



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

GOD'S FREE GIFT

An Episcopalian minister in the United States was phoned up by the Inland Revenue Department to check if a donation of \$1500, on which one of his congregation was claiming Income Tax Relief, *had* actually been paid over. "I'm not quite sure," replied the pastor. "But, *if you ring back tomorrow, I'm sure the answer will be 'yes'!!*"

Benjamin Franklin wrote, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Even the Christmas story bears witness to these abiding elements. "A decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed" (Luke 2:1) and "Herod was wroth ... and slew all the children ... from two years old and under" (Matthew 2:16) are both part of the narrative!

But Benjamin Franklin missed the *third* certainty, which reveals what the Christmas story is *really* all about. It was at such a time of oppression and cruelty and tyranny that, in the words of the apostle John, "God so loved the world that He **gave** His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have *everlasting life*." (John 3:16) It was this assured *gift* of God that the prophet Isaiah foresaw when he wrote about the Messiah "Come, buy wine and milk *without money and without price*" (Isaiah ch. 55 vv 1-9 gives the full picture). Later the apostle Paul put it another way, when he said, "The wages of sin is death, but *the free gift of God is eternal life* in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

We, too, live in uncertain times. Death and taxes, oppression and cruelty and tyranny (and economic depression!) are real elements in *our* world. But so too is the wonderful truth of God's free gift of eternal life through His

Son, Jesus Christ! Do come and celebrate with us, this Christmas (starting with the event to launch the “Posada” processions at Greenodd on Advent Sunday) as we respond again with joy and gladness to “*God’s inexpressible gift*”.

Yours sincerely

David Gregg



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THANK YOU



COTTON CHRONICLES

For those of you who stayed at home on the evening of Remembrance Sunday, instead of attending the Choral Concert, you missed a treat as it was a most enjoyable evening and not too long. Not only that, but there was the unexpected pleasure of seeing our vicar without his dog collar and looking surprisingly smart.

There has been a Diocesan Synod, which as usual, was not very inspiring especially the statistic that 40% of the UK population have no meaningful contact with the church. We cannot but feel sorry for these people who will no doubt celebrate Christmas by going on a shopping spree. How sad!

But we as Christians cannot expect people to come to church until they know who Jesus is, and that is our responsibility.

As you know, the Bishop of Carlisle is to retire next year, a ‘Statement of Need’ is being produced and the necessary procedures are ongoing. It is a long drawn out process involving the government and the Crown. We can but hope that neither politics nor bureaucracy will unduly interfere or influence the appointment.

We have all been asked to pray:

“Dear God and Father, call to serve among us our Bishop, a true shepherd, a man of God, a minister of Christ. Equip us to be with him, a church that is joyful in worship united in witness, caring and loving, to the glory of your name; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Anticipating Christmas with Joy

The November edition of this magazine went out too early to catch the insert about our Posada. However it is not too late to join the list of families who are happy to host the Holy Family for one night during Advent.

Hosting involves receiving the little figures that we are so familiar with in the context of the crib in church on Christmas Eve, into your home; and participating in a very brief of ceremony to honour the significance of Christmas in our daily lives in the build up to Christmas Day.

There will be three Posadas travelling around the benefice and they will be starting their journeys on **Sunday 30 November, Village Hall, Greenodd, 4:00pm** when there will be a short service with carols sung by the children from Penny Bridge School, a brief reflection, a craft activity making something to take home and finishing with tea and cakes.

If you receive this magazine too late to attend and would still like to host the Posada for a night, please get in touch with David, Carolyn, Barbara or Joanna.

For **Christmas Services** in the Benefice see the enclosed card; apologies if they are not very well folded but this editor was pressed into service after castigating the vicar for his lack of delegation and could hardly refuse; he is still smiling. It is surprising what you can do whilst watching Countdown.

As usual, there will be **Carols on the Green, Bouth, Christmas Eve, 6:00pm.**

Donald.



“Behind every successful woman, there’s an astonished man.”

Ann E Dunwoody, the first Four Star General in the American army.

FLOWER ROTA

Those of you who know the Church Calendar will be aware that **Advent** begins on Sunday 30 November and traditionally there are no flowers in churches until Christmas Eve, although we at Colton usually decorate the church in time for the Carol Service.

So, will the willing workers turn up at Church on **Friday 19 December, 10:00am.** and do their best, Joanna is very anxious that there should be some able bodied males present to deal with the tree.

COFFEE

7 December Barbara Watson +Helpers

From Wendy's notes.



MOTHERS UNION

We were all very sad to hear that Marjorie Edmondson had passed away on 3 October. We had hoped that she was improving but it was not to be; she was a very special person.

On 14 October in Bouth Village Hall the matron of St. Mary's Hospice, Jenny Stalker, gave a most interesting talk about nursing and palliative care at the Hospice. Thank you to Jenny for giving up her time to be with us and a reminder that the Hospice needs all the help it can get.

