



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

By the time many of you read this you will be preparing to or will have just voted in the General Election.

The Election is only one of many times in our lives that we are faced with making choices and sometimes choosing the right person or right course of action is so hard, isn't it? On the one hand there are points in favour of A – but on the other there are advantages for B or even for C.

So? What principles do you use to guide you as you decide?

As a society we seem to have moved a long way from using the Ten Commandments as a point of reference; to many they seem outdated if not downright old-fashioned. Yet they still have resonance and as a supposedly Christian country we should abandon them at our peril. It is difficult not be mindful of the “sleaze” that has become attached to the honourable position of Member of Parliament in recent months; however it seems to me that lying, stealing and cheating, for example, are not limited to some of our MPs; as a society these attributes attach to many who say to themselves such things as “Well – everybody else does it so why shouldn't I?”, or “I can choose for myself how I behave, it is nothing to do with anybody else”.

We could all have a long debate about whether there are any absolute moral principles but the one thing that remains in all of this for me is Jesus' second commandment to us which is to love one another as much as we love ourselves. I think that this is the most important, if not the only, principle that should guide our thinking whenever we have to make a decision.

Without shared values our society will disintegrate (some might say disintegrate even further) so it is important that we affirm the values that

we believe will make ALL communities safe, happy, constructive places to live, work and play not just for this generation but for the future that faces all our children.

With love and prayers,

Your sister in Christ

Joanna



COLTON CHRONICLES

This is the time of the year when the Annual Parochial Church meeting is held; Churchwardens and other officers are appointed as is the new PCC. As usual it was attended by the faithful few and if you had blinked the meeting was over.

We have the same Churchwardens but our faithful Treasurer, Bonzo Johnson, has after very many years of adding and subtracting, retired and out new Treasurer is Nigel Priestley; we wish Nigel well and we know that, as he hails from Yorkshire, our money is in safe hands. Bonzo has remained on the PCC but Margaret Sanders and Judy Redhead have stood down.

The Vicar thanked Bonzo and all who have worked so hard to keep our Church going ; a notable absentee for this fulsome praise was your editor, apparently on the basis, that ‘he makes too many mistakes’. But then it would not be the Colton News.

The old saying ‘Do as I say, not do as I do’ was never more appropriate than on the 21st. of last month; your editor had written a somewhat forthright reminder in the April magazine about Service Times, which seem to confuse some church goers, only to turn up at church on the above date at 10:15am. for a 9:30 service. He also should have read a lesson. Those sorrowful words from Samuel come to mind ‘How are the mighty fallen!’

Apologies to you all, and especially the Vicar, who, according to all accounts, read the lesson splendidly. It doesn’t end there, as there was further tribulation, for the said editor was taken to task for not wearing a tie on Easter Sunday !

Church Fête. If any of you had thoughts of turning up for the fête on 25 July, don't! The correct date is **Saturday 17 July**, which returns us to our traditional 3rd. week in that month and once again we thank Phil & Chris Ball for the use of the Old Vicarage garden. The Rota so far is:-

Gate	Nigel Priestley
Teas	Rachel Tarr + others
Tombola	Judy Redhead & team
Cake Stall	Susan Smith & gang
Books	Pam Priestley
Plants etc	Susan Dean & Team
Small Raffle	Margaret Sanders

Prizes for the raffle to John Tarr and prizes for the Tombola to Judy Redhead Tel: 588 684 or at the back of the church. If anyone would like to help in **anyway** please contact Johnny Tarr Tel: 586 174 email john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk.

It is intended to erect the marquee on **Thursday 15 July**. Helpers are needed and should meet at the **Old Vicarage, 7:00pm**.



Curiously when things change in the church many, other than those involved and any who may be offended, do not seem to notice. Last year the table at the back of the church was replaced, but why? The table had been donated to the church in the 1970s by the Abraham family from Green House Farm Bandrake Head; it had, apparently been constructed, country fashion, from a waterwheel. A family member visited the church and wrote to the Vicar saying that we had not taken good care of it. The table was then removed and on inspection was considered too far gone to restore.

After some communication difficulties a family member arrived at church one sunny Saturday morning was shown the table and amicably, agreed to reclaim it. It would not, however, fit into the boot of the car, a hammer was produced and refusing all help the table was quickly transformed into a flat pack. There has to be a moral to this tale, but what?

Donald.

FLOWER ROTA

2 May Mrs. Wendy Smith

9 May Mrs. Wendy Smith

16 May Mrs. Wendy Smith

23 May Mrs. Zella Slater

30 May Mrs. Zella Slater

Last month we did not have the name of those who kindly made provision for the flowers on the last two Sundays. It was the Watson Family from Longmire Farm. Thank you.



Coffee

Whoever volunteers – it can be men.



MOTHERS UNION

In April we had a lovely Service of Communion at Colton when Sally Baxter was enrolled as a member of our Branch, Leven Valley, Colton, Rusland & Satterthwaite. Our Vicar, who was far and away the best dressed of those present, took the service and as always the following ‘tea party’ was enjoyed by all.

