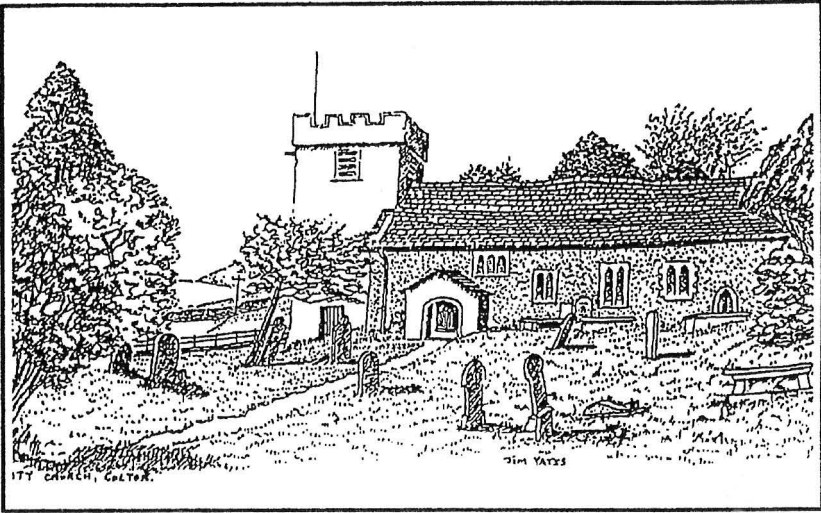




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

What should I believe in?

Two headlines in today's newspaper caught my attention when putting together this article for the magazine. The first states, "Humans have evolved to worship celebrity" and the second, "Church to promote itself as a fun place".

Undoubtedly all denominations of the mainstream churches have tied themselves into knots of varying tightness. Whilst the early century church was one of faction and disagreement the present church is on a mission of self-destruction with various groups arguing and disagreeing with each other. (Note: this has probably happened throughout the whole history of the Christian Church whatever the denomination.

Many people, perhaps many of you reading this article, are searching for something. Searching for a meaning to our life here on earth - and what of the future after this mortal life? Searching for a purpose whilst here and in the way we share, and live, our lives together. Searching for a faith - to believe in something which is not just self centred nor material.

The first of the headlines fills the void with celebrity. The chasing after fame, money, popularity and stardom. But only a meagre few become celebrities and the rest are left to be imperfect copies who will find it very costly to imitate those celebrities on whom they model their lives.

The second headline, though trying to attract new members to the church, may fail because although the church can be fun for many (and I certainly enjoy going) for others it is hard work. Hard work because it demands commitment, slow change and a fairly fixed and rigid format. But Christianity can answer those searching questions that many ask..

We are about to embark on a series of Wednesday evening meetings throughout the Autumn about the Christian faith. This is not just for those in the three churches of the benefice but is open to anyone. Those who have, or face, challenging questions; those who are seeking an answer to life's ways; those who want to know more about the Christian

Church but are afraid to ask and those who are just unsure. All are welcome at one, or all the meetings.

The meetings will have an overtly Christian flavour with the main parts looking at what Christians believe, how Christians grow and living the Christian life but I believe this approach can help many people in their challenged lives.

Further details can be obtained from Colin and Carolyn Dykes (861509), Joanna Henson (861800), Julian Lambton (861089) or Gary Wemyss (861285).

No one will need to speak out or be put on the spot and all should feel welcomed at the groups so do not be put off by a fear of being embarrassed.

We pray that many of you will join us on this exciting adventure and that it may be a positive help in our lives together.

Leading Intercessions.

Leading intercessions in church is an important aspect of our Christian witness. Already a regular rota of those leading intercessions is put together at Colton and an ad hoc arrangement is in place at Lowick and Penny Bridge.

We are holding an evening session on all aspects of leading intercessions on **Monday 1st of September 2003 at 7:30pm** in Penny Bridge Church.

I hope that those who are already involved at all three churches will attend and also anyone who may wish to become part of the team.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss. Vicar.



WELCOME

There is to be a WELCOME SERVICE for our new Priest and Vicar the Revd Gary Wemyss and his wife Elizabeth on **Sunday 31 August at 6.00pm**. (I've checked) **at Colton and all three congregations are welcomed**. The preacher will be the Right Revd George Howe our Archdeacon.



COLTON CHRONICLES

It is the stress that does it; there were so many mis-typings , and even that isn't a word, in the last issue that it is difficult to know where to start so I won't, only to say sorry.

There was a PCC meeting which your editor could not attend and was told nothing much happened; when the minutes came out quite a lot had taken place. The red Altar frontal has been beautifully refurbished and both Margaret Miller and Jane Johnson have done a fantastic job. Thank you always seems inadequate but thank you. It will be used on 14 September(?) and then Palm Sunday 2004.

Mrs J Pickles has been appointed Governor of Leven Valley School; she succeeds Sally Pirnie to whom we are beholden for her years of service. We now have a share in the Benefice photocopier for which Penny Bridge and Lowick are no doubt thankful as we have saved them £300 each.