On 4 November, again in Bouth Village Hall, Mrs Verna Lowe spoke about the volunteer work she does at Haverigg Prison. People come from all over the North West and bring their children to the prison. The volunteers operate a safe play area within the visiting hall where the children can spend time playing games and other activities, allowing the parents time to themselves to talk.

Verna outlined the many changes taking place which allows this valuable work to continue. We enjoyed Verna's talk enormously and thanked her very much for coming.

Our next gathering will be the **Deanery Advent Service**, to be held on **Tuesday 9 December, St. Mary's Church, Windermere, 2:00pm.** Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

It has been an unfortunate month for accidents and broken bones; Eva Fleming, from Bouth is hobbling about on crutches having broken a bone in her foot so it is likely to be some time before she will be reading in church. Scotty, her husband, is said to be bearing up well.

Peter, son of Barbara and Tom Watson made a nasty mess of his leg and spent some time in Carlisle Hospital to allow for some blacksmith's work to his bones. He is now home and our commiserations are with his parents as Peter is not known for his patience. We wish them both full and speedy recoveries.

A belated welcome to the parish to Murray Eaton who has moved into Yew Tree Cottage, Bouth. We wish him well and hope that he can integrate into our community despite his busy life. There may be better places to live, but not many.

An even more belated welcome to Jane & Steven Patton, also of Bouth, who crept in under the radar way back in April. It might have stayed that way if it had not been for a forthright comment from an older relative. Jane is a Headteacher at Thwaites School and Steven is also in education with some fancy title they hand out to local government workers these days. In effect he is an Educational Advisor. If any of this is wrong, blame the 'older' relative!

In these hard times it helps to be able to carry out tasks you usually pay for, so it should be of some interest that starting on **12 January 2009**, Upholstery Classes are to be held in **Rusland Reading Room, 7:00pm**. If interested contact Elaine, Tel: 01229 860 155.

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our Annual General Meeting in November secretary Susan Smith reminded us, in the Annual report, of the previous year's activities and the many parts the WI play in the community. Once again Bryan Redhead drew the short straw and was appointed auditor, the committee got itself re-elected; President, Elspeth Cooper, Secretary, Susan Smith, Treasurer 'the unstoppable' Margaret (Peggy) Mather, and the rest: Brenda Patton, Kay Croasdale, Sylvia Chadwick, Hilary Brooks and Penny Lovegrove.

Penny was delighted to be presented with the 'Rose Bowl' Award for 'Completion points' (ed. whatever that may mean, maybe something to do with running marathons and depriving us poor residents of our hard earned cash).

The next time we meet it will be our **Christmas Party, Wednesday, 10 December, Bouth Village Hall, 7:00 for 7:30pm**. As the food will be served at 7:30 do not be late! It will follow the usual format, "wine, women & song, oh yes and food", but not necessarily in that order and not what you think. Socialising is obligatory and 't'entertainment' is provided by the amazing, the adept, the agile, the amusing, the 'Bouth Belles'.

Please, if you have been invited, do not forget to 'yea or nay', as we need to know numbers for the caterers,

The **January** meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th, Bouth Village Hall, 7:15pm**. The speaker will be Mr. Andy Lowe and his subject 'Inside a Lakeland Farmhouse'. The competition is to be 'A Candleholder'.

Loosely adapted from Penny's notes.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council has already formally expressed its concern about the proposed wind-farm at Stribers on the Cartmel peninsula, because of the visual impact on views from the Parish. The wind-farm company, 'Energia in Natura', spoke at our October meeting, and the STOP campaign against the turbines has been invited to speak at our December meeting. The Council's decision on any planning application will follow.

Sadly, the red phone box at Oxen Park is due to be removed by BT as it is rarely used. Your Council considered the BT 'Adopt-a-kiosk' scheme, but the cost of retaining the compulsory electricity supply to the light (£40 per year) and any future disconnection charge (£100's) was too much of a financial commitment.

Our next two meetings are on: **Monday 1 December, 7:30pm in Colton Church Hall** and **Monday 12 January, 7:30pm at Water Yeat Village Hall**.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Jayne Kendall the Regeneration Officer explained the proposed changes to County Square and that the scheme is now back in the program. The roundabout will be smaller, there will be a home for the Laurel & Hardy statue, Theatre Street will be narrowed, the traffic flow on Benson Street reversed, and improved street lighting.

Paul Mountford from SLDC explained the rationale behind the proposal to develop Local Partnerships, which are supposed reflect local needs and provide greater opportunities for people to be heard. Despite all the fashionable words and phrases, co-ordinate, joined-up services, building blocks and accountability the key word 'action' was strangely missing.

If you want to know more, contact Sinead McCann Tel: 015397013448 and Email: sinead.mccann@cumbriacc.gov.uk

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2 December, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm.**



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

Following the excellent Prize Night it was lovely to see staff and pupils of all generations in school and at the Priory during the weekend. It is clear that many people have developed a real attachment to the school over the years.

