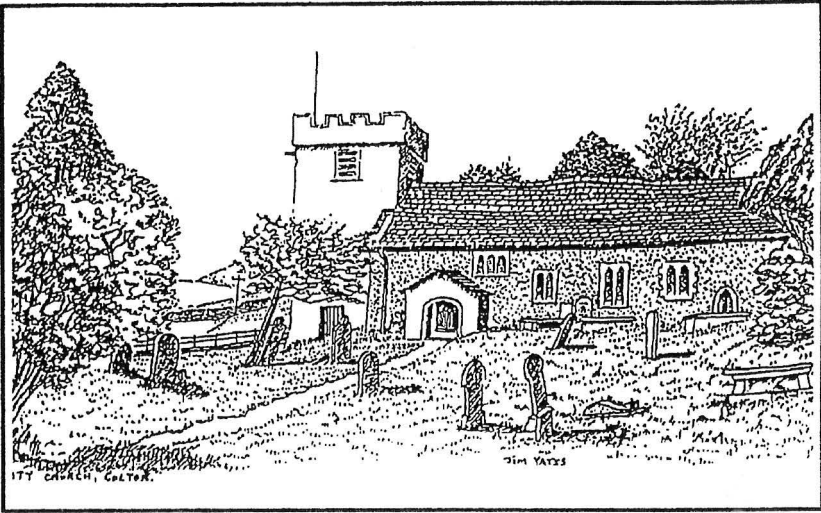




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

What is your memory like? If it is anything like mine it is a bit leaky and things disappear without trace never to be seen or heard of again!

So for some of you, Walk Cumbria will be a distant or non-existent memory. However we need to keep refreshing our memory and bringing it to the front, because we should not lose sight of the fact that as a result of the Personal Beliefs Survey that our mission team took from door to door across the Benefice, 48 out of 109 people who completed the survey said that they would like a personal relationship with God. Yes 48! That is 48 people who want to know more about Christianity, want to know more about Jesus and want to know how they can enter into “at-one-ment” with God.

My question to all of us is this – what are we all going to do to support and help these people to find faith? It is a task far greater than the small team that organised events for Walk Cumbria can tackle on their own! These people need to be befriended and drawn to worship by each of us. We need to create environments in our churches where people feel truly welcome, where our worship is accessible and where they can study God’s word.

Our mission aspirations for people outside the church matter as never before. They matter for us too, because in these days of increasing secularisation and the marginalisation of faith, a church that is not growing is inevitably going to become a dying church!

There are all sorts of things that we could support. Do you remember that, as part of our mission plans, we hoped to hold special services on significant Sundays for people whose children had been baptised in the previous year, for people who had been bereaved, married and so on? I seem to remember that home groups were mentioned and making sure that service times and places were well publicised. These plans were made prayerfully and are not beyond our grasp.

Paul says “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*”

So - let's do it – not only will it take faith to those outside the church, but I am confident that it will invigorate our own faith journeys and bring us great joy too.

With love and prayers from your sister in Christ,

Joanna

Curate



COLTON CHRONICLES

The good news is that the ‘Summer Concert’ organised by the incredible Judy Redhead, who mustered a regiment of formidable ladies, raised a healthy £230 for Church Funds. As usual Judy thanks all who helped, gave and came, although the latter group were few in numbers. Even the Vicar was absent, as apparently he was vibrating his vocal chords elsewhere that evening. All of us thank Judy.

The not so good news is in true Anglican tradition, going back centuries, there has been some quiet muttering of discontent in the parish. About what, we are not altogether sure. Nothing is perfect in this world and we should not expect it to be, so it would be helpful if anyone has anything to say, even to complain about, whether it be the church, the form of services or even those who minister unto us, to say it out loud, let us all know, then we can have a civilised discussion and try to resolve any issues.

What is not acceptable is to stay quiet, not come to church or go to another church where inevitably the same thing will happen again. The sad thing is that numbers attending church are falling, not just at Colton but nation wide. This can only lead to more churches closing, and you had better believe it, Colton could be on the list, and not too far away either, which is fine if you want to go to either Penny Bridge, Lowick or any other church for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Whilst it may be true that the church is for all, the reality is, that it is the faithful few that keep it going and did you know that the giving per head of population to the church is the lowest in Cumbria than in any other part of the country. Shame !!!

