



PARISH NEWS

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COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

We do not know the hour!

The Gospel set for harvest was an unusual one for a time of celebration but a reminder of the value of life and our relationship with God. *I suggest you read Luke 12:16-30.*

Jesus tries to warn the people of the danger of greed and placing confidence in earthly possessions. This is very relevant to us today, because for most people our main priority in life is to get wealth and have a good life.

If we view our possession or success in life as the result of our own talent and effort, we will think of ourselves as owner of these things. But in reality, we are all stewards of what God has provided. Whether we are into farming or into manufacturing or into business, it is God who provides. He gives us the ability to do whatever we are doing. The ability to think, to calculate numbers, to make plans... even to speak and to breathe comes from God. Each one of us earn our wealth with borrowed abilities.

There is the idea of life as a loan that must be repaid to God upon demand.

When God enters the life of the farmer in the reading he realised that there was one thing he did not prepare. He made a good plan to store his crop and made a good plan to save up for the future. In fact, he has done many good things but he did not prepare for his own soul. Death was not part of his planning.

Security in life does not lie with barns, but with God. *Luke 12:29-31 "And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your*

Father knows that you need them. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."

We need to put our trust in God, not in barns. To be mindful of the work of God's kingdom, and not just in building bigger barns. In the eyes of people, this farmer was successful and wise (a good plan), but in the eyes of God, he was a fool and a failure. He had the things that money could buy (possessions) but he lost the things that money cannot buy (his life). If someone asked at his funeral, "And how much did he leave behind?" The answer will be "Everything!"

Jesus reminded us the need to remember God - the Source of all our blessings. God wants us to invest in things that have eternal value. We must invest our life - time, talent, knowledge - in the work of His Kingdom. Lay up *"treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."* (Luke 12:33).

All that the farmer has - will not go to him, and will not go with him. Life without God is meaningless. People may find true fulfilment in this world - they want to have "plenty of good things laid up for many years" and then they can *"take life easy; eat, drink and be merry"* (v.19) but Jesus says true fulfilment can only come through a relationship with our God.

He gives us eternal riches, not just physical riches. Only God can fill the void in our hearts.

God wants us to enjoy life, but not without a relationship with Him.

Put your trust in Jesus. He has come as your Saviour, saving us from sin. He died on the cross, rose again to life on the third day, giving us the promise of eternal life.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss

Vicar



Confirmation – The High Furness Group Confirmation Service will now take place at **St. Mary the Virgin Egton-cum-Newland at 10:30am** on the **27th of November** (Advent Sunday).

*** For those of you who, understandably, were confused by last month's offering be assured that things are back to normal, or rather what passes for normal on these pages.

100 – COLTON CHRONICLES – 100

In 1995 I had a rush of blood to the head and foolishly agreed to edit the 'Parish News' which I wrongly thought would be short lived. We have now put up with another for ten years and a 100 editions. The first few paragraphs I wrote :-

“After nearly three years of cajoling reluctant parishioners to come forth with news, information and titbits for this magazine, Christine Dobson is putting the cap on her pen.

We are all indebted to Christine for not only keeping the Church Magazine alive during a trying period but for doing so in a such a lively, informative and captivating style. Christine will be a hard act to follow and your present 'volunteered' incumbent is feeling very nervous.

Mistakes and errors are bound to occur so please be patient; on the positive side we are blessed with a most efficient typographical operator in Joanna Henson.”

The beginning of the last sentence was prophetic especially after the first twelve editions when Joanna, foolishly, sent me solo. Whatever else has changed the style remains the same, love it or loath it.

Since November 1995 we have had three priests, three secretaries and three or is it four lay vice-chairmen of the PCC. What has remained stable and a veritable strength in our church is Churchwarden and Treasurer Bonzo Johnson.

There are those who think that I poke fun at him, excessively, but having nothing better to do on a rainy day I reviewed all the past 99 editions and the facts are, that there are more, many more expressions of acclamation and thanks.

In March 1999 I penned - “Whilst our finances are generally sound, *Bonzo's application of accountancy principles being near brilliant*, our disposal income is barely adequate to cover costs and this financial year does not look good... Planned giving might be better.” Nothing has changed!!!!

. Interestingly, at least to me, the 'News' is a potted history of Colton.

The Farmers' Harvest Service and Supper was very successful and well attended; the Vicar with half a voice managed to make himself heard and with good effect. Our thanks are due to the Flower Arrangers who decorated the church so beautifully and also to Sue Dean, Judy Redhead and especially May Lambert for their sterling efforts for arranging the Supper. And we must not forget my friend Bonzo and his family for their contributions. If anyone feels left out just look up *Acts 20:35*.

The service for Remembrance Sunday is being changed, leaving out the name of God out at a solemn moment. This is being sponsored by 'Churches Together in Britain' in order that the new words in the Act of commitment "contain no religious references" so as to suit anyone "whatever their belief". It is almost as if the word God sets off some allergic reaction!

Our **Remembrance Service** will be held on **Sunday 13 November** at **10.30am**. Hopefully in the original form.

