



PARISH NEWS

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COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Easter Joy – Easter Hope.

As I write this month's magazine article I have just returned from driving around part of the deanery. What a joy it is to be able to live in this part of God's created world. The lambs are in the fields playing around; the gardens which had died down for winter are beginning to break out in colour; the sky is as blue as it ever is and the created order of things tells me that God is in control.

It does not always seem to be so as we all face the harsh reality and knocks of life but in the knowledge of God's wisdom we know that in the end all will be well. We may not think so but it will.

Jesus had tried to help the disciples understand what was to happen in his life. He was to be arrested, tried and sentenced to death – the painful death of crucifixion - but that in the end all would be well. They did not understand and when all he had foretold began to happen they became disheartened and broken people. It was only after Jesus rose from the dead and came among them that they began to find new life and express their joy and faith.

We are often very similar to the disciples. We have God's promise to be with his faithful people; we have the life, death and resurrection of Jesus to help us; we have the example of Christians throughout history and yet so many of us fail to understand and we can become disheartened people.

But the Easter promise is one of hope. It is a story of the defeat by Jesus over death and with it the promise of new life. New life that, in one way, is

seen in God's creation around us as nature comes back to life after the winter.

In the churches' year we journey through Holy Week at the beginning of April leading to Good Friday on April 6th. Easter celebrations then take place in each church of the benefice on Easter Sunday, the 8th April. I offer an invitation to come along and share our joy and hope in the knowledge that *Christ is Risen – He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

The more observant of you and those with Irish ancestry will have noted that last month St. Patrick was omitted from the Diary Dates. Sorry, but it is odd that of the four Patron Saints of these islands there is only one, David, who is a native of the country for which he is the Patron Saint.

George was Palestinian, Patrick was English, might have been Cumbrian, and Andrew was a Galilean, one of the Apostles. One wonders what purpose they serve.

Also last month we said the 'Mothers Day' was held in February, in fact, this year, the date is 13 May.

There has been a PCC which passed peacefully and without any interesting incident; Church internal affairs are dry as dust and just as entertaining. Bonzo is, as treasurer, solid as ever with the purse strings tightly drawn, despite the efforts of others and his accounts, which you may see if you are interested, have been approved by auditor Derek Parkin who managed to find the time between rounds of golf.

Money, is as ever, still a problem and not helped by the decision to abandon the Fête this year although there will be a summer event, but what, has not yet been decided. As we boringly repeat, the church is for all and not just the Sunday congregation so if anybody has any bright ideas for a money raising event and is prepared to take action please let us know. Contact anyone on the cover page.

One who has done more than her fair share is the wonderful Margaret Sanders. She has been knitting 24 hours a day to produce those lovely woolly chicks, in their hundreds, which cover little cream Easter Eggs and have been selling like the proverbial hot cakes at £1.50 a time or in Bouth at a £1.00. It's a poor village. Thank you Margaret, you are an example to us all.

Not only that but Margaret has organised a dance in **Greenodd Village Hall on Friday 4th May** in aid of the Church.

Any offers of raffle prizes or sweets (puddings) would be much appreciated. Please contact Margaret Sanders 01229 861 046.

Christian Aid

The Annual Soup and Cheese Luncheon will be held, this year, on **Wednesday 16 May, 12 noon to 2.00pm**. The cost this year will be **£5**, cheaper than going to a pub, with a reduction? for children. Comic Relief and Red Nose Day are all very well but please support this worthy cause, at least we know where the money is spent.

Easter Flowers

The Church will decorated for Easter on **Saturday 7 April from 10.00 am**. As always help with the decorating would be much appreciated.

Apologies from nibbles gnome, as the back pew and the font will be nutritionally bereft this year due to the said gnome being confined to quarters for the good of his health.

It is now late on Thursday morning 15 March and the deadline for contributions has passed and yet only half have been received. Apparently people haven't got time; they should try editing this magazine!!! Please people, if you want a Colton News do try to do better.

Donald.

COFFEE

April Mrs Christine Holden + helpers.



FLOWERS

8 April Easter Day

15 April Easter Flowers

22 April Easter Flowers

29 April Mrs Wendy Smith



MOTHERS UNION

At our last meeting on 20 February, at Haverthwaite, Mr Keith Butler gave a most interesting talk on his voluntary work overseas caring for communities needing medical help. There was a heartfelt wish that these communities had enough fresh water to keep them well. We all enjoyed his visit and thanked him for coming.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17 April, Rusland Reading Room, 2.00 pm.** The speaker will be Mrs Mary Newman who will talk about her time spent, as a teacher, in a girls school.

