



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

WALK CUMBRIA

I have asked each member of the planning committee to write a brief reflection on Walk Cumbria and I hope and pray that the time spent in the benefice was as rewarding to practising Christians as well as those meeting Jesus personally for a first time, or even renewing a friendship that had drifted in time.

The few days began as an almost wash out – literally. Gondola was unable to sail because of the bad weather and few people turned out to greet the team with Bishop James at Coniston and sail down the lake. But this was not a negative as the conversation was of how good things were and how the team were looking forward to their time in this area. As you will know from previous magazines, a lot was put into the two and a half days and there were many moving moments. For me the testimony that Mike gave at the service on the Sunday evening was a highlight as it brought to mind my call to serve Jesus. Others had different experiences (see below). But Jesus' love is for each of you – his call is to you and if you want hear more contact one of the planning committee, or myself.

Gary Wemyss (Vicar)

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The lake, the going out in twos, local hospitality, speaking of the Kingdom of *God*, was reminiscent of the days when Jesus was here with His disciples. During Walk Cumbria for us in the Crake Valley the old method was reintroduced and not without effect, it made people aware of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It also got some of us out of our buildings and meeting up with folk face to face, challenging opinions and long-held views about *God*, eternity, sin and salvation. Just as it had been during Christ's public

ministry, there has been an opportunity to awaken people to the issues that really matter and affect their eternal destiny. There was also this wonderfully warm experience of joining with Christians from different traditions, pooling resources and working to the end that people in our area should hear about our Lord Jesus and the good news of personal salvation found in Him, at least once.

Was it comfortable? Was it inconvenient? Did it cost in terms of time and money? Well, yes, but that is what believers are called to. To make the Gospel of our Lord Jesus relevant and pertinent to our neighbours. "The Kingdom of *God* is not about eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." May Walk Cumbria be the beginning of spiritual revival and renewal for our area and Christians working together for the Kingdom of *God* to come.

Phil Gomersall, Pastor at Tottlebank



Highlights

The journey down the Lake with Bishop James bringing the team from Coniston to Lake Bank

The prodigious work and enthusiasm of the Walk Team, especially in house-to-house visiting, and visiting the local hostels.

Our supper party on Saturday night with really deep spiritual conversations.

The Celebration Service on Sunday – joyful and imaginative and challenging.

Encouragements

The experience of preparation in fellowship with Christians of all traditions (Prayer – Prayer Walks – Planning – Posters – Pamphlets) leading to community-wide expectations.

The generous response from our congregations in terms of financial gifts, catering, transport and general help.

The energy, enthusiasm and expertise of my fellow-planners, particularly in all the practical arrangements.

The Future

The hope is that we can go forward, building on this inspiring stimulus to our mission, particularly:

1. In deepening fellowship and partnership with all our Christian brothers and sisters in our valleys.
2. In new initiatives in worship events, discipling groups and evangelistic witness.

David Gregg (Retired Priest)



The first thing that came into my head was that I never want to see another cooked breakfast! But then I don't have to delve much deeper to reflect on the impact of the worship on Sunday morning. For me the drama presenting us with the reality of Christ's redeeming love for us was incredibly powerful. I valued the reminder once again of what my Saviour has done for me and for all of us in taking all our sins upon Himself so that we can raise our eyes and dare to believe that we are invited into relationship with such a loving God.

And....What a privilege it was to meet and serve such a wonderful team of Christian men. I trust that the impact they made on so many people will not be lost and that we shall be enabled through the power of the Holy Spirit to encourage those who are seeking peace in their hearts to find what they are looking for in the God we love and serve.

Joanna Henson (Curate)



What a wonderful few days we had in our benefice.

I was surprised how many men came to the breakfast and the good number of people at the coffee morning. It was encouraging to see people that we have not seen for sometime. I met someone that I had not seen for twenty-six years and I introduced him as my former foreman and boss. "No", he said, "we worked as equals and as a team". He made me think that this is what I gained out of the weekend. We all worked as a team, pulling together in the work of the Lord.

After the service on Sunday morning I felt as though I wanted to go out and meet people myself and perhaps tell people about my calling to Jesus.

Barbara Watson

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It's wonderful to see a group of children laughing, and this was the scene when four of the Walk Cumbria team tried to be chickens during the Penny bridge school assembly! On cue the children shouted: 'Acting like a chicken does not make you a chicken' - and that was the message. Acting like a Christian does not make you or me a Christian. From the youngest to the oldest they wanted our community to know that accepting and living in the knowledge that Jesus died for us is where the Christian life starts.

We had a wonderful four Walk Cumbria days. Our community has been blessed.

Carolyn Dykes (Commissioned Lay Minister)

We would like to express our thanks to all the faithful folk who gave their time, money and gifts to support the Walk Cumbria initiative. God Bless !

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A Lay Testimony

At first I was very reluctant to get too involved, mainly I think, because I was a little afraid of what was expected of me both practically and spiritually. However, when I went to the service at Colton on the Sunday evening and listened to the two 'walkers' I felt it was fine to have Jesus in my life, in my own way.

