



PARISH NEWS

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Which Way?

On Holy Saturday Elizabeth and I had the joy of visiting parishes in the deanery with their copies of *The Way* (Lowick and Penny Bridge copies will be delivered with this magazine).

Between Coniston and Broughton we went for a walk in the woods and on arriving back at the car two other cars parked next to ours. It became clear at once that they were uncertain how to get to Seathwaite and their objective was not made easier by the book of maps they were using to find the way. Having a large scale Ordnance Survey Map we were able to help them find the way to Seathwaite.

We set off towards Broughton and at the next junction we found two more cars full of people – this time looking for the way to Torver. This was easier and we could tell them how to find the route.

By using the right map, by asking the right people those two groups, hopefully, found their objectives.

Sometimes we seek to find a different way. A way to peace, or fellowship, or understanding in our lives. Some turn to drugs of varying kinds, others to different ways of spiritual enlightenment. But I still believe there is only one who is the true Way – Jesus Christ, God's own Son. In John's Gospel chapter 14 and verse 8 Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

If asked what drives me the answer would be Jesus as the way to living my life.

If you want direction to the way your life is travelling turn to Jesus, follow his way and experience a new life. After the resurrection the disciples,

fearful as they were, became new and stronger people through truly knowing Jesus in their lives. Is that the way for you?

If so – come and join us.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss

Vicar.



May's Bible Focus

Those Disciples! What a Rabble!

When Jesus started his ministry he appointed 12 disciples. We know more about some than others. They seemed to be a motley band comprising, amongst others, a tax collector, four fishermen and an extremist! They quarrelled with each other; they argued with Jesus. Despite all the belief he showed in them, they found it hard to believe in him at times. Thomas wouldn't believe in Jesus until he had seen proof positive in the form of his crucifixion scars, and earlier Peter completely denied that he even knew Jesus (three times!) when Jesus needed him most.

If Jesus had been selecting his team for the FA Cup Final, he might have been booed from the dug-out as being a rotten selector of men!

But what fascinates me is that this “rabble” was Jesus' chosen team. They might have been oddballs and misfits, doubters and quarrellers, but this was Jesus' “dream team” in whom he had faith and confidence.

For me the disciples are real people, with real hang-ups and problems. They couldn't always understand Jesus, so they kept asking “how can this be?” In fact they are remarkably like a lot of us today. You can read all about the disciples, how Jesus chose them, and what he wanted them to do in Mark 3 verses 13 – 19, and Luke Chapters 6 and 9, and Matthew Chapter 10 verses 1 - 15. But the Gospels are shot through with many more stories about the disciples. Read Mark Chapter 9 verses 33 – 35 for a good example of just how quarrelsome (and silly!) they could be.

And read John Chapter 17 verses 6 – 26 for Jesus' wonderfully moving prayer for his disciples, which could equally be a prayer for any of us!

But I love this short extract from the Easter story which you can find in the Gospel according to St John Chapter 20 verses 3 – 10. It was Sunday morning, and Mary Magdalene had just discovered the empty tomb, and had run to tell two of the disciples, Simon Peter and John (described in this extract as the “other disciple whom Jesus loved”) what she had seen.

“Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen wrappings, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there and the cloth which had been round Jesus’ head. It was not lying with the linen wrappings, but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed.”

This is a wonderful real story of real people who were frightened and confused by the events of Good Friday, perhaps hardly daring to hope that Jesus would rise again as he had told them he would. But then a breathless Mary brings them the news, and they race each other to the tomb. But the one who ran the fastest was not so quick to believe. He hesitated, and left it to Simon Peter to walk in and see the evidence. Only then did he dare to believe what had happened!

If our faith falters at times we can take encouragement from the fact that these disciples were no different. But in the end they had the courage to believe, and with triumphant consequences.

Thanks

1. To all who helped to decorate the churches for Easter. Coupled with the fine display in our churchyards there was a memorable feast of colour.
2. To all who helped and supported the Penny Bridge Church Coffee morning at the Coronation Hall. The final total is not known but is over £500,

Julian Lampton.

Your Prayers - Our Cares + Your Cares - Our Prayers

Have you ever wished someone would support you by praying for a difficult situation in your life or in the life of someone you love? Simply visit the church and leave a note at the back, soon there will be a prayer Board for this purpose, or have a quiet word with someone who goes to church regularly. We are committed to pray for you!

COLTON CHRONICLES

It was less than fortunate that the date of the Annual Church Meeting fell in Easter Week. Despite cajoling in these pages there is never a good turnout, but this year was downright miserable and the same willing souls agreed to continue with their thankless tasks. The only saving grace is that page one of this rag stays the same.

