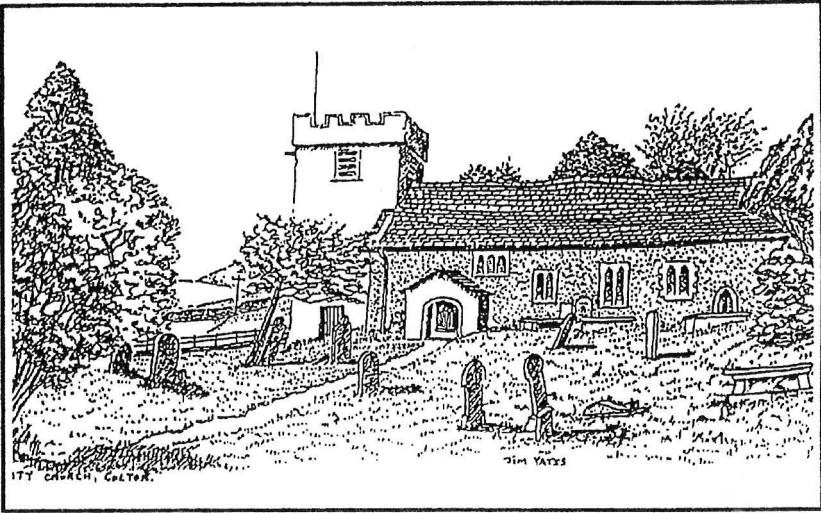




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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Dear friends

Seeing Clearly

Three images presented themselves today which made me think of the importance of seeing clearly and putting aside that which clouds our vision.

Firstly, was the bathroom mirror which had steamed up. As we look in the mirror the picture we see of ourselves is distorted and not a true likeness. Slowly as the mirror clears we begin to see the true picture and the true likeness that we expect.

Secondly, was caused by a letter received which brought tears to my eyes. Tears of sadness – yes – but as the tears cleared and I looked through the words there were glimpses of hope and a slow movement from a difficult position to a new but difficult beginning.

Thirdly, I was driving down the Crake Valley from Torver to Penny Bridge and the mist was hanging heavy in the valley. It was a beautiful picture in its own way but it was not clear. Looking hard it was just possible to make out some outlines which were farm houses, barns, other buildings and nearby trees but again there was no clear picture.

My mother, who is registered blind, has similar problems. The picture she looks at cannot be seen and she gets frustrated at not seeing clearly.

Our faith is like this. So often we see the distorted picture, rarely the clear one that God is showing us. We need Jesus to help us see clearly although our picture of him can be a blurred one. For example, many see the celebration of Christmas in food, parties and gifts but not the birth of a Saviour, the mystery that is in the Christmas message, or even the slow presentation of the weeks before which build up to the climax of Christmas Day. These weeks are called Advent and they slowly week by week lead up to the great Festival that is Christmas.

This year, we are holding an **Advent Carol Service** on **Advent Sunday, 27 November, Lowick Church at 3:00pm** and we hope you will begin your Christmas celebrations with us. Week by week in Advent we will prepare for the celebration of Christmas and invite you to join with us.

Also this year, let us concentrate in putting the Christ into Christmas and in these challenging times rejoice in the riches we have in the ever present Jesus rather than the false gods of wealth and possessions that people seek.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar.



COFFEE & THE BIBLE



Back by popular demand!

- What have The Psalms to say to us today?
- A look at some of the themes of the Psalms.
- **When? Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- November 2nd Lowick Farm House, Lowick (J & D Gregg)
- November 16th Wetherlam, Greenodd (J & E Lancaster)
- November 30th Barnside, Bouth (D A Wroe)
- December 14th Vicarage, Penny Bridge (E & G Wemyss)

If you haven't been before we look forward to you joining us. Please contact the Vicar if you intend to attend.



"A good honest and painful sermon"

Samuel Pepys. 17 March 1661

FLOWER ROTA

6 November Mrs. Charlotte Sharpehouse
13 November Mrs. Charlotte Sharpehouse
20 November Mrs. Denise Wallace
27 November **Advent**

Sue Smith.



MOTHERS UNION

We have not received any news from the Mothers Union this month but according to the printed programme the next meeting will take on **Tuesday 8 November, Haverthwaite Church hall, 2:00pm.** ‘Memories’ – Mince Pies & Carols.



COTTON CHRONICLES

When opening a door of opportunity you never know what is going to walk through; our proof reader has done a sterling job, but has shown an undiscovered pedantic streak with regards to the syntax of the text and especially with what is considered the misuse of hyphens. The editorial response is to quote a learned Professor of English “If you take hyphens seriously you will surely go mad.” To make matters worse the Vicar has joined in with pithy comments about full stops and commas that should, in his opinion, not be there.

The attendance at a communion service in church during September was under ten, which can only be described as a crisis. To use modern terminology “**use it or lose it!**”

Remembrance: On Sunday 13 November we will be holding the Annual Remembrance Service when, traditionally, we remember those service men who died for us during the two World Wars. In September, both in Britain and America, remembrance services were held for those civilians who lost their lives in the 9/11 attack and those in the bomb attacks in London.