More recently Year 11 arranged various activities to collect money for the Royal British Legion, which was very fitting as many of these pupils, studying history, had just returned from an educational visit to World War I Battlefields in both Belgium and France. I am sure this gave them a real feeling for the sacrifices made by our armed forces over the last 90 years.

Dr. Paul.



Ed. Did you know that there have been over 80 fields of conflict worldwide and involving British Armed Forces, since the end of World War II, with over 16,000 deaths.



Leven Valley

We are delighted to have, at long last, some news from Leven Valley, who have for some unknown reason, deserted us.

The school are hosting the **Traditional Kristkindle Christmas Fair** and it will be held on **Sunday 7 December, 1:00 – 4:00pm**. Stalls will include Arts, Crafts, Locally Produced Goods, Christmas Items, Cards, Jewellery.

School stalls: Tombola, Raffle, Cake Stall and games for the children! Santa will also be paying a visit. **To book a stall or for further information, contact Hannah Fox Tel: 053955 31532.**

Sarah.



CINEMA CLUB

Future program: – **Tuesday 2 December, Rusland, 7:30pm.** *‘Persepolis’*

Saturday 13 December, Colton Church Hall, 4:00pm. *‘Ice Age. The Meltdown’.*

Tuesday 6 January, Satterthwaite, 7:30pm. *‘Juno’.*

Saturday 17 January, Rusland, 4:00pm, ‘Ratatouille’: 7:30pm. *‘Caramel’.*

For further information contact Carol, Tel: 01229 861 507. Or the web site.



Sing Joyfully

“Music for Christmas by the Ulverston Choral Society and guests from Chetwynde School” on **Friday 19 December, Trinity Church Centre, Barrow, 7:30pm.** Tickets £7.

Available at the door or from Mrs. S M Preston Tel: 01229 829 939.



*“My Bishop’s eyes I’ve never seen
Though the light in them may shine;
For when he prays he closes his,
And when he preaches, mine.”*

Anon.

Services and Rotas for December

7th	Second Sunday of Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	40: 1-11	
	Second Reading	2 Peter	3: 8-15a	
	Gospel	Mark	1: 1-8	
Readers:	Colton	S Smith	H Brooks	J Tarr
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	R Long	E Wemyss	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& S Dean	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
14th	Third Sunday of Advent			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Benefice Eucharist	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	61:1-4, 8-11	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	5:16-24	
	Gospel	John	1:6-8, 19-28	
Readers		C Styles	E Wemyss	G Wemyss
Sidesmen		D Lancaster	& R Long	
	No service at Lowick and Colton			
21st	Fourth Sunday of Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	3:00pm	Carol Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	3:00pm	Carol Service	
Readings:	First Reading	2 Samuel	7:1-11, 16	
	Second Reading	Romans	16:25-27	
	Gospel	Luke	1:26-38	
Readers:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	M Bullock	& G Mitchell	
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
24th	Christmas Eve			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	3:00pm	Posada with Carols	
Holy Trinity	Colton	11:30pm	First Communion of Christmas	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	52: 7-10	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	1: 1-4	
	Gospel	John	1: 1-14	
Readers	Colton	B Watson	C Holden	TBA
25th	Christmas Day			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am	Family Communion on Christmas Day	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	9: 2-7	
	Second Reading	Titus	2:11-14	
	Gospel	Luke	2: 1-14	
28th	Holy Innocents			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	31:15-17	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	1:26-29	
	Gospel	Matthew	2:13-18	
Readers	Colton	M Sanders	I Pirmie	J Redhead

Please note the service times and places are different from usual.

DIARY DATES

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

30 November	Advent Sunday – Service, Greenodd Village Hall, 4:00pm.
1 December	Colton Parish Council Meeting, Colton Church Hall, 7:30pm.
2 December	P C C, Church Hall, 7:30pm. Neighbourhood Forum, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm. Cinema Club, Rusland Reading Room, 7:30pm.
7 December	Leven Valley School Kristkindle, 1:00 – 4:00pm.
8 December	The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
9 December	M U Deanery Advent Service, St. Mary's, Windermere, 2:00pm.
10 December	Bouth W I Christmas Party, Village Hall, 7:00pm.
13 December	Cinema Club, Children's Film, Colton Church Hall, 4:00pm.
19 December	Decorating the Church, 10:00am. Concert, Trinity Church Centre, Barrow, 7:30pm.
21 December	It can only get better: <i>'The Shortest Day.'</i>
24 December	"Carols on the Green", Bouth, 6:00pm. Bring a Torch!
25 December	The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ also known as Christmas Day.
26 December	Stephen, the First Martyr.
27 December	John, Apostle & Evangelist.
28 December	The Holy Innocents.



LEGACIES

Our Church is now dependent on interest from past legacies, as current donations are insufficient to cover our expenses. To continue long-term, further legacies are very necessary. If any advice is needed, please contact Gordon Pickles who has experience of setting up legacies and can give advice to anyone needing it.

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