Jubilee Window – Book of Donors

At the back of the church, in a red folder, there is a final draft list of all 138 Donors, their chosen windowpane numbers, and their dedications/addresses.

Amendments requested at the 19th July Fete are already incorporated.

If however, you see any errors, or if donors wish to make any changes, please write them on the special pages at the back of the book.



The next PCC and they do seem to come round very often was a fairly serious affair as the subject of 'Marriage after Divorce' was debated at length. Although the final decision in individual cases lies with the Vicar; support from the PCC, who would dearly love to have your views, whilst not a legal requirement is a moral requisite. The consensus was that the PCC is in favour.

Meetings have been held to decide a) on the Loop system and perhaps a proper P A system which will help those, who like so many Anglicans, sit at the back of the church, to hear more clearly and b) on what work is necessary to bring our Hall up to a civilised standard. It all costs money but we cannot continue to live in the past and must think and plan for the future.

Talking of which, some dates for your diary, *Farmers Harvest with supper, Friday 10 October –Joint Harvest Festival, somewhere, 12 October – Remembrance Sunday, 9*

November – Colton Carol Service, 14 December – Joint Ecumenical Carol Service, Penny Bridge 21 December – Gary’s Birthday, 21 December – Midnight Communion, Colton, 24 December – Christmas Day Service, 10.30am., Lowick.

If these are all correct then the age of miracles has not passed.

It has been suggested that in future the Colton Parish News might be incorporated with the Penny Bridge & Lowick Magazine. Please, please do not be your usual reticent selves but let Gary, me or any member of the PCC have your views, other than possible financial savings, for that is Bonzo’s prerogative.

The concert held on 8 August was superb and those who missed it, missed a real treat. A rare mixture of humour, a certain solemnity, wonderful music and introduced with style by a stand up comedian who turned out to be our parish priest who had swapped his dog collar for a bow tie. We are indebted to all the singers and for their hard work and in giving so much pleasure to others.

The Garden Fete was a happy and successful occasion where old and new friends met up; it was opened by Kay Croasdale who was presented with flowers by Emma Cooper. The new large tent was a bonus as it provided space for the teas together with the stalls, which made for a cosier atmosphere. Once again our thanks to Phil and Chris (for any newcomers that is Mrs & Mr) for the use of their house and garden and also to Mike & Nick from Blackbeck and all who helped and donated. The net ‘profit’ was £1210, which by Colton standards was a touch a disappointing.

Congratulations to *Anna Rose Morrison* from Sayles Farm & *Sophie Kate Grunshaw* from Oxen Park who were baptised on Sunday 10 August 2003.

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

7 September Mrs C Dobson

14 September Mrs S Smith

21 September Mrs S Smith

28 September Mrs M Campbell

5 October Mrs M Campbell

2 October Harvest



COFFEE ROTA

September Mrs S Sanders & helper



Children's Society

The amount raised from the collection boxes this year came to £338.10 which has been sent to the Society. A big thank you to everyone for all your support; the Society is doing good work in helping children and teenagers. It needs all the help we can give and if anyone would like to have a C S Box please get in touch with me, Wendy Smith Tel: 015395 32872.

Wendy



'A friend in power is a friend lost'

Henry Adams

MOTHERS UNION

Our new year starts on **Wednesday 3 September** when we will hold our Opening Service at Satterthwaite at **2.00pm** when Mrs Barbara Watson will be commissioned as Enrolling Member for our Branch. We will be joined by members from Leven Valley & Rampside.

'In Love & Service' is our theme this year and our program has been organised round this theme; speakers will include those from St Mary's Hospice, The Lions and the Inshore Rescue. Ladies, please come and join our friendly group.

As well as love and friendship our meetings are full of interest and on **7 October** we shall be holding a Coffee Evening in Bouth Village Hall at **7.00pm**.

Margaret



PARISH NEWS

It could have been Lovejoy, which some think suitable, but it was not, it could implausibly be Lovegood, but it was not and it certainly was not Lovelock. Apologies to the loving, newly married couple whose name we got wrong in the last issue, their name, for the record, is LOVEGROVE.

It comes to a pretty pass when the date of the birth one's grandchild is printed incorrectly; granddaughter Jessica was born on 16 June, not July as printed, forgiveness has already been sought.

Our thoughts love and prayers are with those in and around our parish who are unwell and perhaps in hospital. Particularly we remember Tiesy Teasedale, Molly Jackson, Betty Hall, Jack Burns and Myles Newton. May the Spirit of the Lord be with them.

Congratulations to Sue & Gary Steele on the birth of a son on 7 August - a brother to Jack and Sam. Another grandson for Alma Pennington, who after spending all of her life in Bouth is now moving to Ulverston. Bon voyage!

Congratulations are also due to Sarah Callen, granddaughter of Cynthia and Jack Burns, on attaining her B. A. Hons. Degree from the University of Lancashire.