Strangely we seem to give little thought to the thousands of civilians who died in the air raids and bombing of our towns and cities during W11. Perhaps, this year, we will remember them.

Harvest: Although not as well attended as usual our Friday Harvest Service and Supper was a great success. The Church was beautifully decorated, Joanna led us through a lovely service and we had a superb supper. All our thanks to Joanna, those who decorated the church, those who worked and organized the supper, the caterers and importantly those who gave produce and flowers. There was one small hiccup – the red wine ran out! On a more cheerful note the Raffle organized by Susan King realised £138 for Charity.

Christian Aid Boxes: Please, would anyone with a Christian Aid box let Gordon Pickles know, so he can arrange to exchange it for an empty one and anyone who has not previously had one and would like to receive one, please also ask Gordon at Bouth House, Bouth, Tel: 01229 861159 email:gordon@bouth.fsnet.co.uk

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The good news is that Brenda Patton is back in circulation, looking well and without those lethal weapons, crutches, which means we can now get out and about safely.

The ‘Bouth Belles’ have begun their rehearsals for the Christmas Party ‘entertainment’. Ideas, preferably humorous, poetry or prose would be welcome.

Our speaker was Dr. Chris Blackburn with ‘Tales of a Country Doctor’ who amused us by lighting a candle – why? 1) The Lake District is notorious for power failures 2) a prop for one of his tales and 3) if it burns out before he had finished, he’d been talking for too long. He regaled us with his memories of his life in the NHS and with the changes that had taken place over the years; despite political interference it was probably still the best public health service in the world.

His comment about the friendship and support he had received from those in small villages was a welcome reminder of how lucky we are in Bouth.

The next meeting is our **Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, 9 November, Village Hall, 7:15pm.**

Mainly Penny.



“And so to bed”

Samuel Pepys, 20 April 1660

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Brenda Patton has recently joined the 'new bones for old' club and would like to thank the wonderful caring staff at Abbey View, Furness General Hospital for all their efforts and also for the good wishes, friendship, gifts and support of her family and friends. There was some mention of 'flasks and G & Ts' but better not to go there. Brenda is now recovering nicely.

Help: Over the years much hard work has been done to bring Bouth Village Hall up to a reasonable standard, but of late these efforts seem to be wasted, as the Hall, at least from the outside, appears a little neglected.

Neighbourhood Forum: The next meeting of the High Furness Neighbourhood Forum will be held at the new Grizebeck Community Hall on Thursday 10th November, starting at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Concerts: Cathy Styles tells of two forthcoming concerts, the first of which is the Furness Bach Choir, **Saturday 12 November, St. Mary's Church, Dalton, 7:45pm.** Tickets £12, at the door or from Sutton's Book Shop, Ulverston, (ex Tinner's Rabbit) or from Cathy. The program includes the Bach Mass in F Major and the Holborn Players, a baroque orchestra with period instruments, performing the Brandenburg Concerto No. 4

The second is a performance by the Dorian Players who play early music instruments such as crumhorns, cornamuse, hurdy-gurdy and epinettes. They will play a range of 12th & 15th C dance music and songs and their soloist is no other than the Cathy Styles. The performance will be on **Friday, 25 November, Aldingham Church,** thought to be **7:30pm.** If in doubt ask Cathy but if you are not able, contact this editor.

Penny Bridge Church: Will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on **Saturday 3 December, Greenodd Village Hall, 10:00am – 12 noon.** The usual cakes, raffle etc also jewellery by Elaine Oliver, 'make & take' with Marilyn Hale, photography by David Briggs and music by Sue Lydon; the cost, **£1.** Please come, as the Church badly needs you & your money.

St. Mary's Hospice: The Leven Valley Support Group held an enchanting evening of songs performed by the male voice quartet 'Voce' at the Café Ambio in October and would like to thank all those who supported the event which raised a fantastic £630 for the Hospice.

Donald.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bouth speed limits: Councillors and Clerk met with County Highways officers in Bouth on 13th September to discuss the issue of speeding traffic in the village. You may remember that the Parish Council survey of households in Bouth revealed a strong preference for a 20mph speed limit past the playground. It seems that 20mph zones now have to be accompanied by traffic calming measures (bollards, speed bumps, etc.) which may not be desirable and are also costly to install.

A 30mph limit would also cost around £6,000 because of the requirement to place 2 double-sided signs at each village entry/exit (that's 8 signs for Bouth!). Highways have insufficient funds and our County Councillor's own budget is very limited. After much discussion, the most likely solution seems to be the placing of two '20's plenty' signs on the main route into/out of Bouth; this is an advisory limit only, but these signs have been shown to reduce speed significantly. More news in due course.