Donald.

Christian Aid Lunch

The Soup and Cheese Lunch which was held, as usual, in the Rusland >

< Reading Room in May was quieter than normal but still a success. £775 was raised, including the Boxes and has been sent to Christian Aid. Thank you to every one who supported this worthwhile cause and particularly to the soup makers and other workers and contributors. Wendy.



FLOWER ROTA

1 July Mrs. Ruth Pearson
8 July Mrs. Ruth Pearson
15 July Mrs. Wendy Smith
22 July Wedding
29 July Wedding



COFFEE

Mrs, Christine Holden + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

A service was held on Tuesday 15 May in Holy Trinity Church, Colton and was taken by the Revd. Doreen Harrison. We were joined by members from Crosscrake and Rampside; after the service tea was served in the Hall and we spent an enjoyable afternoon with Doreen amongst us. We thank her very much for coming. Wendy.



! ATTENTION !

Our fund raising continues with the **Annual Raffle**, the tickets are already in circulation, and this year the **Draw** will be held in the **Church Hall** on **Sunday 15 July** following a **Service of Songs of Praise**. Importantly Joanna needs to know your all time favourite hymns [AS SOON AS POSSIBLE] which mean something to you. If you wish, you will be given an opportunity to stand up and say why!

There will be a modest entrance fee (the Hall not the church) for which you will get wine and nibbles and some gossip.



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This parish is either incredibly boring or exceptionally discreet and which ever of these circumstance apply neither is of much use to a struggling editor, particularly on a damp Saturday afternoon when there is no cricket to watch!

That is not strictly true and there is some good news in that we welcome back to Bouth Mrs. Cynthia Burns after her lengthy sojourn in hospital. Other than that the White Hart has two pristine new chimneys and the parish is also looking better for the care and attention of our new lengthsman.

Over the last several years the most reliable contributor to these columns and always on time has been Susan Holohan, Head Teacher at Leven Valley Church of England School. Her contributions have always been tidy, concise and newsworthy for which this editor is very grateful.

Unfortunately Susan is hanging up her chalk, or whatever they use these days. Blackboards are out, whether for politically correct or health and safety reasons, it has to be one or both, but one is not sure; they have been replaced by whiteboards.

Susan is leaving but not, we are told, retiring; under her care the school has flourished and she will be much missed. Whatever the future holds we wish her well.

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth

The annual 'let's take the chaps out as long as they pay' began disastrously as the evening meal was to be preceded by a guided tour of Ulverston. Whatever next? Unfortunately the fine spell of good weather disappeared and it rained and how it rained, so our guide made a quick exit and went home and put her feet up whilst the rest of us made a hasty retreat to the

Farmers Arms and what a treat lay ahead, wonderful service and superb food. Recommended. !!

The next meeting despite the title is not as tea party; it will be 'Mad Hatters' on **Wednesday 11 July, 7.15 pm. Village Hall** when Mrs. J Longmire will address us on hats. The competition is 'A Decorated Hat'. What a surprise.

Penny Lovegrove's stroll round London has raised £948 to date and it would be nice to be able to round that off to a £1,000.

The next trip, date and details to be announced will be to Drumlanrig Castle which is the ancient stronghold of Douglas and Dumfriesshire home of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensferry,

There will not be a meeting in August.

Donald.



SCHOOL NEWS

LEVEN VALLEY

We have a lot happening before the end of term, including a visit to the Reebok stadium at Bolton, and skipping and dancing workshops here at school. This is part of our end of year whole school topic, "Fitness for Life".

You are cordially invited to our concert, "**Memory Lane**", which will be performed on **Thursday 28th June, at 2.00 pm. and 6.30 pm.** It fits in with Class Three's history topic, "Great Britain since the 1950s", so has some great music!

We are having a **Rummage Sale on Tuesday 10th July, at 3.00 pm. in School.** This is part of our work on recycling, and any funds raised is for our gardening fund. Again, all welcome.

