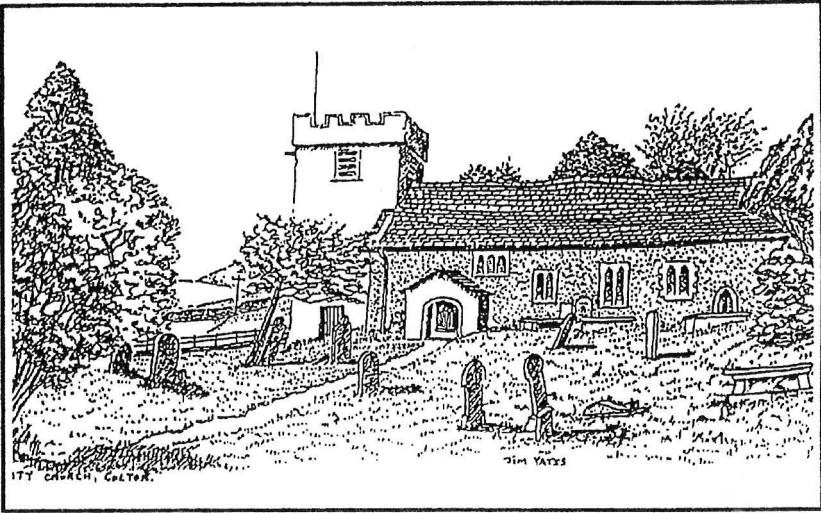




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Improvements for the Community

Each parish in the benefice is trying to make some limited improvements to give the hall, or church better facilities for the community. At Colton we are improving the church hall and the alterations and improvements to the kitchen are underway as phase one followed by the replacement/renewal of the hall windows. In church a hearing loop/sound system is to be installed in the autumn (hopefully for harvest).

At Egton-cum-Newland a toilet (which will comply with the Disability Discrimination Act) is to be installed at the back of church and the final phase of the roof repairs will be completed as will the work needed on the East end.

Below is a message from the Church Wardens at Lowick but some of the ideas may have come from any of the parishes in the benefice.

A progress report from the Church Wardens of St Luke,

Lowick with Blawith.

“We had a dream, our church was full every Sunday, we had a flourishing Sunday School, we were financially self sufficient and the whole community was spiritually uplifted.

Waking up to reality our objectives for this year are modest in comparison with the dream but hopefully in the right direction. We aim to offer our parishioners and visitors regular church services and social activity in comfortable surroundings so we can commune with Christ and enjoy each

others company. We trust our church services are enjoyable and rewarding for our congregation and everyone is welcome.

Our major project for the year is the refurbishment of the Sunday School Room. We are trying to find out what those who use the room think we should do to make it more user friendly. A toilet to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act has already been installed. When we establish what the present users need, what they would like and what we may do to attract more use we will draw up plans.

We are thinking in terms of updating the kitchen; having a colour co-ordinated décor, improved lighting and abolishing clutter by having storage units to accommodate chairs, tables and playgroup equipment. Naturally there will be financial restraints and it will stretch our resources. We will have to consider fund raising events and determine how much of the work we can do ourselves. Volunteers, especially those with skills in interior design, woodwork, electrical installation, painting and decorating, obtaining grants and fund raising will be greatly appreciated.

With your help we can achieve something really attractive and worthwhile.
Frank Inman and James Wood.”

Both the Church Hall at Colton and the Sunday School Room at Lowick run at a financial loss and are subsidised by the respective church and therefore limited expenditure is a constraint. However, most of the costs are reasonably modest except for the toilet and work at Egton-cum-Newland which will be approximately £35,000.

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of these works please contact the appropriate PCC Treasurer with your donation. If you wish to have a fund raising event then please contact a Church Warden of the appropriate church so that any efforts are co-ordinated.

It has been reported in the National Press that many in the community expect the church to be there for the Occasional Offices of Baptism, Marriages and Funerals and with declining finances this may change. This is not a reality in this benefice at the moment.

