



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Is it just me – or does the sun shine into your house as well and make you feel that this is the time of year when you should start doing some much needed decorating?

I can remember one year when we lived in a house with a parquet floor. Every year it needed to be sanded down and resealed – what a drag! The usual thing was to apply the seal just before retiring for the night so that we could leave it to dry overnight. I carefully moved all the furniture out of the way and started to paint the seal on – backing off towards the bottom of the stairs. At last it was finished – but wait a moment – I needed to go into the kitchen again – I couldn't unless I walked across the wet floor. I had painted myself into a corner. Oh no! Oh yes!

You know – it isn't only when we are decorating that we do this. We “paint ourselves into corners” in all sorts of ways. For example, on occasions I have taken a stand on a particular issue and found myself feeling and looking increasingly ridiculous as I try to defend an indefensible argument.

More seriously though, most of us at one time or another have fallen out with friends and a mixture of fear, shame and pride hasn't let us “climb down” and be the first to apologise and make up, so that the rift has widened to the point where an approach cannot be made. In some cases one time friends, even brothers and sisters never speak again only to find themselves weeping with remorse at the funeral of the other person.

Does the teaching of the Bible have anything to say to us if we find ourselves in this pickle? Yes it does. A lot!

First of all – about pride – there are no two ways about it, it is wrong, wrong, wrong! And even the “injured party” sometimes lets pride get in the way of reconciliation!

About forgiveness — remember how we pray that God will forgive us as we forgive other people? God is infinitely loving and forgiving, that is our example and we should try to follow it.

Lastly, do to others as you would have them do to you. None of us likes to be at the receiving end of unpleasantness – try to put yourself in the other person's place for a moment. How does it feel? Are you still feeling vindictive and judgemental? Maybe they feel sorrowful, hurt – possibly ashamed for having provoked you? Whatever role you have in a falling out, being loving, remorseful and forgiving can restore even the most broken relationships – and remember that's not just with old friends but with God as well!

With love from your sister in Christ

Joanna

Curate.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The fervent activity of Lent and Easter is over and many who have been searching their souls during this period will, no doubt like this editor, have found themselves wanting can now reflect during the run up to Pentecost. For the more mature readers try Whitsun remembering those wonderful Whit Walks; Anglicans on Monday and our friends the Roman Catholics on Friday. The children in their finery, the bands playing and the banners waving in the breeze, happy days!

There has also been an APCM, the Annual Parochial Church meeting when the new PCC is elected and which is almost totally ignored by parishioners. New is a solecism as the faithful few once again stand up to be counted and no doubt criticised for what they do or do not do, but this is part of the tradition of the Anglican Church.

One thing they might think about is the times of church services which continues to confuse people, even those who attend regularly. In many if not most churches, services are held at the same time each week but in our Benefice they vary; at Colton the first two of the month are at 10.30a.m. and the third and fourth at 9.30a.m. If there is a fifth Sunday then it is again at 10.30a.m., but that should not worry anyone as almost nobody attends it anyway.

Last year we forwent the pleasure of the Garden Fête and for very good reasons but this year it will rise like a phoenix from the ashes. The purpose of the Fête is not just to raise money for the church, but more importantly, as a reminder to those in the parish who do not attend services on a regular basis that our church, at the top of the hill, is there for ALL, not just the faithful few. And, it needs hard cash to survive!

We also need to welcome into the parish all new residents, for example in Bouth alone we have new people at Old Hall, Meadow View, Burn Knott Bungalow, High Cottage and Wear Bridge House.

Someone, she who must be obeyed, will be after your time and talents for we always need cakes, prizes and strong men, even strong women. Watch this space. The probable date for your diary is **Saturday 5 July**.

We have been reminded that sometimes the best can be the enemy of the good but that cannot be said about Mothering Sunday when Joanna led a delightful and uplifting service. Thanks are due to Wendy and her helpers for the lovely posies of spring flowers and especially to the children who helped to distribute them.

