

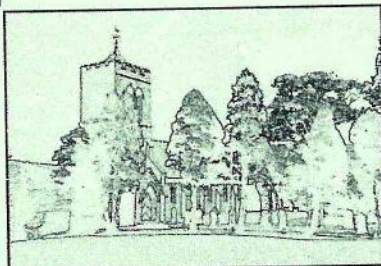
Parish News

**Egton-cum-Newland
Lowick with Blawith
and Colton**



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the Virgin**

St Luke



Holy Trinity

January 2019

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Pastoral Letter - January 2018

I was watching the Interview stage of the Apprentice a couple of weeks ago when 3 of Alan Sugar's staff went through the Business plans of the 5 remaining possible apprentices. I was amazed at the incorrect information virtually all of them had put into a document that they knew would be scrutinized by professionals. When it came to the board room debrief Alan Sugar commented that he was putting £250K of his own money to finance the successful person and he was taking a risk!

This set me thinking. That is exactly what God was doing when he sent the angel to appear to Zachariah, Mary and Joseph.

Zachariah was getting on in years, Mary was very young possibly as young as 12 – 14 and Joseph was about to become a father to a young woman that he was only engaged to!

All three could have said **NO**.

Zachariah did question the angel and probably should have known better because as a result he was unable to speak until the baby John was born. Mary seemed more startled than anything she said "I am the Lord's servant, may it be as you have said." Joseph wanted to end the relationship but was assured by God that all would be well.

God I guess knew what their responses would be. As he said to Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:10 "Man looks at the outward appearance but I look at the heart"

God had planned all this for many many years and nothing could be allowed to thwart his plans. The most important thing about Christmas is that Jesus went from the crib to cross and then on to a crown of life. This is the reason for the season!

Peter Fox
Licensed Lay Minister

Getting to know Jesus better...

This month we are looking at the first half of John, chapter 4

English Standard Version of the Bible

Notes by Matt Rich, pastor of Bethany Christian Church, Ulverston

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

In those days Jews and Samaritans didn't get on well with each other. What we are watching here is Jesus making a point of breaking down cultural barriers between people and showing His love for all people.

Jesus was talking to the lady about spiritual things but she missed the point and could only think of what she could see and feel.

What about you?

Do you spend all your time focusing on the physical and forget to give time to the spiritual?

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Jesus is demonstrating here that He knows all about the secrets she hides from people.

Do you have secrets that you hope nobody knows? How does it make you feel to realise that you can't hide anything from God because He knows all things!

Jesus is talking to the lady about a time, that was coming, when people would be able to worship the one true God anywhere. We now live in that time and are able to pray to God and worship Him anywhere.

But - Jesus said that we all need to worship God in "spirit and truth", God knows when we are just saying words but don't really mean them or live them - He knows all things!

PENNY BRIDGE CHURCH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Grateful thanks are extended to all who supported our Church Coffee Morning, held in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December at 10 am. So many people braved the bad weather too, and we raised a magnificent £663.

A special thank you to many people who served on the stalls, the raffle, the door and in the kitchen; and to those who donated prizes, goods and refreshments; not forgetting Bob and his helpers who set out the stalls and cleared up after the event.

Jean and David Lancaster

From the Registers at Penny Bridge Church

Internment of Ashes – Alfred and Rose Mary Ramsey 25.10.18

Burial – John Philipson Jackson 4.12.18

Advance Notice

The Church Electoral Roll is renewed every six years and due for renewal in 2019.

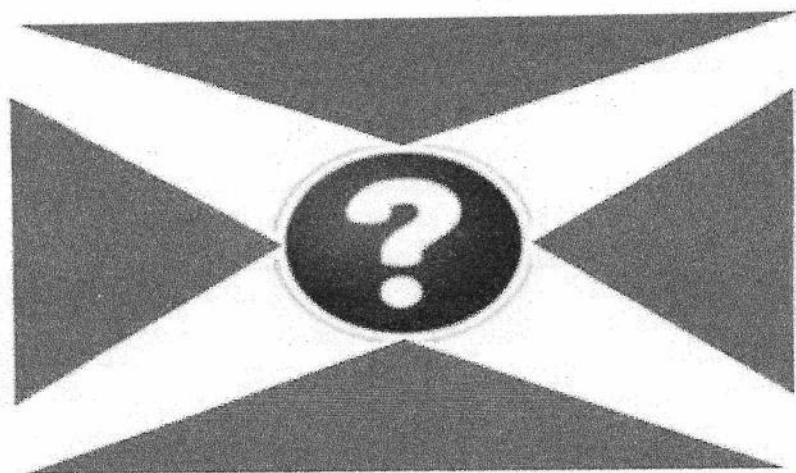
In the next few weeks Mrs Jean Lancaster(861632) from St Mary the Virgin, Egton-cum-Newland, Mrs Sue Dean(861435) from Holy Trinity Colton or Mrs Marguerite Calvert(885498) from St Luke, Lowick with Blawith will be preparing the new roll. If you are already on the Electoral Roll they will be making contact but if you are new to the area or would like a registration form please do contact the relevant officer.