All three parishes are struggling to pay their Parish Share to the Diocese and any help towards the upkeep and improvement of the church and church halls will be greatly appreciated.

Revival in our Ministry

With this magazine comes the third of the six leaflets on Revival with the theme of ministry.

Ministry in the church veered a long way from that of the New Testament where ministry was shared. Even Jesus chose twelve to share part of his work with. In time everything became the vicar’s job even when parishes were grouped together. Below is a notice board with a few church related tasks. Why not mark on how many of them can only be done by the vicar.

Teaching the faith	Administration	+	secretarial	work
Welcoming	Children's work	(Sunday	School?)	Encouragement
Leading worship	Finance		Work with young people	
Visiting (of sick, housebound, bereaved, lonely,...)				Prayer
Marriage & Baptism preparation			Leading home groups	
Passing on the Christian faith	Church strategy & policy			
Maintaining church property		Leading intercessions	in church	
Preaching	Outreach (to tourists, local people)			Befriending
Leadership	Organizing	Nurturing spiritual life and growth		
Pastoral care	Maintaining links with the Church overseas			
Spiritual companionship	Healing	Leading seekers' groups		
Bringing new people to church	Presiding at Communion			

This list does not include such important jobs as organist, cleaner, etc. and yet only one is exclusive to an ordain minister and even that one can be authorised to a lay person at extended communion.

To find out more about Ministry, praying, reading the Bible, worshipping together or about Jesus contact a PCC member or the Vicar.

Gary Wemyss, Vicar.

FLOWER ROTA

5 September Mrs. P MacIver

12 September Mrs. P MacIver

19 September Mrs. Sue Smith

26 September Mrs. Sue Smith



COFFEE ROTA

5 September Mrs. Margaret Sanders & Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

We restart our meetings after the Summer break, on **Wednesday 1st September at 2pm**, with an **Afternoon Tea** in **Bouth Village Hall**. Marion Kendall from the Leven Valley Branch will be bringing some **Fair Trade Goods**, and giving some information on Fair trade. Do come and join us and help swell our funds to overseas needy causes.

The Diocesan Mothers Union is holding a **Family Day**, on **Saturday, September 18th, 12noon to 4pm**, at **St. Andrew's Church, Greystoke**. (5 miles **west** of Penrith) This event is to **Celebrate Families around the World**. There will be activities for all ages, and the afternoon ends with **Family Praise** at 4pm. Why not come and celebrate the International Year of the Family with us, more details from Barbara Watson or Margaret Campbell.

Margaret



COLTON CHRONICLES

The commercial break is over and what excuses itself for normal service has resumed, even if the Vicar has hijacked half the magazine which leaves your editor with not a lot to say.

Apparently neither has anyone else as information is all but non-existent, fortunately the Revd Alison Gilchrist has come to the rescue as she has published a booklet suggesting that churches should emulate the “meeting and greeting” techniques of the commercial world.

A national newspaper commented that “the thought of sidesmen and churchwardens badgering church visitors in the same predatory fashion as second-hand car salesmen is too awful to contemplate.” It goes on ‘the survival of a congregation hinges less on the doctrines it espouses than the professionalism with which it spreads its good news. Somewhere between the austerity of cathedral Matins and the painful mateyness of Student Christian Unions lies a third way that can attract worshippers without boring or embarrassing them. If the churches do not discover it soon, their numbers will shrink to insignificance.”

Food for thought? One can but hope that the Bishop of Hulme read it.

Donald



PARISH NEWS

Some might think that editing the Parish News is a sinecure well, not quite. There is a temptation in the early afternoon when frustration strikes to reach for a strong drink, which has to be resisted, then reflect on the observations that all one has to do is to express oneself in what has been described as acerbic comments and mordant wit.

Advice is never far behind e.g. this month an instruction was received in the following terms “No smart or sarcastic comments, please.” As if!

We are sorry to hear of Myra Casson’s accident are hope that things are getting back to normal. We continue to think about Mollie & Bill Jackson and wish them better times.

