



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HARVEST AND HEAVEN

A reflection from the Revd. David Gregg

“Autumn” began rather early for us a year or two back. We had taken our caravan to Gascony, in the south-west of France, for our summer holiday. Much to our surprise, we found ourselves, in the middle of August, up to our ankles in thick brown carpets of fallen leaves. This premature “fall” brought an early sense of the “end” of that year’s cycle of growth, and an early sense, therefore, of thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness in the Harvest with which He had again blessed us

But, it also brought an early reminder of the parable of Harvest – in respect of our earthly life! It is quite fascinating to see the parallels. First, the “winter” of life as representing the “hidden” period. At one end it is the period of gestation within the womb, and, at the other end, symbolic of the seed (the “body”) in the earth, awaiting the newness of resurrection life. Then comes the “Spring”, when life “springs” forth in all its vigour and freshness – tiny shoots, then flower and foliage in abundance – the very essence of childhood and youth, a time of mating and homemaking and the beginnings of family life.

After that comes “Summer”, the time of maturing, of the central growth, of the decisive “filling out” which will determine what the full fruits of our life will be. But what of the “Autumn”, the ultimate culmination of life? Here is surely the decisive period. At first a realisation that, for good or ill, the die is cast! By now we are what we are. The fruit is there for all to see – sweet or crabby, abundant or stunted, expansive and generous or tight and mean. And then, with growing awareness, the realisation that our life is to be eventually “harvested”, and the final assessment (judgement) will be made – not by us in accordance with God’s “performance” (as with our earthly harvest and thanksgivings), but by HIM on ours!

On our holiday we went to Lourdes. We found particular blessing in complying with the invitation at the spring

*“Like Bernadette, wash your face in the water
and ask that God will cleanse your heart.”*

We also enjoyed some unusual reading. In a book of short biographies, I came across Heinrich Heine, the romantic poet. It is said that, as he lay dying in Paris (in February 1856) his friends asked if he had made his peace with the Almighty. He replied:

*“Oui, Dieu me pardonnera,” then added with a trace of a smile:
“C’est son métier”
(Yes God will forgive me. That’s His occupation”)*

Later, on our way home, we visited the wonderful basilica of the Sacre Cœur on top of Montmartre (the “hill of martyrs” – where the first French believers died for their faith). We found a deep sense of the presence of Christ, witnessing to God’s loving and faithful provision for those who long to be cleansed and forgiven – the gift of His beloved son, our Saviour.

As we ourselves come again, this Autumn, to make our Harvest Thanksgiving to our Creator, may we [likewise] find peace with God, and confidence for the ultimate “Harvest”, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

David

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Revival in our Mission

With this magazine comes the fourth of the six leaflets on Revival with the theme of mission. First, an apology to those of you who did not receive your “Revival Leaflet on Ministry” last month. I suspect that I had started my holiday a little earlier than I should have!

This month’s leaflet looks at Revival in our Mission and mission and outreach are perhaps the hardest part of Christian Ministry because it means talking about our faith and sharing that faith with others. To know Jesus intimately in one’s heart is one of the most rewarding, comforting and strengthening experiences that we can imagine. It gave confidence to those first disciples who feared persecution and we can know that same confidence through Jesus. However, talking about our faith is one of the taboo topics for people and if we do, (and we are not the vicar), people see us as religious fanatics. All people are trying to do is share the excitement and Good News about Jesus Christ.

The mission is through caring, a lot of which is done by Christians in our communities, and also through that message of Good News that Jesus brought and we continue to believe in. Below is a prayer which expresses God's love for us and our need to be reflectors of that love:

Lord, your love for all the people we know is much greater than ours; you know and understand them far better than we do. You know how best to bring them your message of love. Show them the good news of your love and care through us and show us how to tell them, in ways they can hear and respond to, the good news about Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

To find out more about mission, praying, reading the Bible, worshipping together, or about Jesus contact one of the PCC members, or the vicar.

Gary Wemyss, Vicar



FLOWER ROTA

3 October Mrs. W Smith

10 October Harvest

17 October Harvest

24 October Mrs. T Teasdale

31 October Flowers for Barbara



COFFEE

3 October Mrs. M Campbell + helper



HARVEST

Colton Church will be decorated for the "Harvest" on **Friday 8 October** from **10.00am**. Help and gifts of flowers and produce would be very much appreciated. And needed! Thank you.

Wendy

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The amount raised from the Children's Society Boxes this year was £323.92 which has been sent to the Society. A big thank you for your support for this worthwhile cause. If anyone would like to have a C. S. Box please get in touch with me, **Wendy Smith, Tel: 015395 31872.**



COLTON CHRONICLES

One of the benefits of our now established pastoral arrangements is the once a month we visit our fellow churches, in turn, when the enlarged congregation makes for an enjoyable service with hearty singing. The downside is that not everybody attends when it is away from home; perhaps it is like the fifth Sunday when people seem to like having a day off.

All a little sad but nowhere as near as sad as the church where the bell ringers were sacked because they would not ring as for a service which was not traditional. The real sadness is not just the lack of tolerance on both sides but that on the one hand traditionalism, all four hundred years of it, is now considered archaic and on the other style triumphs over faith. It is called progress!