Marguerite Calvert Hon Secretary, St Luke PCC

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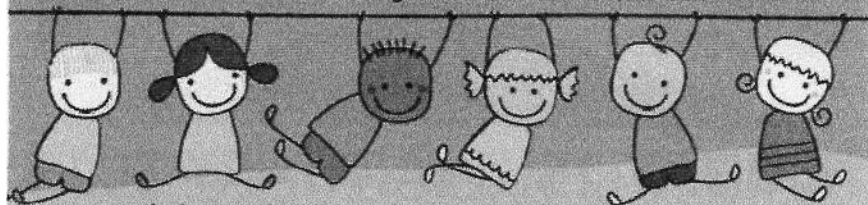
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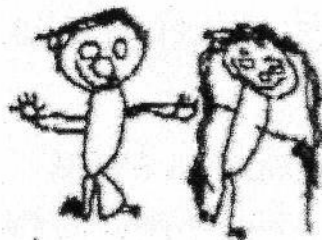
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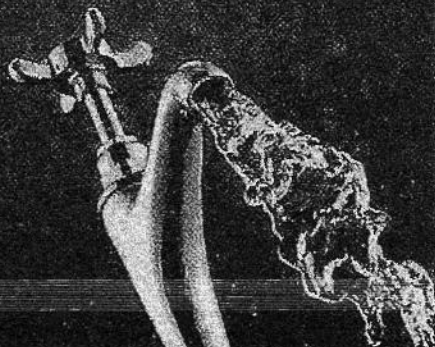


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The parish council have continued to investigate and make progress in all the areas highlighted by the public meeting held in October 2017. These topics are regularly updated in the minutes displayed in the village notice boards. These topics are :- working with Highways, Broadband and litter. All remain ongoing and the latter, due to the influx of visitors, almost a daily event.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all local people who constantly pick up litter, without this the task would be multiplied. Some of the tasks undertaken in conjunction with our partners SLDC and the National Park are as follows:- reporting and removal of fly tipping, removing entire deserted camp sites, removing left over party events (many) and almost 300 additional black bags full of general rubbish. Where possible every article is recycled, tents, sleeping bags, BBQs, seats, bike racks, metals, clothes, shoes and plastics etc all find new homes!!

Our BOON DAYS have been very successful --hard work but enormous fun. In conjunction with the PCC we hope to make these an annual event from now on.

Other projects are seen as valuable but requiring another 3-4 years of development to enable the people involved to work towards the agreed objectives within an acceptable time frame. They are :- 1) working with the National Park to survey all our many Rights of Ways 2) working with the South Cumbria Rivers Trust to improve the health of our becks, river and lake 3) natural history group (originally the history group) working with the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust to identify and preserve our very rare endangered colonies of amphibians.

Other areas mentioned in October 2017 are supported by the PC eg financial support for the local bus service and support for farmers by attendance at the latest boundaries meetings.

If you are interested in any if the above please contact a member of the Parish Council, information is available on the website.

BEST WISHES FROM ST LUKE'S LOWICK WITH BLAWITH

What makes us happy?

According to a major study by the University of Sussex and The London School of Economics: - visiting museums, going to the theatre, pottering in the garden, making love, going to church, walking, hunting and fishing, playing sport, meditating, bird and nature watching, and taking part in performing arts all contribute to making us happier and more contented.

Surely living in such a beautiful place, we are ideally situated for a joyful life? How many of the above listed positives give you pleasure? Of course, we all have domestic commitments, and physical restrictions which reduce our ability to take advantage of all of them, and some we prefer to avoid.

I am sure most of us are keen to do all we can to ensure when we leave our earthly home, we have in some small way done something to make it better for future generations whether it be looking after the environment, our homes and families, the spiritual and social wellbeing of our friends and neighbours, or helping provide for those less well off. How good are we at it? What do we hope to achieve?

The problem is that we are all in varying degrees all too weak to constantly do the right thing. Whilst I often pray when watching nature at work, gardening, or walking: - "One is closer to god in a garden than anywhere else on earth"? That brings the question – Why do I go to church? For me the answer is to focus on what I hope, with god's help to do. To seek forgiveness for my many failings, and through communion draw nearer to our supreme example for living- JESUS. Our Church should be the backbone of our community, the centre for coming to terms with life, and where we seek god's guidance for the future of mankind. It is a shame that more people don't make a habit of going to, and supporting, and maintaining our church. I well remember the distress which the closing of the Church of St John The Baptist in Blawith caused!

This is the time of year to make firm resolutions!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

- Yours's As Aye James

CHURCH SERVICES

The Sunday Services are outlined in the Magazine with the readings. Please note that the celebrant at all services of Holy Communion will be either the Rev'd Brian Streeter, Rev'd Joanna Henson, Rev'd David Bickersteth or Rev'd Harry Welch.

If anyone requires sick visiting, pastoral advice or home communion, please contact the Vicar (861668).

Tottlebank Baptist Church

Tottlebank Baptist Church welcomes you to our Sunday Services at 10.30 am and midweek meetings on Wednesdays 7.15pm
Our Minister is Rev. Michael Bonser.

Tottlebank Christmas Special Services

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Tues 25th Dec: (Shortened) Christmas Day service 10-10.45am

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Items for the next magazine to be in by Sunday 20th January

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