Myles Newton is at present in Kendal Hospital and we wish both Myles and Sophia who is currently awaiting an operation, better health.

In July we bid farewell to Rowena and David Thornthwaite who have left Bouth, after many years, for the delights of Sillioth. We welcome to the village Ellie, Roger and children Linsey and Mathew; your editor is tempted to say more but it is more than his life is worth. Seriously they are a lovely family and will be an asset to the village.

Local Government has a bad press but organisations in the parish will be forever grateful for the grants they have received from the Ulverston Forum, which is part of Cumbria CC. enabling improvements to be carried out in Village Halls, Playgrounds etc. Recently three councillors and the

local administrator Dianne Whitehead visited the various venues to see how their money has been spent and expressed their satisfaction. We in turn say thank you for your help and consideration. Judy & Donald (but not necessarily in that order)



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

On a fine Monday morning in middle August eight intrepid ladies ventured into the unknown to explore Peil Island. The ferry journey was not as calm as they would have wished but there were no reports of sea sickness. It was a most enjoyable day, the views were magnificent and what a delight to see all the boats bobbing about, as long as we were not on them.

Our July walk was a little disappointing as only three ladies turned up but those who were not there missed a treat as the trek from Sunbrick to Bardsea was a delight.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 8 September, 7.15pm. Bouth Village Hall** when Joanna Henson will be talking about Haverigg Prison.

The competition is 'An old key.'

Judy.

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Our usual story of Speakers being unable to come at the last minute reared its annoying head again for the June meeting, and again one of our own members stepped into the gap.

After a bit of organizing to borrow a slide projector, (thanks to Frank Inman for the loan) Joanna Henson gave us an interesting look at Orkney, which she regularly visits. Along with the showing of some beautiful and spectacular scenes, Joanna told some of the history of the islands, interspersed with some humorous tales.

The speaker for July, thankfully turned up, and a good evening was had by all. Marilyn Hale brought a lot of her beautifully painted glassware to show us, while explaining how she started dabbling in this craft, to now teaching it. She had also brought the materials for everyone to have a try, which was taken up quite enthusiastically by most members, and it was interesting to note that the tea and biscuits were nearly forgotten, in the enjoyment of making a framed picture, and some members even going on to making a

greetings card as well. Everyone seemed surprised when they were informed of the time, and all went home happily clutching their goodies.

On **September 28th** Mr. Tyson is coming to speak on 'The history of the Post office', and we welcome any interested ladies to come and join us.

Margaret.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

We have heard nothing this month which is perhaps related to the fact that this editor has resigned as a Governor and as chairman of the Governing Body having decided that after nine years, enough is enough. The Autumn Term runs from **6 September** to **20 December** with half term from **Monday 24 October** to **Friday 28 October**.

Donald.



LEVEN VALLEY

The school is looking lovely, with our hall and wooden corridors having been repainted; we also have new shelving and a carpeted area in the infant classroom. We are all raring to go!

Sadly the end of term rounders was rained off and will now take place on **Thursday 16 September, 6.00pm**. Do join us.

Our website will go live on **Friday 1 October** when the Bishop of Penrith is visiting to take part in our Harvest Service at Staveley in Cartmel. He admits to being computer illiterate but he will only need to press a button or two! The website address is www.levenvalley.cumbria.sch.uk, so please browse.

We welcome all the new children who are joining us, and their families; Jordan Palfreman who has moved from Grange, Paul, Liam and Chloe Swift from the Blackpool area and seven children who will be our reception group: Nicholas Chatterton, Keenan Longster, James Mason, Ella Myers, Mollie Shires, Jacob Thompson and Lara Thompson.

We are also pleased to welcome Poppy and Robbie Harnby on their return from Nepal.

Good wishes to all our teachers, pupils and families who are preparing for a new school year and especially to those who will be attending a different school.

Susan.