The pressure I had felt to be a more demonstrative Christian melted away; I had been feeling guilty, thinking I needed to be someone different than the old traditional church goer that I am, but now I accept that so long as Jesus is with me all types of fellowship and church going are quite wonderful and we should all learn to tolerate other ideas.

Judy Redhead

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COLTON CHRONICLES

Walk Cumbria effectively ended its successful mission with an interesting service of praise and thanksgiving in Greenodd Village Hall; pity there were so few from Colton present. The Evening Benefice service at Colton wasn't much better attended; what a miserable lot you are. Thanks are due not only to the visiting mission but to all 'locals' who worked so hard, particularly Joanna and Barbara, from our parish..

This section of the News might better be described as a 'Thank You' column and again we have to thank Margaret Sanders for all her hard work in raising funds; she has sent the following paragraph with strict instructions not to mess it about. She did not quite say that, but the message was clear.

"Thank you to all who bought and sold the Hymn Quizzes which made £186; There were 7 who answered all the questions correctly, Dorothy Horrocks, Urswick, Marilyn Henderson. Arrad Foot, Jean Kewley, Isle of Man, Chris Line, Penny Bridge, Susan King, Colton, Sue Wood, Water Yeat, and Pauline Kane, Stainton. The winner, by lot, drawn at the Dance on the Friday night, was Chris Line. Thank you to all who contributed to the dance, which was also in aid of the Church and made £565."

The next event not to be missed is the **'A Concert of Summer Music'** featuring the Ghyll Singers supported by some young talented musicians. **Sunday 10 June, Greenodd Village Hall, 7.30 pm. £3.50** in aid of church funds.

For those of you who delight in finding mistakes and bragging about it, the game is up. The Vicar gets a preview copy and delights, not only in finding errors but also in phoning this distraught editor with undisguised glee in his voice. It's a hard life ! If any of you tried to phone Jenny Cooper using the number in the last issue you will know that it does not exist. The correct number is 01229 861 486. The notelets are beautiful and at £2.50 for six are a snip. It cost more than that for a glass of wine in the pub.

It is an enigma that whilst we are good at raising funds for our church we are less than good at getting people in the church and we repeat use it or lose it !

Donald.

MOTHERS UNION

Unfortunately at our April gathering at Rusland our speaker was unable to attend but we had an extremely good meeting led by Barbara Watson. It gave us an opportunity to discuss the future and to plan for the next few months.

Our next meeting is our **Annual Outing, Wednesday, 6 June**, but we have not, as yet, decided where and what to do. Donald, as told by Wendy.



FLOWERS

3 June Mrs. Margaret Campbell
10 June Mrs. Margaret Campbell
17 June Mrs. Wendy Smith
24 June Mrs. Wendy Smith



COFFEE

Mrs. Margaret Sanders + Helpers.



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As you all know there will not be a Fête this year but there will be a RAFFLE, run as usual by Wendy and Peter Smith. The draw will take place on **Sunday 15 July** in the **Church Hall FOLLOWING** a 'Songs Of Praise' Service at **6.00 pm**. No doubt there will be the odd stall two as well.

The Leven Valley Support Group for the Hospice is at it again and are holding a **Summer Fair and Boot Sale, Sunday 17 June, Haverthwaite Playing Fields, 9.00 am.** onwards.

We are continuing to pray for Renée and Neville, who is supporting her every day and for her daughter Gill and family. If any one would like to have prayers said at church please let someone know, if in doubt check the inside front page. Not everybody likes their names mentioned, but rest assured, we always pray for all who are suffering, in some way.

The Bouth Village Green has just held its Annual General Meeting which is a little odd as the Green is now under the control of the Parish Council and the committee who were elected is, in fact, a sub-committee of the Council.

It was a pleasant affair but a prime example of the absurdities of political correctness and the present day obsession with safety. Apparently the insurance policy insist that nobody can work on the Green if they are not on the committee and furthermore should not use their own tools but only those owned by the Parish Council. The truth is, you can, but you will not be insured for personal or third party injuries. One wonders how we have managed for the past 30 years or so.

There are now notices on the Green forbidding glasses (drinking) and glass bottles; apart from the fact that such notices have no legal status it could be construed that they contravene the European Union Bill of Human Rights. However it is a wise precaution!

Mainly Judy/Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth

At our may meeting we had a wonderfully inspiring lady Police Constable Simone Cookson who spends her time encouraging young ‘misguided’ people not only to find their hidden talents but also to enjoy them.

She went on to tell us of her marriage in a church in Brazil where the Priest feeds up to 70 young children a day in the loft of the church. Many wanted to and gave donations for this worthy cause. Each received a lovely letter of thanks from Simone.

Cathy Styles and Penny Lovegrove entered the ‘Speaking Aloud’ competition but alas, despite support from the Bouth Belles were unsuccessful.