We are having a **Car Boot Sale and Summer Fair on Saturday 7th July, 10.00 am. to 2.00 pm..** You are welcome to come as a browser, or to have a "car boot", which is £5 pre booked, or £6 on the day.

All our Year 6 children are going to Cartmel priory School in September, and we would all like to wish them well in the future.

Susan.



A cheerful thought.

'Term, holidays, term, holidays, till we leave school. And then we work, work, work, till we die.'

C. S. Lewis.

CARTMEL PRIORY

Oh to be at school again, year 11 pupils have left never to return apart from Prize Giving. And they are not the only ones, for at the end of term Head Teacher Clive Peaple will retire. During his residence pupil numbers have risen from just under 300 to 411 and academic standards have slowly but surely improved as have the behaviour of the pupils. But the struggle for budgetary balance continues. We wish Clive well for the future.

Also leaving is Mrs. Crous formerly Miss Jackson who is the current P E teacher; a replacement has not yet been appointed. Our long serving Howard Elliot, Design and Technology is retiring.

Recently 3 pupils caused concern as on a John Muir expedition (like the Duke of Edinburgh Awards) they got lost in the fog in the Langdales, fortunately they were rescued unharmed if a little shaken.

Congratulations to Sam Tickle who has attained the highest ever marks ever achieved by a pupil of this school in the National Maths Challenge. Sam will now go forward to the Full European Competition. Lynda/Donald.



TOTTLEBANK

We are very pleased to welcome, this month, a contribution from our friends at Tottlebank Baptist Church where the minister is the Revd, Phil Gommersall who is a very persuasive and charming man.

During **August** they are holding a series of **Summer Lectures** with the theme of **“Great Christians”**. The lectures will be held in the **Baptist Chapel at Tottlebank at 7.30 pm**. Following the lectures there will be a short discussion and refreshments will be served in the School Room.

Admission is **free** and a warm welcome assured. Contact Phil Gommersall tel: 01229 861 820

Details of the lectures.

8 August Revd. David Gregg on William Tyndale

15 August Roy Slack on Charles Haddon Spurgeon

22 August David Hannant on Amy Carmichael

Lake District Summer Music Festival 2007

Lake District Summer Music's 2007 International Festival runs from **3 to 19 August** and brings 52 concerts to churches, theatres and halls across 13 Cumbrian towns. This year's Festival has a special emphasis on the 'evolution of the voice'. Artistic Director, Renna Kellaway explains "The oldest and most valuable instrument known to man must surely be his voice. This festival follows the human voice in its many guises as the keystone in the extraordinary growth of musical art forms from time immemorial."

Festival Highlights include: The Armonico Consort open the Festival with a stunning performance of Purcell's *The Fairy Queen*, a modern fusion of opera, puppetry and dance. Other celebrations of the voice include *El Cimarron* performed by Psappha, The Sixteen with *Music from the Sistine Chapel* and a local community choir collaboration with the Joyful Company of Singers.

In *The Musical World of Casanova*, acclaimed actor Timothy West recites from the spicy memoirs of Casanova, complemented by harpsichordist Sophie Yates' performance of music by Vivaldi, Couperin, Rameu and Handel. Red Priest perform their exciting world premier of a new Bach programme and in their trademark electrifying style deliver *Pirates of the Baroque*.

Along with Festival favourites The Chilingirian Quartet, LDSM are joined this year by the Leopold Trio and the Royal, Škampa and Heath Quartets performing a delightful collection of music including works by Beethoven, Dvořák, Mozart and Mendelssohn.

Andrew Lucas, Executive Organiser said "Following the success of last year's Festival which achieved a staggering 40% growth in box office sales, we are encouraged by the response so far this year and are looking forward to another successful summer. I was delighted last year that BBC Music magazine named the Festival as its 'Pick of the Month' and already this year The Independent has ranked LDSM as the 3rd classical music festival ahead of Edinburgh and Glyndebourne.

For special deals, a full programme or to book tickets go to www.ldsm.org.uk or call the box office on 08456 44 21 44.

Gary.