Whether you come to church or not, everyone wants a church, but it does not come cheap either in financial terms or human resources. About a 150 magazines are distributed but less than 10% of readers attend church regularly and the accounts show that it takes £20,000 a year and a lot of effort by a few to keep the old place going. Think about it!

As always the church was beautifully decorated for our Easter Celebration and our thanks go to those dedicated and strangely silent ladies who ply their artistic skills year in year out.

It is rare that we see children in church these days which is a pity, but understandable. We no longer have a school in the Parish, so children go to schools elsewhere and when they attend a Christian or church activity it is, naturally, with their school and friends, inevitably in another parish.

We can only hope and pray that when they grow up they will follow the Christian way of life; where and how is of no matter.

A Reminder that the **Soup & Cheese Lunch** in aid of **Christian Aid** takes place on **Wednesday 17 May** at the **Rusland Reading Room** from **12 noon to 2.00pm**. The cost remains at a miserly £4.00.

Donald



FLOWER ROTA

7 May Mrs. S Pirnie

14 May Mrs. S Pirnie

21 May Mrs. W Smith

28 May Mrs. W Smith

4 June Mrs P Parkin



COFFEE ROTA

7 May Mrs M Sanders + friends



MOTHERS UNION

A Deanery Service was held in St. Mary's church, Windermere on 25 March and it was a delight to see the result of many months of alterations and refurbishment.

Our April meeting at Colton was most enjoyable and our grateful thanks go to Brenda & Malcolm Grainge for coming at such short notice to talk and present slides about their trip to Blantyre in Malawi, S.E. Africa where they saw the results of the financial aid from the 'Christian Action with the World's Poor'.

Our May meeting will be held on **Tues. 16 May, 2.00pm, Haverthwaite Parish Room** when the speaker will be Father Edwards.

Wendy.



ANNUAL GARDEN FÊTE

"We commend to you a practical plan, you can do what you want if you don't think you can't. So don't think you can't if you can." Confused? It's simple, the **Garden Fête** is upon us again and we need your help!

The Draft Plan – 15 July 2006

Big Raffle	Peter Smith & helpers
Tombola	Susan & John King. (PRIZES TO JUDY.)
Cakes	Sue Smith and her gang
Plants etc	Sue Dean & Gordon Pickles
Bring & Buy	Wendy Smith + helpers (No Jumble or Rubbish)
Teas	Barbara Watson who needs helpers!
Gate	A willing Volunteer
Toys & Books	Nobody is pencilled in. Any offers?

More volunteers are welcome and any names may be altered or added. Judy.

PARISH NEWS

We were very sorry to hear the sad news that Revd. Fred Hambrey had died recently; he and Alison had not enjoyed good health for some time.

Fred was Vicar of Colton for around 15 years and will be remembered, by those who knew him, for his quiet humility, kindness and concern for his parishioners. He and wife Alison were the instigators of the first 'Christian Aid' lunch, then known as a D I Y 'Frugal Lunch' held at Satterthwaite.

Our sympathies and prayers go to his family at this sad time of their grief.

A very warm welcome to Julie and Trevor Fleming who have moved into Burn Knott, Bouth. It is lovely to have a third generation of Flemings, and shortly a fourth, in the village. We wish them all the best and hope they will be very happy here.

Many, many congratulations to Cynthia and Jack Burns who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in April. We wish them both well.

* Congratulations are also in order for our dear Joanna in that the Bishop has announced that her Curacy will be in our benefice. This is rare, as normally a curacy takes place outside the parish and clearly it is to our benefit. Joanna has worked extremely hard in her objective to be ordained and we send her our profound thanks and we will continue to pray for her.

Mainly Judy.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

We entered Cathy Styles and Penny Lovegrove in the Furness W I 'Speaking Aloud' competition and to our delight, they won. (Ed. Why am I not surprised?) We now have an impressive trophy!

The speaker this month was Mr. N Crossland who lectured us on 'First Aid'. He covered subjects as varied the contents of First Aid Boxes through to resuscitation and hypothermia simply and with humour.

The Annual Spring Walk with Cream Tea has done a runner and will now be held at August Bank Holiday.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 10 May. 7.15pm., Bouth Village Hall**, when the speaker will be Mrs. P Hayward who will give a talk on ‘Whatever will I do with it.’ Exotic fruit and veg. not husbands!
Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

After our President had opened the meeting a gentleman appeared, unannounced and apologised for interrupting. It was Mr. Wood from the ‘Poppy Appeal’ who surprised us by presenting the president with a ‘Five Year Certificate’.

The March speaker was P. C. Janice Forrester who talked about safety, particularly safety in the home.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23 May, 7.30pm., Lowick Sunday School**.
Barbara.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council has written to the Lake District National Park and the M.P. expressing its concern about the damage caused by off-road vehicles to our ancient paths and bridleways.

