



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Survival to Revival – The Bible

The *Survival to Revival* theme keeps moving forward in both Diocese and Benefice. Each of the three parishes has their chosen topics for 2006 but I wish to highlight one theme from Penny Bridge for 2006. This is aimed at trying to encourage more people to open their Bibles and to see, and hear, what God is saying to them in their everyday lives.

Last month we began a series focusing on a brief passage, or verse, from the Bible with explanatory thoughts and a prayer in the magazine. It is hoped that these will be of help to some people and will continue throughout the year. At Penny Bridge Church there will also be a slot in worship, once every two months, entitled *My Favourite Bible Passage*. This will allow a variety of people to share thoughts about their favourite Bible passage and if you would be willing to share your thoughts one Sunday have a word with the vicar. (Please note that if people are interested this could also take place at Lowick and Colton).

During Lent 2006 we will be changing the format and having both the Bible Study and the worship on a Wednesday evening. The evening will begin with a Bible Study from 7:30 – 8:30pm and end with an act of worship centred on the ideas which have come from the study time. These begin on March 8th although there will be an Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary the Virgin, Egton-cum-Newland on Wednesday 1st March at 7:30pm. Full details of venues for the study and services will be out with the next magazine.

It is proposed to follow a book called *The Journey of the Son* by Kate Hayes. This can be studied as part of a larger group, as a family, or group of

friends, or as an individual. The book itself costs £3-50 and will be available from Mrs. C Dykes, Tel: 861 509 or the Bible Shop, Mill Street, Ulverston. (I suggest that you telephone first to make certain they still have copies in stock).

Further events will be happening throughout the year and we hope that other parishioners will come and join us exploring the Bible in 2006 and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss

Vicar



February's Bible Focus

Our bible focus for February is based on a passage by Selwyn Hughes, with a few additional comments. Selwyn has been writing Every Day With Jesus devotional notes for 40 years and has helped many grow in faith.

Psalm 134 v 1- 14

‘Those who look to Him are radiant: their faces are never covered with shame’. (v5)

Selwyn writes; ‘One of the most important issues in life is fixing our gaze in the right direction. If we look mainly at ourselves we will become discouraged. If we look only at others we may become distracted. However if Christ becomes the focus of our attention then the Holy Spirit will help us to become more like Him...

Not long ago a friend of mine sent me a photograph of his mother who has reached the age of 92. She looked as if she had had a face- lift, but I knew this was not the case. I became acquainted with this woman 60 years ago when I was newly converted, and she was one who first told me of the need to look constantly in the face of Jesus. At the time I was puzzled by this... How could we look into the face of Jesus when he was in heaven and we are down on earth? Then she explained that gazing at the face means focusing on his character, his attributes, his qualities as portrayed in

the Gospels. That is why the Gospels are one of the most widely read sections of scripture for me.

Is your face radiant? Wherever we are on our faith journey we surely all long to become more like Jesus. Why not start by reading one of the Gospels (perhaps Luke to begin). Gaze on Jesus and allow your face to shine.

Lord Jesus Christ, may my face show that I belong to You. As I look to You more and more in this coming year may my face too become more radiant. For Your own dear name's sake. Amen

Carolyn.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The Herald Angels have taken a well earned rest, the Wise Men have taken an alternative route home due to a spot of bother on the Bethlehem to Persia Donkey Way but sadly the Bleak Midwinter is still with us.

Have you ever reflected that there might be a reason for the commercialisation of Christmas for how could we possibly indulge, as we do, in the name of our Lord? Just a thought.

The Carols round the Bouth Christmas Tree has, after so many years, at last established itself, and this year there was a bigger gathering than ever who generously gave £185.29 to be donated to the Hospice. Kind of made up for the quality of the singing.

On a lighter note May Lambert and Judy Redhead decided that if the Village Hall was not having a Christmas Bingo, they would, (and we were only trying to be helpful and save then the trouble). The result was a magnificent £400 donated to Cancer Research. Thank you ladies and for those who supported this event.

In this parish we have so much to be thankful for with so many people working tirelessly and quietly not only for the Church but for the whole community. Come to think about it the Church is the community. Special thanks to those who put up the Tree in Church and the 'Flowers ladies'.

Sadly we have had persons unknown causing a nuisance in Colton & Rusland churches. Fortunately not too much damage was done but a bit of a mess was created and we are grateful to the Church Wardens for clearing

up. Locking the church is not an acceptable proposition so it will **remain open** as a tranquil refuge for all faiths and for those without a faith!