We cannot ignore the fact that there is a Mothers' Day which, if for no other reason, has a purpose in that it reminds all children that their mothers also need love and attention, even if it is only one day in the year but let us not forget that, that day is **Mothering Sunday**.

Memorial Stone

In 2006 we asked people to notify us should they want to add the name of a loved one whose cremated remains are buried in the area set aside in the churchyard.

To prove our fallibility we have struggled to move forward on this – mainly because of the high cost of adding names. At present a new round of quotations is being requested but we would appreciate those who want a name adding to contact the vicar and have the precise wording for reference. Even if you have given the name before please make contact again.

Donald/Judy.



"Where there is no vision, the people perish"

Proverbs.

FLOWER ROTA

6 April Easter Flowers

13 April Easter Flowers

20 April Wendy Smith

27 April Wendy Smith



COFFEE

6 April Sue Smith & Hilary Brooks



MOTHERS UNION

Our February meeting was held in Bouth Village Hall when Mrs. Mary Newman gave an enjoyable and instructive talk on her vocation as a teacher; describing how she had taught and helped the girls in her care.

We spent a pleasant time afterwards chatting to Mary and buying M U Cards and goods.[Ed. Trust they were all Fairtrade]

In March there was no speaker at Rusland so Barbara Watson, our Leader, led us in the 'Wave of prayer' with our curate Joanna playing the keyboard. This was followed by a discussion led by Barbara on the different ways the M U works at home and overseas.

We now have a new link with St. Luke's, Haverigg. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8 April, 2.00pm., Bouth Village Hall**, when our speaker will be Dr. Edward Davies.



CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Boxes will be collected over the next few weeks by Wendy. It would be helpful, if you have not already done so, to bring the Boxes to Church. The Annual Christian Aid Lunch will be held, this year, on **Wednesday 14 May, 12.00 - 2.00pm.** in the usual venue, the **Rusland Reading Room.**

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

The worldwide defectors have now all returned to the parish, and in good spirits, although one, who does not like to be named, could be better and we wish him a quick return to full health.

Mrs. Teasdale is still very ill and in hospital. Mrs Dobson is not too well either and is waiting to go into Hollow Oak Nursing home. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their loved ones.

We are pleased to report that Bridget Fleming (Judy's daughter) is better than she was and is awaiting test results and an appointment for a Brain Scan. She was very ill for a while but is now "taking the tablets" and feeling much better.

Congratulations are due to daughter Charlotte Fleming who gained a first and two second places in the recent Music Festival for her Recorder playing.

Local Post Offices

As the day draws nearer for the decision on our local Post Offices it is timely to repeat the information we gave last month.

"There is concern that our Post Office at Greenodd might be in danger from closure and the Parish Council is aware of the situation and is actively supporting this vital community service, but it needs your support. A little like the church – use it or lose it.

Letters of support from all of us are crucial to survival and should be sent to:- **Alan Cook, Managing Direct, Post Office Ltd, 80-86 Old Street, LONDON EC1V 9HQ**

Adam Crozier, Chief Executive, Royal mail Group, 148 Old Street LONDON EC1V 9HQ

National Consultation Team, Post Office Ltd, FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM. Email consultation@postoffice.co.uk

You can also write to Tim Farron MP, FREEPOST LA9 8BR" Donald.



"Long is the way and hard, that out of hell leads up to light."

Milton.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

We had an excellent turnout for our March meeting, despite the blustery weather and we were pleased to hear that we now have a complement of 26 full members, four of whom has a 'very nice day out' to Quarry Mill in Cheshire.

Our speaker was Mrs. Irene Cooper, assisted by her chap Robin, who presented a slide show with illustrations on 'The History of Knitting' from third century Egypt (a split toed sandal sock), medieval work, the twenties and through to the present day. It was extremely interesting and prompted many memories, including knitting for the forces during the Second World War.

