



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

BLESSED ASSURANCE

As our thoughts turn to summer holidays I am reminded of an incident during a holiday chaplaincy in Rimini, when we had a car crash crossing a busy junction.

Momentarily shocked at being hit sideways on, and forced across the carriageway, I became aware of the irritating cacophony-sound of a car-horn. It was *mine!* We were instantly surrounded by a large crowd, and, moments later by several policemen. They demanded to see my green-card insurance document. A whisper began between them, and spread to the crowd, who fell back a pace or two seemingly in awe, murmuring “Casca, Casca” as they did so. I learned later that it is Italian for “Fortress”, and is their name for the fully comprehensive insurance cover which I had. The deference was because, in Italy, only the richest business magnates and aristocracy could afford it. (The police instantly slapped a 10,000 lire fine on me, although later it turned out that it was not really my fault!)

Now, not only did we have ‘casca’ insurance, but it was with a reputable company belonging to the British Insurance Association, with its vast compensation fund which meant that, even if the individual company failed, my insurance would pay out as promised. It was absolutely *guaranteed*. I could probably have got the same insurance at half the price from a round-the-corner “bucket shop”, but, without the guarantee, I could never be sure that they *would* pay out if I had an accident. It is the peace of mind that comes with the absolute guarantee that is what I was really paying for – and eventually my company *did* pay out about £4000, exactly as promised.

In a multi-faith society we are sometimes challenged to say what, if anything, is exclusive and unique about our Christian faith. My answer would be NOT that it is the ONLY way of salvation (- in Romans ch. 2 v 15 the apostle Paul seems to say that those who live by the light that they have received MAY (perhaps) be acceptable to God in the Day of Judgement), but that it is the only *GUARANTEED* way of salvation.

Not only is it 'Casca', but it is underwritten by the LORD God Himself, Who has raised Jesus from the dead in order to vindicate it, and has sworn by His Own Name in order to guarantee it. (Hebrews 6:13)

Those who put their trust in Christ may *know*, and have the "blessed assurance", that God's promises are true and that the new life that the Holy Spirit brings will last forever. For those who follow other ways we must just be content to say, with Abraham, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?" (Genesis 18:25)

With love in Christ

David Gregg



COLTON CHRONICLES

A heartfelt thanks to the intrepid congregation who, not only braved the weather but eschewed the attractions of the Ulverston Carnival & Wimbledon and took the trouble to attend our Garden Fête digging deep in their pockets to such an extent that Treasurer Bonzo when totting up ran out of fingers and had to take his shoes and socks off.

The 'profit', so he tells us, is in the region of £1,100; this could not have happened without the hard work of Judy, the team and all those who contributed. The book stall particularly did well because of the quality of the books that had been given. And thank you to our musicians for their accomplished playing which was much appreciated, when heard over the enthusiastic sounds from the machine in the other corner.

A very special thanks to Judy Redhead who has been responsible for organising the Fête for what seems decades and has now 'retired' from the fray. Her efforts are an example of those in our parish who work selflessly and more often than not, quietly, to keep Holy Trinity Church, Colton

together as a going concern. In a moment of unexplained weakness John Tarr has volunteered to organise next year's Fête and is busy gathering a team around him.

Nigel Priestley has been co-opted onto the PCC as has Susan Smith, at the May meeting. Two valuable assets who, together with their straightforward attitude to life, will be warmly welcomed.

The one thing that you can never accuse the Anglican Church of, is being democratic. The media has been full of the General Synod debate on the ordination of Women Bishops but there has been little or no discussion at parish level and indeed at Deanery and Diocesan level. The thought of actually having a referendum on such an important matter would probably be thought of as a mortal sin.

The structure of our church is top heavy and like Topsy has just grown with little thought to its function in life. Indeed a Bishop recently remarked that its work resembled a "slow moving train wreck" Dr. Sentamu said "Jesus Christ is on the street weeping. Did you see the newspaper that said the Church is navel-gazing while our children are being slaughtered and killed. We have confused synodical language with governance". As always the debate centres on theology and tradition, in other words theory and stubbornness both of which lack common sense. Poor Mary gets totally ignored and surely, in her quiet way, wasn't she as much an apostle as the men?

With all the dissent that is raging within our Church a happy outcome seems near impossible particularly with so many threatening to go elsewhere; one wonders whether such people have an ideology rather than a faith.

St. Luke's Church Lowick

In recent times sadly, we have reported the deaths of Ella Phizaklea and Frank Inman both of whom were stalwarts of St. Luke's, Lowick for many decades and who also made magnificent contributions to the well being of Lowick.

The good citizens of Lowick wish to remember their dedication and intend to put in place twin corner seats between the Community Hall Porch and the Church yard wall as a memorial to them. A fund to cover the cost is

being set up; cheques made payable to Lowick Community Hall, endorsed Ella & Frank Appeal. Donations can be left in envelopes in the church or sent to Malcolm Bullock, The Meadows, Lowick Green, Ulverston, LA12 8DX. There should be some grant aid slips at the back of Colton church.