Wendy.



Tweedledum and Tweedledee

Tweedledum and Tweedledee

Agreed to have a battle.

For Tweedledum said Tweedledee

Had spoiled his nice new rattle.

Just then flew down a monstrous crow,

As black as a tar barrel,

Which frightened both those heroes so,

They both forgot their quarrel.

Anon.

You can tell things are desperate; it is now early afternoon and after a pleasant lunch and glass of wine in the local there are no more contributions; it's finding the time! To quote C Northcote Parkinson "Work expands so as to fill the time available."

PARISH NEWS

As has been written, oft before, of the willing and gracious help given to those who might not be as well as usual or have other troubles, but, equally those who receive such help are always as gracious with their thanks.

May Lambert has not, of late, been her usual busy self but she is now out and about round the village with a stick, which in other less gentle hands could be considered a lethal weapon. May has asked us to offer her grateful thanks for all the help, cards and flowers she has received. Q. E. D.

There seems to be a lot of sickness about and we can probably do no better than include a prayer used in the March Benefice Service. *'Living God we place in your gentle hands those who are sick. Ease their pain, and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present to them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, and fill them with the warmth of your love.'*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

To be held on **Tuesday 3 April in Church, 7.30 pm.** and starting with Holy Communion; it is Holy Week. It is at this meeting that the members of the PCC are elected and those eligible to vote are those who, recently, submitted their names to go on the Church's Electoral Role.

A warm if somewhat belated welcome to Barbara and John Osborne who have recently taken up residence in Bouth at Meadow View, the former house of Debbie and Roger Perry who have downsized to Way Green Farm, all of a 100 yards down the road. Our only advice is that if you cannot be happy in this parish than you run the risk of not being happy anywhere.

There should be more news but it hasn't reached this editor, even the reliable Judy has forsaken us this month. Is it something we've said? Donald.

"There are three things I always forget. Names, faces – and the third I can't remember"

WALK CUMBRIA 2007

As our local participation in “Walk Cumbria” draws near (Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th May) there are three things that the local Planning Team would like to draw to your attention.

PRAYER WALKS

These Sunday afternoon strolls, with pauses to pray at intervals, will be from **2.30 – 5.30 p.m. as follows:**

Sunday 15 April (Colton Church) Bouth-Bandrake Head-Colton

Sunday 22 April (Egton Church) Newland-Arrad Foot-Greenodd

Sunday 29 April (Lowick Church) Water Yeat-Blawith-Woodgate

Sunday 6 May (Tottlebank Chapel) Sparkbridge-Lowick Green-Penny Bridge

HELP NEEDED

We are going to need help, especially with the following events:

Thursday 10 May 7.30 p.m. Welcome Buffet Supper (Lowick Community Hall)

Saturday 12 May. Men’s Breakfast/Coffee Morning/”Hot Potato” Lunch (Greenodd Village Hall)

Evening Supper Parties

Sunday 13 May 10.30 a.m. “Walk Cumbria” Celebration Service.

There will also be opportunity to participate in the Pub-visiting and House-to-house survey that are planned, and also to offer help with transport, hospitality, finance and PRAYER! If each of you will tick at least **one** box on the questionnaire enclosed in the magazine, it will be a great encouragement and blessing.

PREPARATION TRAINING EVENT – SATURDAY 14 APRIL

We are hoping for about twenty people from our four churches to come along for a morning of preparation prior to participating in the house-to-house survey – a key part of the “Walk Cumbria” mission. As well as providing each of the team members with a local partner, we are considering the possibility of a third local member to accompany each pair and to support them with prayer (perhaps, for example, from an accompanying vehicle). Our Mission Preparer, Chris Roe, who is also to be our team leader, and is a very experienced “Walker” from several past Walk Missions, will be present to give input to this event, and we may also be joined by some members of the Coniston churches. It will be held from **9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** on **Saturday 14 April** in Lowick Community Hall, and will incorporate our monthly Crake Valley Prayer time. Everyone is very welcome – without obligation!

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth

The open meeting in March was very well attended with good support from the male of species all of whom behaved themselves. The speaker was Mr C Crowder Head Gardener who gave a fascinating talk, illustrated with beautiful slides, on the Gardens of Levens Hall

What made it more interesting was that Mr Crowder enhanced his talk by including the history of both the Hall and its residents and also a geography lesson.

This editor who was present could not help noticing that whilst the men were well behaved, the members or to be more accurate, some of the members seemed to have a problem keeping quiet. As a mere male, why was I not surprised?