There is so much love and beauty in the Mothers Union with simple and uncomplicated services and no thought of money or church roofs but rather thinking about caring within families and the less fortunate. We are about loving, caring for our neighbours and trying to live as Jesus would have us. You do not have to be a mother and we would warmly welcome any who would like to join us. Contact Judy Redhead Tel: 588 684.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 May at the later time of 3:15pm, Bouth Village Hall** when we will be given a talk on ‘Christian care with children in school’.

Judy.



PARISH NEWS

Everybody seems to have kept their heads down in April and there is not a lot to report. Unhappily though, William Watson of Longmire Farm is poorly and in hospital. We wish him well and a good and speedy recovery.

Sadly a well known character and lovely man, Ron Walker, died some weeks ago. He was the gravedigger in many churches in the area for many years and responsible for much building work in the area. Our sympathies and condolences are extended to his family.

Our Vicar is a kindly man but there is one sphere of his life when it would be better to do as he says not do as he does. He has this propensity for self inflicted injuries caused by tripping over anything, even as small as a twig and regrettably some parishioners have followed suit. Recently it was Sue Lydon who broke her ankle and now his dear wife Elizabeth who had a nasty fall and suffered severe bruising.

Happily Elizabeth has mended well and is back to her radiant self. Whilst writing this they are preparing to go on holiday, so brace yourselves.

On a happier note, congratulations to Kayliegh Dixon of Greenhead Farm who recently achieved her Membership of the Association of Accounting Technicians, M. A. A. T. Kayliegh is proof that beauty and brains do go together and we wish her well for the future.

Postman Pat: Since Bill Mortimer retired our post has been delivered by Patrick who, although an expansive man was also a private man and typically without any fuss, bother or notice, just retired.

Like Bill he always provided a superb service and also like Bill it would be appropriate to make him a presentation, if only we had had the chance. There has been some little talk but no action, however Caroline Peet, she used be the Postmistress at Greenodd, Mill Cottage Force Mill Tel: 860 302 and Liz Cringle, Dale Park Cottage, Satterthwaite. Tel: 860 274 have started a collection.

As nothing yet has happened in the south of the area, anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by contacting this Editor, Donald Wroe, Barnside, Bouth Tel: 861 275 or if more convenient to either Caroline or Liz. Closing date, **Sunday 16 May.**

Judy & Donald.

BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our Spring Walk was truly blessed as it took place on a warm and sunny afternoon when a wonderful 85 walkers meandered over the pleasant paths of our parish. For their labours they were treated to a magnificent cream tea where our ladies excelled themselves producing mouth watering goodies. Dream on Sophie Dahl.

At our April meeting Mrs. J Whitehead gave us a very interesting and informative talk on history of the Workhouse in Stanley Street, Ulverston, now, the Health Centre. It was built in 1837, abolished in 1929 and until recently was a Geriatric Hospital. Nothing much changes as the reason for the Workhouse was poor housing and no jobs.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 12 May, 7:15pm** when the speaker will be Ms. L York and her subject 'Women in the Great War'. It is also the meeting when we discuss the resolution(s) from the Federation which go forward to the A G M. The competition is 'Any Wartime Memorabilia'.

Hilary.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council has been successful in obtaining a £500 grant towards the cost of its second Community Plan: 'Colton 2020' and the working group is looking for a chairman and a coordinator/administrator. Anybody who is interested please get in touch with the Clerk; we can offer a modest payment for the Coordinator post. This is a community project so we need the help and support of all of you. Do not be shy!

Cllr. Potts attended a pre-meeting for the public examination of the 'Core Strategy Development Plan' of the National Park. A Government Planning Inspector has reviewed all comments and has identified those that will be examined during the hearing in May. One of our concerns is the inclusion of Lakeside in the 'Windermere Waterfront Program' and specifically , its exclusion from the policy designed to protect areas from lakeshore development. Cllr. Potts will be attending the discussion on this topic on **12 May**. For more information see our web site.

The Council has responded positively to a consultation from the National Park about the creation of a footpath running from the YMCA at Lakeside

to High Dam. On a consultation from the Forestry Commission about Rigg Wood (on the eastern shores of Coniston), it expressed its usual concerns that removal of all conifers would have a negative impact on red squirrels and some bird species, and asked that a balance be maintained; some larches are now to be kept subject to their appearance in the landscape.

Our next meeting is the **Annual Parish Council** meeting on: **Monday 10 May, 7:30 pm, Bouth Village Hall.**

Mandy Lane (Clerk) - 01229 861408 - coltonpc@btinternet.com - www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



Footnote: Supporters of the RNLI may be interested to know that **Parish Council Chairman, Colin Barr**, has just set off on a two month ‘sabbatical’ to raise money for this charity by attempting to reach the highest point of 60 Scottish West Coast islands in 60 days. He will use “his two flat feet, a bicycle and the occasional boat whilst also celebrating a significant birthday”. Clearly he needs to be sponsored on this ‘jolly’: go to the website www.justgiving.com/shinyblueone where donations can be given safely and securely.



LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

It has been a busy time at school; we have had a visit from the ‘Life Education Bus’ and Class 1 had a fantastic trip to the Millerbeck Railway at Staveley in Cartmel; thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs Gorse and the other volunteers who made it such a memorable day.

Photographs of the trip were shown at the well attended School Easter Service at St. Anne’s Haverthwaite. The children told the Easter story with short sketches and hymns. Class 1 sang a song with actions about Spring Chickens, Year 2 read a poem and a group of children read prayers they had written. The children took part in an Easter Trail, attended a service at the Priory and also took part in Good Friday activities in Haverthwaite Church Hall led by Canon Peter Calvert, Celia Birchall & Dale Park.

Class 1 have now moved into their new class room which is wonderful but there is still much work to be done in the mean time entries for ‘Journeys for Children’ have been submitted for the Rusland Spring Show.

There are a number of after school activities this term: Monday Club with Canon Peter Calvert and Celia Birchall; Karate for children in Y1 and above and orienteering which will take place in different locations. On Fridays there will be multi-skills for Class 1 with Playsport.

Following previous successful collections there will be another Bags2School collection on **12 May** to raise funds for school. Please collect and send in ladies', men's and children's clothing. *Sue Anderson, Governor.*



Crake Valley & Colton Church Rogation Service

Our Annual Rogation Service will be held, this year, on **Sunday 9 May, 12 noon, outside** (inside if wet) **Tottlebank Baptist Church** when we will be shall be praying for the Blessing of God on our farms and gardens. For further details, help with transport etc contact Phil Gomersall, 861 820, David Greg, 885 258, Joanna Henson, 861 800, Peter Ashton, 861 678. *David.*



OXEN CINEMA CLUB

Now the film season has ended we are up to other things:

1) Two film making workshops for beginners. One for over 18's on **8 May** and one for parent and child (over 7) on **29 May**. Contact Carol for more information 861 507.

2) The Rusland Show 2010 schedule includes another film making class, check our website for details

3) A date for the diary- on **Sunday 20 June** we are organising a Strawberry Tea at **Rusland Reading Room 2:00pm to 5:00pm**. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon and woodland walk & quiz. *Carol.*



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

It may seem a little early but we do need more collectors for our Poppy Day Appeal this year. If you are able, please contact Robert Hutton Tel: 585 888. We shall be holding a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 8 May, Staveley in Cartmel Church Hall, 10:00am – 12 noon. £1.** *Robert.*

Services and Rotas for May

2nd	Fifth Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am BCP Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	11: 1-18	
	Second Reading	Revelation	21: 1-6	
	Gospel	John	13:31-35	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	R Tarr	S King
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	C Styles	J Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& C Holden	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& J Lancaster	
9th	Sixth Sunday of Easter			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Communion & Baptism		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	16: 9-15	
	Second Reading	Revelation	21:10, 22-22:5	
	Gospel	John	14:23-29	
Readers:		G Wemyss	J Gregg	S Lydon
Sidespersons:		M Sanders	& S Dean	
	No service at Penny Bridge and Lowick			
16th	Seventh 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	16:16-34	
	Second Reading	Revelation	22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	
	Gospel	John	17:20-26	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	M Sanders	J Pickles
	Lowick	B Mitchell	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	E Wemyss	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& C Holden	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
23rd	Day of Pentecost			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	2: 1-21	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:14-17	
	Gospel	John	14: 8-17	
Readers:	Colton	J Redhead	C Holden	I Pirnie
	Lowick	J Davis	& D Gregg	
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	C Sadler	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& C Holden	
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
30th	Trinity Sunday			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Communion		
		No service at Lowick & Penny Bridge		

DIARY DATES

Service Times: 1st. & 2nd. Sundays – 10:30 am. 3rd. & 4th. Sundays - 9:30 am.

- 1 May **Philip & James, Apostles.**
- 8 May British Legion Coffee Morning Staveley Church Hall, 10:00 am. – 12 noon.
Cinema Club, Workshop.
- 9 May Rogation Service, Tottlebank Baptist Church, 12 noon.
- 10 May Colton Parish Council A G M, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30 pm.
- 11 May Mothers Union, Bouth Village Hall, **3:15 pm.**
- 12 May Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15 pm.
Leven Valley School, Bags2School Collection Day.
- 14 May **Mathias, Apostle.**
- 26 May Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605.
- 29 May Cinema Club Workshop.
- 30 May **Trinity Sunday, Colton's Patronal Festival,
Benefice Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30 am.**
- 31 May **Visit of Mary to Elizabeth.**



‘HE WISHES FOR THE CLOTHS OF HEAVEN’

Had I heavens’ embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

W. B. Yeats.

“The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul.”

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