Tottlebank Traffic: We also asked the Highways officers to visit and discuss the problems with speeding traffic and large trucks on the road from the A590 ('Bouth Road Ends') to Tottlebank. Sat-navs have made this even more of a 'rat-run' in recent years and the width restriction signs are 200 yards up from the A590. There have been frequent near-misses with farm stock on the road, and damage to walls is also commonplace. We have asked for an assessment of the problem and, specifically, that the width restriction sign is moved down to the A590 turn to say 'width restriction ahead'. We await developments.

Nibthwaite now has a smart new notice-board made by local craftsman Peter Helme. It has been fixed to the barn wall next to our equally smart refurbished phone box, lovingly restored and painted by David Oldham of Oxen Park.

Government's Draft National Planning Policy Framework: Your Council's response to this consultation can be viewed on the website.

Our next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Monday 5 December, 7:30 pm at Rusland Reading Rooms.**

Mandy Lane (Clerk) – 01229 861408 – coltonpc@btinternet.com – www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory: September finished with a very successful McMillan Coffee Morning which raised over £500 for the charity. Our thanks to the efforts of the students (especially Student Council) and parents who baked some delicious cakes – we were sold out.

Events in October have included Jeans for Genes day, an art and design visit to the Magritte Exhibition at the Tate Northern for Year 9 students. The Prize Distribution at which the Bishop Carlisle gave an excellent speech on the importance of perseverance. The Key Stage 4 careers convention which included stalls from the local 16-18 providers and many local employers. Added to which, all the normal out of school activities from rugby and hockey to homework club and pottery.

Dr. Paul.



Leven Valley: A group of children worked very hard with members of St. Anne's congregation and a parent helper to put together displays for Harvest of the Flock and Harvest of the Ocean: this included making origami boats and pom pom sheep and collecting different objects for the displays such as sea shells, turtles (not real ones), a paddle, a life jacket, woollen clothes, knitting and many others. The children also reflected on their work and pieces of writing were added.

Some of the children at the school also contributed to Harvest of the Earth and Thanksgiving alongside other children from different schools, through St. Anne's Beavers and Cubs. Classes 1 and 2 also visited and participated in the Experience spending an afternoon with us in church.

The school also held its own Harvest Service which was well supported by parents, governors and friend and was led by the children who had worked very hard to make it so interesting and thought provoking.

The Suma Project is underway again led by the new Year 6 and is proving to be an excellent way for the children to learn about the world in a "real" context. If you would be interested in ordering I am sure they will be pleased to assist.

The next special occasion in school is a **Remembrance Service, Friday 11 November, 11:00am.**

Sue Sanderson.



CINEMA CLUB

Our next film is *Made in Dagenham*; a dramatization of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination.

Tuesday 1 November, 7:30pm, Finsthwaite & Lakeland Village Hall.

On **Thursday 17 November, 4:00pm** there will be a Children's Film Club showing at **Leven Valley School**. The film is yet to be chosen.

For more information please contact Carol McNeill, Email: carolmcneill@tiscali.co.uk – Tel: 01229 861507. *Carol.*



ADVENT

Every listening Advent brings
Its message down on angels' wings
That he who made the stars and sea
The universe and you and me,
Took human flesh and lived on earth
And Christmas Eve recalls his birth.
And men who know the truth's profound
Have collars on the wrong way round,
And for most miserable pay
Give up their lives to teach His way.
What is His way? The bells ring out,
'Come to church and worship Him
Upon your knees if faith is dim.'

John Betjeman



"Home, and being washing day, dined upon cold meat."

Samuel Pepys, 4 April 1666

DIARY DATES

Service Times: 1st. & 2nd. Sundays – 10:30 am. 3rd. & 4th. Sundays - 9:30 am.



- 1 November **All Saints Day**
Cinema Club, Finsthwaite & Lakeland Village Hall. 7:30pm.
- 2 November Bible Study, Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.
- 6 November **Morning Family Worship, 10:30am, Coffee afterwards.**
- 8 November Mothers Union, Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2:00pm.
- 9 November Bouth W I, Annual General Meeting, 7:15pm.
- 11 November Remembrance Service, Leven Valley School, 11:00am.
- 12 November Furness Bach Choir, St. Mary's Church, Dalton. 7:45pm.
- 13 November **Remembrance Service, 10:30am.**
- 16 November Bible Study, Wetherlam, Greenodd, 10:00am.
- 17 November Children's Cinema Club, Leven Valley School, 4:00pm.
- 20 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 25 November Dorian Players, Aldingham Church, 7:30pm.
- 27 November **Advent Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
Carol Service, Lowick, 3:00pm.
- 30 November **St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland**
Bible Study, Barnside, Bouth, 10:00am.
- 3 December Penny Bridge Church, Coffee Morning, Greenodd Village Hall
10:00am. – 12 noon.
- 5 December Colton Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms,
7:30pm.



Christmas: For those of you who like to plan ahead the services at Christmas Tide are:- **Sunday 18 December, Carol Service, COLTON 3:00pm. Saturday, Christmas Eve, 24 December, Midnight Holy Communion, COLTON, 11:30pm. Sunday, Christmas Day, Holy Communion LOWICK, 10:30am.**



"It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations" Churchill.

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