David.



The British Legion

The Legion is holding some events in **May :- Coffee Morning, Saturday the 9th. Staveley and Carmel Church Hall, 10:30am; Open Garden & Cream Teas, Saturday the 24th. Little Orchard, Backbarrow.** Robert H.

FLOWER ROTA

3 May Wendy Smith
10 May Wendy Smith
17 May Wendy Smith
24 May Zella Slater



COFFEE

3 May Wendy Smith + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

Our April meeting in Bouth started with prayers after which our speaker Mrs. Pam Priestley gave us a most interesting talk about helping children under five to understand faith in a simple way, beginning with the Baptismal Service. Then continuing with meetings with the mums and children.

We thanked Pam very much for her talk; it was a very educational and enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting will be a Service conducted By the Revd, J Dixon on **12 May, St Paul's, Rusland, 2:00pm.**

Wendy.



CHILDRENS SOCIETY

After May, Wendy is giving up dealing with the Christian Society Boxes and we would like a willing volunteer to take over. Would some kind soul(s) please contact Wendy Tel: 015395 31872. It has been suggested that we could have a Coffee Morning during the year.

Our grateful thanks are due to Wendy for all the work she has carried out over the years, not only for the Christian Society but also for the Church Flowers which are always so gorgeous.



Services and Rotas for May

3rd	Fourth Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am BCP Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	4: 5-12	
	Second Reading	1 John	3:16-24	
	Gospel	John	10:11-18	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	H Brooks	E Fleming
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	C Styles	J Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	J Wood		
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& J Lancaster	
10th	Fifth Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	8:26-40	
	Second Reading	1 John	4: 7-21	
	Gospel	John	15: 1-8	
Readers:		B Watson	D Lancaster	J Gregg
Sidespersons:		A Wood	& S Wood	
	No service at Penny Bridge and Colton			
17th	Sixth Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	10:44-48	
	Second Reading	1 John	5: 1-6	
	Gospel	John	15: 9-17	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	C Holden	G Pickles
	Lowick	B Mitchell	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Long	E Wemyss	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson	& S Dean	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
24th	Seventh Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	1:15-17, 21-26	
	Second Reading	1 John	5: 9-13	
	Gospel	John	17: 6-19	
Readers:	Colton	J Tarr	B Watson	I Pirnie
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	C Sadler	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& C Holden	
	Lowick	J Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
31st	Pentecost	10:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	No service at Lowick & Colton		

DIARY DATES

***A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30am**

- 1 May **Philip and James, Apostles.**
- 3 May Prayer Walk – Tottlebank – 3:00pm.
- 8 May Dance – Greenodd Village Hall – in aid of Colton Church.
- 9 May Prayer Meeting – Lowick Farm House – 9:30am.
British Legion Coffee Morning – Staveley-in- Cartmel Church Hall – 10:30am.
- 10 May “Rogation Celebration” – Tottlebank Chapel – 12 Noon.
- 11 May Annual Parish Council Meeting – Bouth Village Hall – 7:30pm.
- 12 May Mothers Union, Service, St. Paul’s, Rusland – 2:00pm.
- 13 May Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Reading room – Noon ‘til 2:00pm.
Bouth W I – Bouth Village Hall – **7:30pm.**
- 14 May **Mathias, Apostle.**
- 16 May Ulverston Choral Society Concert – The Coronation Hall – 7:30pm.
- 24 May British Legion – Open Garden & Cream Teas – Little Orchard, Backbarrow.
- 31 May **Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.**



THE LAKE DISTRICT

The Lake District National Park Authority has published an Events Guide for ‘What’s on across Cumbria’. It is comprehensive and very well produced. It is a **must** for every household and can be got, free, from any Information Office.



What do you drink?

“In wine there is wisdom,
In beer there is freedom,
In water there is bacteria.”

Benjamin Franklin.

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