Again sadly, we are saying farewell to Pam and Alistair MacIver who from the moment they arrived became stalwarts of our church, in a quiet and unassuming manner. Pam with her crystal clear voice from the choir stalls and Alistair with his thankless and unstinting work organising the readings and the prayer Rota. We thank them both and wish them good health, peace and happiness and may they quickly forget the traumas of the last twelve months. Their new address is: *Norbec Lodge, Horseshoe Lane, Beckley, Nr. Rye, East Sussex, TN31 6SO.* Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

5 February Mrs. M Lambert

12 February Mrs. M Lambert

19 February Mrs. W Smith

16 February Mrs. W Smith

COFFEE

5 February Mrs. B Watson & helper



MOTHERS UNION

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21 February, 2.00pm., Haverthwaite Parish Hall** when Canon Ellis will be illustrating his talk on his trip to Jordan and Syria with slides.

Women's World Day of Prayer

A service is to be held in **Holy Trinity Church, Colton on Friday 3 March at 2.00pm.** Everyone is welcome. Wendy.



"A clean house is a sign of a broken computer."

Anon.

PARISH NEWS

We were saddened to hear of the death of Tom Milburn, originally from Bethcar. He was a country farming man who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life even after he retired to Ulverston. His gentle kind are not being replaced in our modern fast world.

We are also saddened to hear of the death of Terry Butler from Furnace Hall, Penny Bridge. He has suffered ill-health for some time and he will be remembered by many especially for the support that he and Jean gave to local fund raising events.

Our condolences and prayers go out to both families.

Judith.

On a happier note we welcome Sally Anne Buttress and partner Scott Morton and their first child Brandon who have come to live in Bouth. Congratulations not just to them but to also to May Lambert as Brandon is her first great grandchild.

It must be in the air for we send more congratulations to Andrea and John on the birth of their baby, Halle, and to Cynthia and Jack Burns as this is also their first great grandchild.

Christmas in Bouth and the church would not have been the same without the Trees and for these we have to thank Mr & Mrs Miners of Underfield for kindly donating them. Whilst in this generous mood we also thank Roderick Smith for his tireless enthusiasm in organising the tree and lights and we must not forget Charlotte Fleming for accompanying the 'singing' on her recorder and for playing her clarinet. Well done Charlotte !

And we must not forget the generosity of Kath & Nigel Barton, from the White Hart, for supplying Mulled wine and mince pies. Our best wishes go to Nigel who is now back home after a fairly serious surgery to straighten out his ankle and is strangely quiet. It won't last.

Way back in November the Bouth Village Hall held it's A G M and although there are some 150+ souls living in the village only nine good people and a dog showed up and yet everybody wants the Village Hall !! It was later remarked that as the dog didn't say anything it was the most sensible being there.

In December we remarked that the Coopers of Bouth were perhaps less than diligent when reading these pages. Birkett has responded with quiet indignation that not only does he read from cover to cover but was willing to provide a list of split infinitives and incorrect conjugations that appear from time to time. Your editor, fresh from being confused by reading 'Eats, shoots and leaves', kindly refused.

Apart from all the coughs and splutters that seem to be affecting us there are those who are more poorly and we send our good wishes and prayers for recovery to Janet Mulcaster, Jack Burns, Betty Hall and Christine Holden. And any others that we do not know about.

Judith/Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth

The Christmas party was its usual hilarious success with the ladies a little more relaxed than usual as caterers were employed who did a first class job, which went down well with the home brew provided by an antique villager.

There was also 'professional' entertainment which, for want of a better description, was interesting. (Ed note: not a patch on the ladies performance last year.)

Thanks are due to all those, including Noel Brooks, for decorating the hall and clearing up after the party.

January has been a busy month with a trip to Manchester via the Trafford Centre, to see and hear a performance of 'The Nutcracker' at the Bridgewater Hall. At our meeting we had a talk on a trip to and up Mount Kilimanjaro by 'Charity Walkers' who raised £ 90,000 for the 'Whiz Kids' who provide high-tech wheel chairs for disabled children.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 February, 7.15pm., Village Hall** which will be a Scrabble (squabble) evening, cost £ 1.

Penny with some help from Donald.