Colton is lucky in that there are many who work hard for our church without fuss. They just get on with it, so all our thanks to those who have been responsible for dragging the Church Hall into somewhere near the 21st. century. Particular thanks to Judy Redhead without whose dedication and not a little stubbornness the work might never have been started and also to those who kindly donated the new crockery.

As Joanna travels down the road towards ordination there will be times when she will not be able to be with us on a Sunday. Every effort is being made to fill the void but there will be the odd occasion when part time staff will have to stand in. Your help and encouragement in these circumstances is welcome.

It is perhaps a little late but if you want to attend the **Harvest Supper** on **Friday 8 October** and have not put your name down on the list at the back of the church please 'phone **Joanna, Tel 01229 861 800.**

Donald.

MOTHERS UNION

There was a disappointing turn out for the Afternoon Tea at Bouth on the 1st. of September, with only two people other than MU members partaking. It was, however, still a successful afternoon, with members enjoying the delicious cakes along with the cups of tea and buying goodies from the stalls. £80 was collected, which will go towards Mothers Union overseas projects.

On **Wednesday 6 October** at **2.00pm** in **Colton Church** we will be welcoming our link members from Rampside and Selside, to our **Opening Service** for this year, when we will also be welcoming some new members into our fold. Why not come and join us and see what a happy, lively lot we are.

Margaret



PARISH NEWS

A correction – it was not Myra Casson who was involved in an accident with wife Josie at Tottlebank cross roads but Myras. Josie tells us that things are improving and that they would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the services and the help they received from friends and neighbours. Well, it is Colton.

Some changes in the parish and all in Bouth where Bonzo was spotted recently, without a passport. A warm welcome to Ruth Pearson [mother of Chris Holden] who came from Britannia (somewhere north of Rochdale) and who now resides in the flat at Bouth House. Also to Gerrard and June Ashcroft who have moved in to the Old School House albeit, at the moment, at weekends only. And a return to these parts of Cynthia and Colin Young (next door to Betty Hall.)

Zella is at it again! Her annual **NSPCC Coffee Morning** will be held this year on **Saturday 30 October – 10.00 am. 'till noon** at **Frazel Steps, Oxen Park**. Cakes, stalls and a raffle. Coffee perhaps?

We say a sad farewell to Fran and Peel Cornthwaite and children Hazel and Brian. They have farmed at Old Hall farm, Bouth for nigh on 20 years and are now off, literally, to pastures new at Bootle. Fran is on the mend, Brian has joined the family farm, Hazel is near to finishing at university and

looking forward to a career in Design and Peel is just, well, Peel. We wish them good luck, good health and good fortune.

Donald



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our September meeting Joanne Henson gave a very interesting insight into life in the Education Department at Haverigg Prison. She spent six years at the prison (as a visitor not an inmate) and recounted many experiences of her time there with the prisoners, some sad, some amusing and some fascinating. As usual, Joanne was wonderful and we thank her for giving us time from what is a very heavy schedule as she embarks on the road to Ordination.

The competition of an ‘old key’ was won by Sue Smith. The October competition will be an antique “object d’art” (ed. A comment is very tempting, but...)

Next month the speaker will be Mrs Trelogan and her subject ‘Treasures of Abbot Hall’. **Wednesday 13 October – Village Hall – 7.15pm.**

Judy



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Once again the Sparkbridge & Lowick WI Gremlin showed its unfortunate head, when the booked speaker for our August meeting, failed to show. We must thank Frank Inman who helpfully stepped into the breach to show some beautiful slides of Ireland, and so, the disaster was turned into a very enjoyable evening.

We are having an **Open Evening** on **Tuesday 26th October. Andrew Lowe** will be speaking on **“Discovering Lakeland Churches”**. In **Lowick Church Hall – 7.30pm**. We invite everyone (including gentlemen) to come and join us.

We promise Andrew will turn up.

Margaret



If they say winter's coming, don't believe them – they said the same thing about summer.

Old Cumbrian weather proverb.

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Congratulations to Jon Miller on his election as chairman of the Governors. Jon was a School's Inspector and a former teacher at Ulverston Victoria High. With his educational background and experience as well as being a very nice man, the school is in good hands.

The school was privileged to welcome the new Diocesan Director of Education, Canon David Jenkins. He replaces Canon Rex Chapman who recently retired.

The Rural Academy is going from strength to strength and is to embark on Residential Courses at Brathay. Two students from Cartmel have visited for a preview.

Speech Night & Prize Giving will be held, this year, on **Tuesday 12 October** when the visiting speaker will be novelist and explorer, Simon Yates, writer of 'Touching the Void'.
Anne/Donald



LEVEN VALLEY

Our new school year is well under way now, and our new starters are settled in. Class Three are studying childhood in the Backbarrow area over the years, Class Two are learning about the differences between villages, towns and cities, and Class One are working on sound, light, and colour. If any of you can help in any way with these topics, please let us know.