The next meeting is the Annual Outing where the guests have to dig deep in their pockets. This years it will take place on **Wednesday 13 June. Meeting 5.45 pm. carriages 6.00 pm.** We will then assemble in Tank Square Ulverston at **6.30 pm.** When Mrs, Jennifer Snell will lead a short

walk round the town. This will be followed by a meal in the Farmers Arms: Menu choices to Elspeth ASAP.

The London Marathon

Penny Lovegrove would like to thank all the people who sponsored her and for the kind cards and good wishes for her participation in the London Marathon, and yes folks she did complete the course. Slowly with feeling.

When all the donations are collected they should amount to over £900. What a wonderful effort from everyone and if anyone else would like to contribute please do. Penny, with some little interference from elsewhere.



SCHOOL NEWS

LEVEN VALLEY

At the moment our children are working outside with Young Ambassadors from the “Walk Cumbria” week of events, enjoying football activities. This morning we had a puppet show of the story of Joseph, by Coverdale puppets, as part of the same event. We feel lucky to have had a share of this wonderful week, which also includes a special assembly on Friday.

Peter (Calvert) came to visit last Friday, as we were a better alternative than yet another visit to the carpet shop (!!). We enjoyed his company, and Peter said he learnt a lot about cams in our Upper Junior technology lesson ...

We are collecting props for our 1950s school play. If anyone has any largish pictures of old cars, or Lowry prints, or old adverts, they would be really useful for us if you can spare them for a time. Thank you. Susan.



There has been a query with regards to the quotation, in French, in the last issue. The literal translation is “The more things change, the more they are the same.”



“When one has reached 80...one likes to sit back and let the world turn by itself without trying to push it.”

Sean O’Casey, Irish Dramatist

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 6 June **Morning/Family Worship – 10.30 am.** – Coffee to follow (Joanna/Donald)
10 June **Benefice Holy Communion – LOWICK - 10.30 am.** (Gary)
17 June **Extended Communion – 9.30 am.** (Joanna)
24 June **Holy Communion – 9.30 am.** (Gary)



Other Dates

- 1 June **Trinity Sunday – Colton Church, Patronal Festival.**
10 June Concert of Summer Music – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30 pm.
13 June Bouth W I Annual Outing – Village Hall – 5.45 pm.
17 June Summer Fair and Car Boot Sale – Haverthwaite Playing Field – 9.00 am. >
24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**
25 June Colton parish Council Meeting – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30 pm.
29 June **Peter & Paul Apostles**



Late News

Ron Mein has retired as Chairman of the Parish Council and Colin Barr has taken over. There is a vacancy in the central ward and anyone interested should contact Secretary Judith Dove Tel: 01229 885 847 Judith.



RUSLAND VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST	
RVCT is a charity which has as its primary aim the financial support of activities in the and. However the trustees do have the secondary power to financially support by grants nity activities aimed at improving skills or knowledge in Colton (Church) Parish.	
The trustees would like to hear from	
• anyone who has an idea for any such activity or classes or • from any young person under 16 who would like to be considered for	
vidual grant to help him/her to improve any skill. (other than schoolwork).	
Please write to The Administrator, RVCT, The Dower House, Whitestock, usland, Ulverston Cumbria LA12 8LB or telephone 01229 860 300.	

Services and Rotas for June

3rd	Trinity Sunday					
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion				
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship				
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship				
Readings:	First Reading	Proverbs	8:1-4, 22-31			
	Second Reading	Romans	5: 1-5			
	Gospel	John	16:12-15			
Readers:	Colton	E Fleming	H Brooks	D Wroe		
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan			
Sidespersons:	Penny Bridge	C Dykes	R Atkinson	R Long		
	Colton	TBA				
	Lowick	E Phizacklea				
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex			
10th	First Sunday after Trinity					
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am Benefice Communion				
Readings:	First Reading	1 Kings	17:17-24			
	Second Reading	Galatians	1:11-24			
	Gospel	Luke	7:11-17			
Readers:		J Gregg	G Mitchell	D Gregg		
Sidespersons:		F Inman				
No service at Colton and Penny Bridge						
17th	Second Sunday after Trinity					
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion				
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Extended Communion				
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship				
Readings:	First Reading	2 Samuel	11:26-12:10, 13-15			
	Second Reading	Galatians	2:15-21			
	Gospel	Luke	7:36-8:3			
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	B Watson	J Henson		
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman			
Sidespersons:	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	S James	J Henson		
	Colton	TBA				
	Lowick	A Wood				
	Penny Bridge	S James	& N Lord			
24th	Birth of John the Baptist					
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service				
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion				
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion				
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	40: 1-11			
	Second Reading	Acts	13:14b-26			
	Gospel	Luke	1:57-66, 80			
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	S Smith	M Sanders		
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis			
Sidespersons:	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	C Styles	G Wemyss		
	Colton	TBA				
	Lowick	F Inman				
	Penny Bridge	R Long	& D Lancaster			