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 11 April. 7.15 pm. Village Hall** when the speaker will be Mrs. A Taylor and her subject – ‘Quaker Tapestries’. The competition will be ‘A piece of needlework’.

Donald.



SCHOOL NEWS

Unfortunately everyone at Leven Valley has been extremely busy, since half term, so we have no news from them this month.

Cartmel Priory

It is sad to have to report that, during half term, a young year 11 pupil, Keiran Elvey from Flookburgh was killed in an accident. We send our sympathy and condolences to all the family and also to the school where both the pupils and staff are devastated.

The production of Oliver in March was a resounding success showing off the excellent singing and acting skills of the pupils. No doubt the staff had some small input too.

Congratulations to Michael Southcott who won the Young Cumbria Chef of the Year award and demonstrated his skills by preparing a meal for 50 guests with the profits going to Red Nose Day charity.

On a more serious note the school has been awarded a grant of £8.5k per

year for two years in order to set up a Young Engineers Club at the school and if anyone thinks they have the skills to help the young people do not hesitated to contact the school. Tel: 015395 36202. Lynda/Clive & Donald.



CINEMA CLUB

Congratulations to the Club for winning a Commended Award for the Best Community Film Society at the National Film Society Awards ceremony.

Programme for April

- 3 April *L'enfant* – Bouth- 8.00 pm.
- 13 April *Lady and the Tramp* – Rusland – 4.00 pm.
- 1 May *Berserk in Antarctica* – Rusland - 8.00 pm.

We are starting to make up short lists for the selection of films for the next season. Contact any of the committee for more information or Carol. Tel: 01229 861507. Or try our web site: www.oxenparkcinemaclub.co.uk. Carol.



DIARY DATES

Colton Church Service

- 1 April **Morning/Family Worship – 10.30 am.** –Coffee to follow (Joanna)
- 3 April **Holy Communion - 7.30 pm.** prior to the APCM.
- 6 April **Good Friday Benefice Service – 10.30 am.** (Joanna)
- 8 April **Easter Day – Holy Communion – 10.30 am.** (Gary)
- 15 April **Extended Communion – 9.30 am.** (Joanna)
- 22 April **Holy Communion – 9.30 am.** (Gary)



Other Dates

- 1 April **Palm Sunday**
- 6 April **Good Friday**
- 7 April Decorating the Church – 10.00 am.>
- 11 April Bouth W I – 7.15 pm. – Village Hall.
- 15 April Prayer Walk – 2.30 pm. – Colton
- 17 April Mothers Union – 2.00 pm. – Rusland Reading Room.
- 22 April Prayer Walk – 2.30 pm. – Penny Bridge.
- 23 April **George – Patron Saint of England.**
- 25 April **Mark, the Evangelist.**
- 29 April **Ecumenical Benefice Communion – 10.30 am. – Lowick.** (David)
- 30 April Prayer Walk - 2.30 pm. - Lowick.
- 4 May **Dance for Church Funds Greenodd Village Hall.**



Services and Rotas for April

1st	Palm Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	Psalm	118:1-2, 19-29	
	Second Reading	Philippians	2: 5-11	
	Gospel	Luke	19:28-40	
Readers:	Colton	R Smith	S Smith	E Fleming
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
2nd	Monday in Holy Week	7:30pm	Communion at Lowick	
3rd	Tuesday in Holy Week	7:30pm	Communion at Colton	
4th	Wednesday in Holy Week	7:30pm	Communion at Penny Bridge	
5th	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	Communion at Lowick	
6th	Good Friday	10:30am	Service at Colton	
8th	Easter Day			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	10:34-43	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	15:19-26	
	Gospel	John	20: 1-18	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	B Watson	J Henson
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
15th	Second Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Extended Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	5:27-32	
	Second Reading	Revelation	1: 4-82	
	Gospel	John	20:19-31	
Readers:	Colton	R Henson	B Johnson	J Henson
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		

22nd	Third Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	9: 1-6	
	Second Reading	Revelation	5:11-14	
	Gospel	John	21: 1-19	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	M Sanders	W Smith
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		

Easter Prayer

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by dying for the salvation of the whole World, rose this day from the dead, mortify you from your sins by his resurrection. Amen.

And may he, who, by the gibbet of the cross destroyed the rule of death, grant you a portion in the life of blessedness. Amen.

So that you, who celebrate this day of his resurrection with joy in this world, may attain the company of the saints in the heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Through the aid of his mercy, who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, world without end. Amen.