Harvest

It may seem strange talking about Harvest in August but the fact is that there will not be Colton News in September although there probably will be a Benefice Newsletter. Indeed if anyone wants to contribute to it please contact the Vicar; information so to do is on the front inside cover.

We shall be having a Harvest Supper on **Friday 10 October** following our traditional Farmer's Harvest Service at **7.00pm**. There will be a sheet (of paper) at the back of the church to be signed by those who want to attend; you can also contact Mrs. Sue Dean Tel: 01229 861 435. We do not yet know the cost, but it will probably be about £7.



FLOWER ROTA

3 August Mrs. Wendy Smith
10 August Wedding
17 August Wedding Flowers
24 August Revd. Joanna Henson
31 August Revd. Joanna Henson



COFFEE

As the Church Hall is being used on Sunday 3 August Coffee will be served at the back of the church by whoever is available. There is no Rota!



*"To give away yourself keeps yourself still,
And you must live, drawn by your own sweet skill."*

Shakespeare

MOTHERS UNION

“There is to be a Memorial Service in remembrance of Hannah Wilson on **Saturday 9 August, Rusland Church, 1.00 pm.**”

Our meeting on **Tuesday, 9 September** will be held in the **Church Hall, 2.00pm.**; our speaker will be Ms. Simone Cookson who will give us a talk on the ‘Father Gilson Project’.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 October, Bouth Village Hall, 2.00pm.** when the speaker will be Mrs. Jenny Stalker, Matron of St. Mary’s Hospice.

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

If anything of interest has happened in the parish this month it is a well kept secret and is making the life of this editor difficult and frustrating.

Congratulations to Hazel Cornthwaite, now living in Bootle but was brought up at Old Hall Farm, Bouth and daughter of Fran and Peel, who was married on 19 July to local farmer Brian Sykes.

We send our best wishes to Jean Casson, also of Bouth, who is recovering from a hip operation. No doubt the inability to drive for some weeks will be frustrating for the poor lady; those of us who know Jean are aware that she could give Lewis Hamilton a good run for his money.

There has been a disturbing increase in the metal thefts throughout the country which gives rise to the thought that when one considers the amount of valuable metal in the joints of so many of our residents in this parish we more elderly folk must be on our guard.

On a more serious note there has also been an upsurge in domestic fuel oil thefts, due to the alarming increase in prices. We are told to take action to prevent such thefts and do not think ‘it could not happen to me’, for it surely will.

Finally, and at the risk of tempting fate, we give thanks that our beloved vicar has not had any mishaps for some time with the hope that his luck will continue. If he takes care, it might.

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our meeting on 9 July we were pleased to welcome Jane Challoner of High Hay Bridge as a new member.

The speaker was Mrs. Belshaw whose subject was 'It Shouldn't Happen to a Nurse' (part 2). She is highly entertaining and had the ladies in fits of laughter at her stories – we hope that there will be a 'Part 3'.

There will not be a meeting in August, but on **Wednesday the 6th**, there is to be a walk and trip on Windermere (Ed. The thought of the W I ladies walking on water makes one wonder just what power they have achieved). There will be afternoon tea and cakes at the 'Bluebird cafe'; If you want to go please contact Elspeth Cooper Tel: 861 395 or Sue Smith Tel: 861 370.

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 10 September, 7.15pm. Bouth Village Hall**. The speaker will be our own Cathy Styles who no doubt will be in imperious form giving her talk on 'A Life in Education'. The competition will be 'A School Report'.

Penny.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Lake District National Park's "Local Development Framework (LDF) - Core Strategy" has been published for consultation and your Parish Council will be responding. Broadly, the LDF divides the National Park into five 'distinctive' areas based on socio-economic and environmental criteria; Colton falls in the 'South Lakes' designation along with Coniston, Broughton and Hawkshead. There are proposals to relax some planning restrictions in cases where need, e.g. for affordable housing, can be demonstrated, using local information (e.g. housing needs surveys such as that already undertaken for Colton). The LDF recognises that development needs to be linked to employment and services. See www.lake-district.gov.uk/ldf for more details.

Your Council has sent in comments on the Stribers Wind Farm scoping study, explaining that it is likely to object to the planning application on the basis of visual amenity (preservation of which ranked 5th of 15 priority issues in the recent Parish questionnaire). Many of Colton's fine views look south-east over the Ellerside ridge and the wind-farm would be highly

visible. SLDC has granted permission for a wind monitoring mast on the ridge.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 8 September, 7.30pm. Rusland Reading Room.** [Mandy Lane (Clerk) Tel: 01229 861 408. Email: coltonpc@btinternet.com – Website: www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk] Mandy.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

We had a three day film-making workshop at Leven Primary School during the first week of the holidays; the results will be entered in the film classes at the Rusland Show on **16 August** and will be shown at the Saturday Family Film Shows throughout the year.