Judy/Donald.



*I am frank
You are outspoken
He is rude*

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The July meeting included partners and was a very successful and interesting visit to Roa Lifeboat Station. It had been organised by Pete Boundy who was professional involved in the construction of the Station. Afterwards we enjoyed a good meal at the Bosun's Locker.

Our next meeting will be an Open Meeting and will beheld on **10 September at 7.15pm. - Bouth Village Hall** when Mr Cartmell will give a talk on 'Damsons in the Lyth Valley. (your editor thought it was damsels and got quite excited.)

Judy.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Our members have enjoyed two interesting and stimulating summer months. In June Beryl Ashcroft showed and talked of her Embroidery work, most of which she had made to gain her City and Guilds Certificate. Beryl showed how she had first had to design the articles, then made samples, before actually making her finished product. The standard of her work was very high, and members marvelled at the beautiful things she had made, tablecloths, table lamps and shades, toy boxes, bags and pictures were only a few of the articles she had brought.

In July Pam McIver gave a talk on the benefit of Aromatherapy, explaining the different uses of certain oils and how they can be used to aid and cure many

ailments and conditions. Lavender Oil, for example, helps to heal small burns and can be used as relaxant to soothe tired muscles or as an insect repellent. Tea Tree Oil is a useful antiseptic.

Pam brought a small bottle of Lavender Oil and after demonstrating how to massage the hands of one of the members, everyone split up in to twos and massaged each other's hands, resulting in everyone going home feeling very relaxed.

On **23 September -Lowick Sunday School - 7.30pm.** we are having an Open Meeting, when Mrs. Hoggarth is coming to talk on "Herdwick Wool", please come and listen to this interesting Lady, telling of her love for one of our local native sheep.

Margaret



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Sadly, our dynamic Adult Education Manager has decided to call it a day. Sue Vernon built up the service from near disaster to one of the best, if not the best Adult Education Centres in Cumbria by force of personality, hard work and management skills. Sue will be a hard act to follow and difficult to replace.

Donald



LEVEN VALLEY

Currently the antiquated central heating system is being replaced and, all being well, should be ready for the start of the new term. Congratulations to Mrs Webster who had her baby, Iona, on 4 July. Both are well and it was lovely to see them at the end of term activities.

Our fund raising activities were successful, the sponsored 'Assault Course' raised all but £500 for school funds and the 'Family Sports Night', primarily a social occasion, raised £50. It was a great night with a soccer knock out to rival the World Cup. Thank you to Mick O'Leary for refereeing (and being so strict with the red & yellow cards!). Thanks also to all that helped in these events.

Year 6 children enjoyed their last few days with an evening in Morecambe and a sleepover in the quad. The Leavers Service on the last day of term was very moving and Reece, Rebecca, Lauren, Ben, Joseph, Brooke and Jemma are now pupils at Cartmel whilst Lisa and Natalie have moved to schools in Ulverston and Kendal, respectively. We wish them well in their future education.

This year we welcome new pupils Emily Clarke, Riordan De Vries, Seamus Mayer-Walters, John Mein, Charlie Myers and also Kristian De Vries.

Susan.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

The Club is now well established and showing films in our village halls until the new dedicated cinema is built in Oxen Park. The first AGM has been held but, as yet, we have no news.

The first film of the 2003/2004 season will be *'The Shipping News'* and will be held on **Tuesday 2 September at Oxen Park – 7.30pm**. This will be followed by *'Rabbit Proof Fence'* in October at Rusland. Further details contact

Carol McNeill Tel: 01229 861 507.

Carol

DIARY DATES

- 31 August **Welcome Service- Colton – 6.00pm.**
- 1 September Leading Intercessions – Penny Bridge Church – **7.30pm.**
- 2 September Cinema Club – Oxen park – **7.30pm.**
- 3 September M U Opening Service – Satterthwaite – **2.00pm.**
- 7 September Family Service – **10.30am.** – Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 8 September **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- 10 September Bouth W I – Village hall – **7.15pm.**
- 14 September **Holy Cross Day.**
Joint Holy Communion – Lowick – 10.30am. Please turn up.
- 21 September **Matthew, Apostle.**
Holy Communion – **9.30am.**
- 23 September Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – **7.30pm.**
- 28 September Holy Communion – **9.30am.**
- 29 September **Michael and all Angels.**



HAVE HOPE

1) When sorrow seems
To fill your heart
And all you feel is bad,
I'm going to share a truth with you
About a friend I have.

3) With arms stretched out
I heard him say,
"Be still, for all is well,
my love for you is mightier
Than any pain you feel."

2) It happened on a lonely night
When all I thought was lost...
Upon the wall a picture hung
Of Christ upon his cross.
I raised my head
As tears ran down,
And looked at him and said,
"With all my heart I ask of you
To take away my dread."

4) My tears were dried,
My heart was light,
Once more he softly spoke...
"To others tell, when in despair,
in me they shall have hope."