Sparkbridge & Lowick

Unfortunately we have not received, this month, any information from this branch. The time frame for putting the magazine together, printing and distributing is tight and so 'copy' **must be received by the 15th.**

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COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There are 2 councillor vacancies owing to Councillor Sylvia Nichols leaving the area and Cllr Margaret Dryden stepping down, regretfully, owing to family commitments. Both have been loyal members of the council, giving willingly of their time to help the community. Margaret has served for over 10 years and was one of the prime movers in getting the parish plan into action.

Sylvia has served for over 3 years and also worked hard on the parish plan committee. There will be an election for the 2 vacant seats in February. Applicants can be anyone living within the Colton Parish Council boundary. No experience is necessary as training will be provided. The most important quality is the desire to make our parish a better place in which to live and to protect and enhance its beauty, qualities which were displayed so admirably in Margaret and Sylvia.

If you are interested and would like more information, contact Judith Dove (clerk), 01229 885647 or Ron Mein (chairman) 01229 861452). A formal notice will be placed on each parish notice board in mid January which will explain the procedure. Please give this matter some serious thought. Judith.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The Christmas term ended with a memorable concert performed by the pupils. to a packed house. There were many fine performances which were a credit to the pupils (not students), their teachers and the school.

On a more sombre note we have now had 20 Education Acts in twenty years and this has taken its toll on staff and Governors alike, whilst much has been good too much falls into the class of 'it was a good idea at the time'.

We were delighted, at the end of last term, to welcome Hannah a new year 7 pupil. Hannah and her family have recently moved to Bouth. Clive.



Backbarrow & District British Legion Poppy Appeal

A superb total of £3322.13, our largest yet, was collected in 2005. The organisers wish to thank all the donors and collectors effort. Robert.

LEVEN VALLEY

Mr Stephen Cooper has joined our teaching staff, and is teaching our Class Two children.

Our Kristkindle Fair raised £600 for PTA funds. Many thanks to all who supported us.

We are supporting this year's Blue Peter appeal, which is raising money for Childline. If you have any unwanted mobile phones, currency or old coins, we have collecting boxes for them.

We will be holding a Rummage Sale in the dining room on Monday February 6th, at 3pm. All rummage and customers are welcome!

Our production this year is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". We have two performances, both on **Friday 17th February, at 2.00pm and 6.30pm.** You are cordially invited to join us.

Susan.



Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service

Every household in Cumbria can have a free Home Fire Safety check. A local Community Firefighter will make an appointment and visit you, advising you on all aspects of home fire safety.

He will fit a new smoke alarm or show you how to maintain your existing one and discuss a fire plan for your household. He may be able to fit a security doorbar as well.

For this free service, or advice on home fire safety, call our Freephone number

0800 358 4777 or call the Barrow Area Office on 01229 821363.



Oxen Park Cinema Club

Forth coming events are *My Summer Love(15)* Tuesday 7 February, 7.30pm., Bouth. *OPCC & Ulverston Word Market* join to present a *book & film event at Victoria High* showing *Enduring Love*. Saturday 4 February 7.30pm. £4, U17 £1 (OPCC members £3.)

A Young peoples **Animation Workshop** followed by Wallace & Gromit's *The Curse of the Were Rabbit*, Saturday 18 March, 10.00am – 4.00pm. Rusland Parish Room.

Carol.

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 5 February **Family Service – 10.30am.** – Coffee to follow.
12 February **Benefice Communion – Colton – 10.30am.** Coffee to follow.
19 February **Holy Communion - 9.30am.**
26 February **Holy Communion – 9.30am.**



Other Dates

- 2 February **Presentation of Christ to the Temple – (Candlemas.)**
4 February OPCC & Ulverston Word Market event – Victoria High – 7.30pm.
7 February Cinema Club – Bouth – 7.30pm.
8 February Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
14 February **St. Valentine.**
15 February **Last day for ‘copy’.**
16 February Leven Valley School – ‘Charlie & the Chocolate Factory’
2.00 and 6.00pm
21 February M U Meeting – Haverthwaite Parish Hall – 2.00pm.
24 February **St. Mathias**
28 February **Shrove Tuesday.**



5p Pieces for Camelia

Thank you to everyone who contributed money to our collection for Camelia Lautaru, both in the JAM Club and from the parishes. We have sent £291.57 to Children in Distress for this year's sponsorship of Camelia. I would also like to thank Lloyd and Janet for acting as a collection point in the shop.

Thanks to the wonderful collection at the Nativity on Christmas Eve, we were also able to send a donation of £20 towards the Donkey Sanctuary in Devon where Tinsel (the donkey in our Nativity) came from.

Many thanks.

Vanda Lambton.