How marvellous it was to see Barbara's beautiful knitted coat – thank you so much Donald, for lending it to us for the evening. Many skilled examples of knitting were produced for the competition – what a clever lot Bouth W I are!

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 April, 7.15pm., Village Hall** when the speaker will be Mrs. J Buxton and her subject, 'Tiger, Tiger'. The competition will be 'A Wild Life Picture'.

To important matters – another reminder of our **Bouth W I Spring Walk & Cream Tea. The starting gun fires at 1.00pm. on Saturday 19 April from Bouth Village Hall.** Further information on the notice boards but for those who are not local the price is £4 for all with children under school age free. Everyone is welcome and there will be walks for all fitness levels and booking is not necessary but please, dogs on leads and children under control (or possibly the other way round!) Please dress sensibly; this is a country walk, not a shopping stroll, and remember the Country Code.

Teas served from 3.00pm. onwards and not before! [Ed. This stern warning should not be ignored; the mafia are a soft touch compared to these ladies.]

Helpers must be there by 12.30pm. to welcome walkers and by 1.30 for the teas. Assistance with the washing up, either sex, would be gratefully received.

Penelope.



"All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That is his." Wilde

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We are disappointed to report that the County Council propose to discontinue support for the popular Lengthsman Scheme which has been running as a pilot project in our Parish for the past year. They acknowledge that the pilot scheme has been successful, but nonetheless propose to launch their own centrally managed 'Highway Steward' Scheme (using Amey) which they say will be more cost-effective for the County as a whole.

They propose that 7 of a total of 24 Stewards will be based in South Lakeland, performing the same function as the Lengthsman, plus being responsible for road repair (the present 'Area Highway Teams' would concentrate mainly on urban areas). We estimate that the Highway Stewards would only manage ½ day per week here for 'Lengthsman jobs', with the consequent decline in service.

There is however, a glimmer of hope! The Parish Council had already budgeted some funding to support our Lengthsman in the coming year, and we hear that there might be further funding through the Community Board.

We have had a good response to the parish questionnaire - many thanks to those who sent them in. We will be discussing the issues raised at a Parish Plan Update meeting shortly.

The next meeting is an Annual Parish Council meeting on **Monday 12 May, 7.30pm. Finsthwaite Village Hall.**

Mandy.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The last meeting held in Leven Valley School was very successful and this, in no small measure, was due to the fact that apart from the chairman Cllr. Ted Walsh, who was excellent, there was not another elected member in sight. Unusually this resulted in members of the public being able to have their say. Normally, the elected members, who are more used to speaking in public, have an irritating habit of hogging the meeting. They seem to

forget that they have their own forums and that this one is for the long suffering public.

Unfortunately the speaker who was to explain the Digital Switchover was unable to attend so the good councillor gave an update on the Grange & Cartmel (yes, that includes us, despite the title) Community Board. These Boards are a new innovation in the UK and there are five Pilot Schemes in Cumbria. Currently there are six Local Committees but the Boards cover much smaller areas and were formed initially to be part of the ill-fated Unitary Authority bid by the County Council.

They consist of elected members from County to Parish plus representatives from service organisations; police, NHS etc but not from Joe Public! Public participation however, is encouraged, and make of that what you will. The next meeting, which you can attend is to be held on **Tuesday 6 May, 6.00pm. Haverthwaite Parish Hall.**

Roderick Smith who, one is convinced is a refugee from the ‘Hustlers’, made an impassioned plea for a grant for a ‘nearly new’ mower for Bouth Village Green; perhaps we have got it wrong, and it should be ‘Del Boy’.

In the hope that he will be successful, he then attacked, with some vigour, that previously the Forum had approved a grant of £5,000 for the refurbishment of the Hoad Memorial despite the fact that all other grants are limited to £1,000, also the Town Council have received a Lottery grant of near £900,000. He was well supported, but then it ain’t a fair world. Donald.