Come and visit our stand at the show and collect a program for our new season of films.

This starts on **Tuesday 2 September, Rusland reading Room, 7.30pm.** when we will be showing *The Kite Runner*. We also have the first of four Saturday Supper Specials with *The Commitments* to be shown after a light supper on **Saturday 20 September, 7.30pm. Rusland Reading Room.**

This follows our first Family Film Show at **4.00pm.** with one of the popular *Wallace & Gromit* Films. For further information and details of membership see our website; www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk Carol.



Note

Unfortunately neither of our local schools have anything for us which is a great pity as not only are the residents of the parish interested in the progress of both Leven Valley Cartmel Priory but we have been including School News regularly for the past twenty years. *‘A shade of sadness, a blush of shame.’* J G Whittier (From Barbara Frietchie) Carol.



From, Song of Myself

*“I have said that the soul is not more than the body,
And I have said that the body is not more than the soul,
And nothing, not God, is greater to one than one’s self is”*

Walt Whitman

MAKE THE BEST OF YOUR SINGING VOICE WITH RUSLAND VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST

Kirsten Taylor has recently run a very successful and enjoyable series of singing classes at Water Yeat.

RVCT intends support a similar course of 8 classes at Satterthwaite starting in September. You do not have to have a good voice. All you have to do is enjoy singing. The idea of the classes is to teach vocal techniques and to help you make the best of your present singing ability and increase your enjoyment of singing.

RVCT will pay the bulk of the cost of these classes but will ask for a modest contribution (£2-00) for each lesson. Times/dates of each class to be arranged.

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If you are interested please contact Giles Wingate-Saul, RVCT
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NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The next forum (after the one on 22nd July) will be on **1 October** in the **Coronation Hall Supper Room at 7.30pm**. The only agenda item, so far is an update on County Square and the Laurel & Hardy statue. Pat.



"Content thyself to be obscurely good

When vice prevail and impious men bear sway,

The post of honour is a private station."

Joseph Addison.

Services and Rotas for August

3rd	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship		
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	32:22-31		
	Second Reading	Romans	9: 1-5		
	Gospel	Matthew	14:13-21		
Readers:	Colton	H Brooks	E Fleming	I Pirnie	
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan		
	Penny Bridge	E Wemyss	R Atkinson	D Lancaster	
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& C Holden		
	Lowick	S Wood			
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	& J Atkinson		
10th	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity				
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Benefice Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	37:1-4, 12-28		
	Second Reading	Romans	10: 5-15		
	Gospel	Matthew	14:22-33		
Readers:		C Holden	M Sanders	R Smith	
Sidesmen:		B Watson	& S Dean		
No service at Penny Bridge and Lowick					
17th	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	45: 1-15		
	Second Reading	Romans	11:1-2a, 29-32		
	Gospel	Matthew	15:21-28		
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	J Henson	J Tarr	
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& M Bullock		
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	R Long	E Wemyss	
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& C Holden		
	Lowick	A Wood			
	Penny Bridge	J Law	& B Law		
24th	Bartholomew the Apostle				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	5:12-16		
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	4: 9-15		
	Gospel	Luke	22:24-30		
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	J Pickles	D Wroe	
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis		
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	E Wemyss	G Wemyss	
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& B Watson		
	Lowick	G Mitchell			
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line		
31st	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity				
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Ecumenical and Benefice Service		
Readings:	First Reading	Exodus	3: 1-15		
	Second Reading	Romans	12: 9-21		
	Gospel	Matthew	16:21-28		

DIARY DATES

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

- 6 August **Transfiguration of our Lord.**
Bouth W I Walk and Windermere Trip.
- 9 August Memorial Service for Hannah Wilson – Rusland Church – 1.00pm.
- 15 August **The Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- 16 August RUSLAND SHOW.
- 24 August **Bartholomew the Apostle.**

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- 2 September Cinema Club – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm.
- 8 September Parish Council Meeting – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm.
- 9 September M U – Colton Church Hall – 2.00pm.
- 10 September Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 20 September Cinema Club – Rusland Reading Room – 4.00 & 7.30pm.

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“Congratulations”

Many congratulations to our Spark Bridge resident submariner, Ian Wylie, who on 1st July ‘shipped his Brass Hat’, which most of us would understand better as meaning that he was promoted to being a Commander RN.’

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WRINKLES - or Friday morning in Booths.

When Viv and I go to the shops
For milk and bread and cheese and chops,
We look at all the wrinkles there,
Who shuffle round the shelves and stare.

And tell ourselves when we are old
Our hands won’t shake, we won’t lose hold.
And when we’re halfway home, we find
We’ve left the cheese and chops behind.

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