"To many pieces [of music] finish too long after the end"

Igor Stravinsky.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

We have no up to date news as apparently the Council Clerk is very busy. Last month we reported that Chairman Cllr. Ron Mein had retired at the Annual Council meeting. Ron has been a tower of strength calling on his experience as a County Councillor and has guided the parish council through a period of change and new initiatives. He will be much missed and we thank him on behalf of all the members of the parish.

The county Traffic Management Department has loaned the council a Mobile Electronic Speed Reduction Device in an attempt to draw drivers' attention to their excessive speed in inappropriate places. It is being placed in various parts of the parish on a weekly rota. Judith.



CINEMA CLUB

At the **Rusland Show, 18 August**, we will be holding 'Film making classes' for, under 12's, under 16's and over 16's. Details from carol McNeill. Tel: 01229 861 507.

Thanks to a grant from the Local Network Fund we are running a 3 day Workshop for under 16's to make a film for the show entry on **23, 24, 25 July** at **Leven Valley School** for only £5. Details Carol McNeill as above.

For a good night out(?) try our A G M **Tuesday 14 August, Rusland.**



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE CHURCHES

We are holding a Grand Sale & Auction on Sunday 1 July at Greenodd Village Hall 1.30 pm. – 3.00 pm.

Auction of Superior Items at 2.30 pm.

Small furniture, pictures, Silver, jewellery, glass, china, ornaments, line, books, kitchen & garden equipment and the inevitable bric-a-brac.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits will be available and it would not be a church 'do' without a raffle.

Please support us - Entry is free



"In faith and hope the world will disagree, but all mankind's concern is charity."

Alexander Pope

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 1 July **Morning/Family Worship – 10.30 am.** –Coffee to follow.
8 July **Benefice Holy Communion – PENNY BRIDGE – 10.30 am.**
15 July **Holy Communion – 9.30 am.**
22 July **Holy Communion – 9.30 am.**
29 July **Ecumenical and Benefice Service – COLTON – 10.30 am.**



Other Dates

- 1 July Satterthwaite & Rusland Auction and Sale – Greenodd Village Hall – 1.30 pm.
3 July **Thomas the Apostle**
11 July Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15 pm.
15 July Songs of Praise and Draw – Colton Church and Hall – 6.00 pm.
22 July **Mary Magdalene**
23 July Cinema Club Film making Class – Leven Valley School – also 24th. & 25th.
25 July **James the Apostle**
29 July The dreaded fifth Sunday – do try to be there!



- 3 August Lakeland Music Festival until the 19th.
8 August Summer Lecture – Tottlebank Baptist Church – 7.30 pm.
15 August Summer Lecture – Tottlebank Baptist Church – 7.30 pm.
18 August Rusland Show.
22 August Summer Lecture – Tottlebank Baptist Church – 7.30 pm.



A complaint from Dorothy Parker

*“Why is it no one ever sent me yet
One perfect limousine, do you suppose?
Ah no, its always just my luck, to get
One perfect rose.”*

Services and Rotas for July

1st	Fourth 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	1 Kings	19:15-16, 19-21	
	Second Reading	Galatians	5:1, 13-25	
	Gospel	Luke	9:51-62	
Readers:	Colton	J Pickles	J Henson	R Smith
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	S James	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& B Watson	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	S James	& C Dykes	
8th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	66:10-14	
	Second Reading	Galatians	6: 7-16	
	Gospel	Luke	10:1-11, 16-20	
Readers:		R Long	C Styles	J Henson
Sidesmen:		A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
	No service at Lowick and Colton			
15th	Sixth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Extended Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship – School Leavers	
Readings:	First Reading	Deuteronomy	30: 9-14	
	Second Reading	Colossians	1: 1-14	
	Gospel	Luke	10:25-37	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	C Holden	I Pirnie
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	School		
Sidesmen:	Colton	C Holden	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	School		
22nd	Mary Magdelene			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Song of Solomon	3: 1-4	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	5:14-17	
	Gospel	John	20:1-2, 11-18	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	B Watson	J Tarr
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	C Sadler	J Lancaster	P Ashton
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& B Watson	
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
29th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Ecumenical and Benefice Service	
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	18:20-32	
	Second Reading	Colossians	2: 6-15	
	Gospel	Luke	11: 1-13	