SCHOOL NEWS

It is becoming extremely difficult to get news from our two schools despite the want of trying. We will continue to try but it is getting a little tiresome.

Cartmel Priory

From too late in February: Three pupils, Beth Tominson, Lauren Davies & Ned Sharpe represented the school in the Rotary Club Speaks, District Final where they were overall Senior winners and also Ned winning the best vote of thanks & Beth the best speaker awards and they will now go forward to the regional finals in April.

Congratulations and also to Sam Tickle who topped the national ‘Maths Challenge’ competition and now enters the ‘Maths Olympiad’. He achieved a Certificate of Distinction which places him in the top 300 UK mathematicians.

Services and Rotas for April

6th	Third Sunday of Easter				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am BCP Communion			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Morning Worship			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship			
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	2:14a, 36-41		
	Second Reading	1 Peter	1:17-23		
	Gospel	Luke	24:13-35		
Readers:	Colton	R Smith	H Brooks	I Pimie	
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan		
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	P Ashton	C Styles	
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& S Dean		
	Lowick	J Wood			
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& N Lord		
13th	Fourth Sunday of Easter				
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am Communion			
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	2:42-47		
	Second Reading	1 Peter	2:19-25		
	Gospel	John	10: 1-10		
Readers:		J Lancaster	S James	R Long	
Sidespersons:		C Line & E Line			
	No service at Colton and Lowick				
20th	Fifth Sunday of Easter				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion and Baptism			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion			
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	7:55-60		
	Second Reading	1 Peter	2: 2-10		
	Gospel	John	14: 1-14		
Readers:	Colton	B Watson	C Holden	G Pickles	
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& M Bullock		
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	C Sadler	C Styles	
Sidesmen:	Colton	C Holden	& B Watson		
	Lowick	A Wood			
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorrex	& W Greatorrex		
27th	Sixth 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	17:22-31		
	Second Reading	1 Peter	3:13-22		
	Gospel	John	14:15-21		
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	M Sanders	J Tarr	
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis		
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	C Dykes	J Henson	
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& S Dean		
	Lowick	J Wood			
	Penny Bridge	J Atkinson	& R Atkinson		

DIARY DATES

A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30a.m.



8 April Mothers Union - Bouth Village Hall, 2.00pm.

Cinema Club – ‘The Prestige’ – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm.

9 April Bouth W I – Bouth Village Hall – 7.15pm.

19 April Bouth W I – ‘Spring Walk’ – Starts at Bouth Village Hall at 1.00pm.

23 April **George, Patron Saint of England.**

25 April **Mark the Evangelist.**

16 April Cinema Club – Fish & Chip Quiz night – Rusland Reading Room.

1 May **Ascension Day.**



Cinema Club

The last film of the season is ‘THE PRESTIGE’ an absorbing and gripping thriller which can be seen on **Tuesday 8 April – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm.**

To end the season we have a **Fish & Chip Quiz** night on **Saturday 26 April – Rusland Reading Room -&.30pm.** Ring Carol to order beforehand and come and be challenged by one of Colin Barr’s Quiz’s.

See web site for details: www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk. Thank you to everyone who has supported our films this year and we are already viewing and building up a program for the next season. Carol.



THE VICAR, THE CANON & THE CATHEDRAL

Our esteemed Vicar, the Rev’d Gary Wemyss was collated and installed as an Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral on Sunday 16 March. In church terms, collated does not mean gathered together but rather, presented. Whilst the ceremony was a gentle and simple affair the following Choral Evensong was magnificent. But then Cathedral services usually are, for the setting is outstanding and the music inspirational and beautiful. Evensong has a depth, beauty and tranquillity not equalled in any other service.

Congratulations to the Rev’d. Canon G Wemyss and we hope that the responsibilities will not be too onerous. On a lighter note some of us, who probably should know better, were amused and not a little concerned that our new Canon promised to be - obedient !!