During the summer holidays, we had a gentleman to see us who was evacuated to Dickinson's farm. He hadn't been in the school since then, and saw that the school was open. A living example of the history of childhood in our area!

Regrettably, we have had some vandalism during the summer holidays; the new walling, which we were going to have painted as target areas for games, has been badly scarred and "grafittied" and will need to be re-faced. Also after some over zealous climbing, also in the holidays, several drainpipes will have to be replaced. It is a sobering thought that this is happening here where we allow the children to play freely in our grounds, as we like them to be safe.

On a happier note, we are looking forward to various activities, such as our Kriskindle on Sunday December 5th at 2.30pm, and a Christmas cookery demonstration on Wednesday November 17th at 7pm. As always, you are very welcome to join us.

Susan



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The responses to the questionnaire about living in Colton Parish have been analysed and the 'Parish Plan' completed and published; if you haven't seen it yet, ask any Parish Councillor (or me, Judith Dove, Clerk, Tel: 01229 885 647, E-mail - coltonpc@tesco.net) if you can borrow a copy, it makes fascinating reading. As a result an action plan was formulated and the council is in the process of putting this into operation. Our present project is to better inform everyone of events in the parish by replacing the five old notice boards, some of which have seen better days.

We have secured grants from LDNPA and SLDC to accomplish this and they will be in place quite soon. Also an information board will be erected at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve to show points of interest in the parish. We are looking for people who have local knowledge and/or artistic talents, to help produce this. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Other projects under consideration include setting up a website, the possibility of using the Grizedale Arts minibus for local transport, the production of a Parish Map and improving the visual environment around the parish (flower beds, benches etc). Again, if you have any ideas or would like to help, we would love to hear from you.

Judith



CINEMA CLUB

The film season has started, the programme of films and new membership forms are available from Carol McNeill (861507) or Fiona Baxter (860267).

First Tuesday in the month - 5th October 'Out Of Africa' at Bouth Village Hall 7.30pm and 2nd November 'Monsoon Wedding' at Oxen Park. Please book your seats ahead and don't forget a cushion! We also have a great website on www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Carol

DIARY DATES

- 3 October Family Service – **10.30am.** – Coffee etc. in Hall afterwards.
- 4 October *Francis of Assisi.*
- 5 October Cinema Club – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm.
- 6 October Mothers Union Opening Service – Colton Church – 2.00pm.
- 8 October Decorating the Church – 10.00am. >
Farmers Harvest Service – **7.00pm.** Supper in Hall afterwards.
- 10 October Benefice Harvest Communion – **COLTON – 10.30am.**
- 12 October Cartmel Priory School – Speech Night and Prize Giving.
- 13 October Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 17 October Extended Communion – **9.30am.**
- 18 October ***Luke the Evangelist***
- 21 October **+** Trafalgar Day **+**
- 24 October Holy Communion – **9.30am.**
- 25 October **Half Term.**
- 16 October Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
- 28 October ***Simon & Jude Apostles***
- 30 October NSPCC Coffee Morning at Zella's – Frazel Steps – 10.00am – noon
Before going to bed put your clocks back one hour. Enjoy extra hour in morning
- 31 October Benefice Ecumenical Communion – **LOWICK – 10.30am.**
- 1 November ***All Saints.***
Back to School.



*“Read over your compositions, and wherever you meet with a passage
which you think is particularly fine, strike it out.”*

Samuel Johnson on writing.

October Service Rotas

3rd	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Harvest Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship/Family Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Harvest Service	
Readings:	First Reading	Lamentations	1: 1-6	
	Second Reading	2 Timothy	1: 1-14	
	Gospel	Luke	17: 5-10	
Readers:	Colton	M Campbell	E Fleming	J Tarr
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	T.B.A.		
Sidesmen:	Colton	T.B.A.		
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	T.B.A.		
10th	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Harvest Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	29: 1, 4-7	
	Second Reading	2 Timothy	2: 8-15	
	Gospel	Luke	17:11-19	
Readers:		J Lancaster	J Davis	D Wroe
Sidesmen:		T.B.A.		
	No service at Penny Bridge or Lowick			
17th	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Extended Communion	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	31:27-34	
	Second Reading	2 Timothy	3:14-4:5	
	Gospel	Luke	18: 1-8	
Readers:	Colton	A MacIver	W Smith	P MacIver
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman	
	Penny Bridge	T.B.A.		
Sidesmen:	Colton	T B A		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	T.B.A.		
24th	Last 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	Joel	2:23-32	
	Second Reading	2 Timothy	4:6-8, 16-18	
	Gospel	Luke	18: 9-14	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	G Pickles	I Pirnie
	Lowick	G Jager	& J Thomas	
	Penny Bridge	T.B.A.		
Sidesmen:	Colton	T B A		
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	T.B.A.		
31st	All Saints			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am	Ecumenical Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Daniel	7:1-3, 15-18	
	Second Reading	Ephesians	1:11-23	
	Gospel	Luke	6:20-31	
Readers:		T.B.A.		
Sidesmen:		T.B.A.		
	No service at Penny Bridge or Colton			