There have been one or two or more gripes about the advertisements last month but sometimes they are necessary especially when for a good cause, which the following are so remember that old cliché - ‘*God loves a cheerful giver.*’

Bouth Village Hall

The Hall is in need of new tables so there will be a **Coffee Evening** at **Burn Knott** on **Saturday 18 September** at **5.00pm**. Time especially arranged for the pub goers. Please come along and support the ‘do’ – cakes, tombola, raffle, plants and bring and buy. It can’t happen without contributions so be generous. Deliver to either May or Judy.

Judy.

Macmillan Cancer Relief

Intend to hold *the biggest coffee morning in the world* and it will take place on **Friday 24 September** at **10.00am**. at **Water Yeat Village Hall**. Come and enjoy coffee, home baking, a chat with friends, a prize from the raffle or tombola and a host of other attractions. Again contributions are vital so clean out the attic, bake or jam. Garden produce, videos, plants, books and even ‘white elephants’ will be welcome. Please contact Margaret Armstrong on 01229 885 643.

Gary



Oxen Park Cinema Club

The new season of film shows start on **Tuesday 7 September** at **Oxen Park** with ‘*Whale Rider*’ show time **7.30pm**. Please book ahead and a cushion is advised. Membership £10 (join on the night) is recommended.

There will also two Saturday night films aimed at the younger generation but all are welcome. Diary dates are **4 September – ‘Big Fish’** (12A), **18 September ‘Phone Booth’** (18). Both Start at **8.00pm**.

Seats £1 on Saturdays and £3/4 on Tuesday. Phone Carol 01229 861 507.

Carol.



Needlework Classes.

Whatever next! We are told that the classes are to resume on **Monday 13 September** in the small room at **Greenodd Village Hall**, needles threaded at **7.15pm**.



“A difference between men and boys is their toys”

Ayrton Senna.

DIARY DATES

- 1 September M U Bouth Village Hall – 2.00pm.
 4 September Cinema Club – Oxen Park – 8.00pm.
 6 September **School Term Begins.**
 5 September Family Service – 10.30am. – Coffee afterwards.
 7 September Cinema Club – Oxen Park – 7.30pm.
 8 September Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
 12 September Benefice Communion – **Lowick** – 10.30am.
 13 September Needlework Classes start – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.15pm.
 18 September Bouth Village Hall Coffee Evening – Burn Knott – 5.00pm
 M U Family Day Out – Greystoke – 12noon >
 Cinema Club – Oxen Park – 8.00pm..
 19 September Holy Communion – 9.30am.
 24 September Macmillan Cancer Relief – Coffee Morning – Water Yeat Village Hall –
 10.00am.
 26 September Holy Communion – 9.30am.
 28 September Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.



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26th	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	32:1-3a, 6-15	
	Second Reading	1 Timothy	6: 6-19	
	Gospel	Luke	16:19-31	
Readers:	Colton	G Pickles	J Pickles	R Smith
	Lowick	G Jager	& J Thomas	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	C Styles	J Lambton
Sidesmen:	Colton	T B A		
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex	
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	J Law		

SERVICE ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER

5th	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	18: 1-11	
	Second Reading	Philemon	: 1-21	
	Gospel	Luke	14:25-33	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	P Ball	B Watson
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	R Atkinson	C Dykes
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& A MacIver	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	R Long	& T Long	
12th	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am	Benefice Communion Service	
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	4:11-12, 22-28	
	Second Reading	1 Timothy	1:12-17	
	Gospel	Luke	15: 1-10	
Readers:		J Lancaster	R Tarr	J Davis
Sidesmen:		J Lancaster	& W Keegan	
	No service at Penny Bridge or Colton			
19th	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	8:18-9:1	
	Second Reading	1 Timothy	2: 1-7	
	Gospel	Luke	16: 1-13	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	J Redhead	B Johnson
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Long	S James	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	T B A		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	S James	& N Lord	

*“The paradox of our time in history is that we have
taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways,
but narrower viewpoints.
We spend more, but enjoy less.
We have bigger houses and smaller families;
more conveniences but less time.”*

George Carlin