Responding to a suggestion from a resident the Council has also written to the County Council to ask if money raised from the additional tax on second homes and holiday lets (raised from 45% to 95%) be paid directly to the parishes in which these homes are situated.

The money could be used to help young people live and work locally, so encouraging them to stay in rural areas and help to make our communities more vibrant and sustainable. There are about 25% holiday homes and lets in our parish. The next meeting is on **Monday 15 May, 7.30pm., Bouth Village Hall**.
Judith.



*“We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life,
when all we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.”*

Charles Kingsley

SCHOOL NEWS

It is Easter aka half term and apparently nothing has happened in our schools since the middle of March or if it has the channels of communication have been lost.

What we have gleaned is that Ronald Rutter Deputy Head at Cartmel for many a long year has decided to retire. Ron is a maths teacher and was also responsible for the finances of the school for many years.

A little while ago he was ordained as an NSM and Cartmel's loss is the Church's gain. We wish Ron and wife Rhona a long healthy and happy retirement, although if he thinks it is going to be restful, he will be mistaken for he will be busier than ever.

Donald.



OXENPARK CINEMA CLUB

Our last film night of the season will be at **8.00pm on Tuesday 2 May at Rusland**. This is a '**Shorts**' evening with a variety of short films between 20 seconds and 20 minutes We provide the drinks and hope it will be a very social evening to celebrate a successful year of film watching.

We will be at **The Rusland Horticultural Show** this year with a stand showing the entries to the new **film making class** for under 16's. If you are interested in the film making contact Carol McNeill for an entry form, guidelines and 'how to do it' workshops.

Having your own camcorder and editing software is useful but not essential. Phone Carol on 861 507

The OPCC **AGM** is to be on **Tuesday 22 August**, make a note in your diary now.

If you are passing through Oxen Park keep an eye on the progress of The Carthouse Community Cinema opposite The Manor House.

Carol.



Wendy Smith has asked us to remind you that she will collecting the **Children's Society Boxes** at the end of **May**. Be sure they are full.

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 7 May **Family Worship – 10.30am.** (Donald). Coffee to follow.
14 May **No Service at Colton – Benefice Communion –Lowick – 10.30am.**
21 May **Extended Communion – 9.30am.** (Joanna)
28 May **Holy Communion – 9.30am.** (Gary)



Other Dates

- 1 May **Philip and James, Apostles**
2 May Cinema Club – Rusland Reading Room – 8.00pm.
10 May Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
13 May British Legion – Coffee Morning – Church Hall, Staveley – 10.00am.
14 May **Mathias the Apostle.**
15 May Parish Council Meeting – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm.
16 May M U Haverthwaite Parish Room – 2.00pm.
17 May **Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Reading Room – Noon > 2.00pm.**
23 May Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm
30 May Colton P C C – Church Hall – 7.30pm.
31 May **Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.**



The Royal British Legion

The Backbarrow and Crake Valley Branches together with St. Mary's Church, Staveley in Cartmel are to hold a Coffee morning on **Saturday 13 May at 10.00am.**

There will be the usual bits and pieces, all designed to relieve you of your money but for good causes. Tickets are prices at £1.00. Robert.



“How wisely Nature, ordering all below,
Forbade on woman's face the hair to grow.
For how could she be shaved, whate'er the barbers skill,
Whose tongue would never let her chin be still.

Wisehy, Anon.

Services and Rotas for May

7th	Fourth Sunday of Easter				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	4: 5-12		
	Second Reading	1 John	3:16-24		
	Gospel	John	10:11-18		
Readers:	Colton	E Fleming	J Redhead	R Tarr	
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor		
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	E Wemyss	G Wemyss	
Sidesmen:	Colton				
	Lowick	E Phizacklea			
	Penny Bridge	S James	& N Lord		
14th	Fifth Sunday of Easter				
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am	Benefice Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	8:26-40		
	Second Reading	1 John	4: 7-21		
	Gospel	John	15: 1-8		
Readers:		J Gregg	F Inman	D Gregg	
Sidesmen:		F Inman	& A Wood		
	No service at Colton and Penny Bridge				
21st	Sixth 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	10:44-48		
	Second Reading	1 John	5: 1-6		
	Gospel	John	15: 9-17		
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	J Tarr	B Johnson	
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	J Lambton	R Long	
Sidesmen:	Colton				
	Lowick	A Wood			
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line		
28th	Sunday after Ascension Day				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	1:15-17, 21-26		
	Second Reading	1 John	5: 9-13		
	Gospel	John	17: 6-19		
Readers:	Colton	B Watson	M Sanders	D Wroe	
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis		
	Penny Bridge	S James	P Ashton	C Dykes	
Sidesmen:	Colton				
	Lowick	F Inman			
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law		
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	V Rozee			