The local branch of the British Legion will hold their Annual Service of Remembrance on **Sunday 13 November, St. Anne's Church, Haverthwaite at 3.00pm**. The Rusland 'District' Service is one week earlier on **Sunday 6 November, St. Paul's, Rusland at 2.45pm**.

On **Sunday 20 November** there will be an Archdeaconry **Service of Thanksgiving, Rededication and Encouragement at St. Paul's Grange-over-Sands at 6.30pm**. With the Bishop of Carlisle and preacher the Revd. Father Damien Feeney. Having heard him – he is instructive, thought provoking and provocative. You will not nod off!!! Donald.

PS. Just got a note which reads "Thanks to the 'good fairy' who continues to sneak into Colton Church, leaving goodies and sherry for the Flower Arranger."



FLOWER ROTA

6 November Barbara's Flowers

13 November Remembrance Sunday

20 November Flowers from last Sunday

27 November ADVENT

MOTHERS UNION

We are sad to lose two of our members, Molly Jackson & Betty Robinson both of whom died in October and were members for over fifty years. We shall miss them very much.

Our Closing Service will be held on **Wednesday 2 November at 2.00pm. at St. Paul's Rusland.**

The Deanery Advent Service this year will be at **Ambleside Parish Church on Thursday 1 December at 2.00pm.**

Wendy.



COFFEE

6 November Mrs Barbara & Helper.



PARISH NEWS

We were all very saddened to hear of the recent deaths of Molly Jackson and Betty Robinson. They have lived most of their lives in Oxen Park, bringing up their families and being very much involved in the Mothers Union and village and church events.

Also Mrs Winnie Edmonson of Crakeside Farm, Greenodd died in mid October. Our condolences, sympathy and prayers go out to all their families at this time.

It is very pleasing to report that Bryan Redhead has good news in that his chemotherapy has been successful and he is clear. No doubt he will soon be knocking seven bells out of a little white ball, so let us hope he keeps clear of the bunkers.

Chris Holden is unfortunately at the other end and will be starting her chemo very shortly. We send her our best wishes and pray for a successful outcome. It was good to see Chris in church for Harvest especially as she was accompanied by husband Paul whom we hope to see gain.

It is good to see some youthful initiative, for young Mathew Richards who came to live at Dander Cottage, Bouth, with his family this year, has taken

the brave step of deciding to work for himself. Mathew is an excellent joiner and has just helped us out in the Village Hall with some much needed repairs to the front door. His Tel: 01229 861 395.

Allan Lovegrove of Bouth, although still relatively young, has had a knee replacement and is home and doing well but grumbling about being kept in order by his spouse. He sends his thanks to all for their kind wishes and especially for the gift from the Harvest. Penny comments 'that this would not happen in a big city'.

Some concern has to be expressed about our Vicar who stubbornly refuses to take proper care of himself; he falls down fells, bowls over on benches and seems to catch every bug known to man. Lately he has been afflicted by bronchitis but obdurately will not rest, which is all very well but we need a healthy vicar. Gary, despite these harsh words we wish you well and a full return to health ASAP; you are needed.

Judy(polite)/Donald(the rest).

P S. Our sympathy and best wishes to Elizabeth, who we understand, apart from putting up with Gary, has not been too well either!



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The walkers enjoyed a 'stroll' around Bigland and are indebted to Noreen Atkinson to whom we offer our thanks.

Our last meeting was open and was well attended but with some noticeable absentees, including your editor; a certain International football match was the obvious cause. Mr Crossman, our speaker, gave a lively and amusing talk on the 'Life of a Coastguard' and alarmed us all by producing an enormous yellow canister clearly labelled "EXPLOSIVE".

In passing he mentioned that there now existed a Fast Action Rescue Team where clearly the originators had given little thought to a possible acronym.

Our penultimate trip of this, the 85th year of the W I, is to an evening of music and drama at **Kendal Town Hall, Monday, 7 November**. It is a walk down Memory Lane, entitled 'A Cavalcade of 85 Years – 1925-2005'.

Our next meeting, the A G M is on **Wednesday 9 November, 7.15pm**.

Penny.

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

We are used to speakers not turning up so were not over alarmed when our speaker Ronnie Ray did not appear; coming from Preston he was unaccustomed to country lanes but eventually did arrive and was well worth waiting for.

Ronnie spoke to us on 'Laughter on the Ocean Waves' and had us laughing from beginning to end. He had met some interesting people on the cruises he had been on. Whilst waiting our own Joan Jeffries gave us a talk on the charities she is involved with. Everyone enjoyed the evening and are still talking about it.

Our next meeting our A G M is on **Tuesday 22 November, 7.30pm., Lowick Sunday School.**

Barbara.



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

The School still exists but getting information about it, is as productive as getting blood out of a stone. There was a Prize Night and that is all that is all we know. The Headteacher has been on a jolly, sorry, an educational trip, to Chile.

Money is an ever present problem and there is now a School Donation Fund which is 'grant aided'. Donations very welcome.

Donald.



Leven Valley

As I am writing this, the 1.00 pm train is going past all the autumn colours on the Heights to Lakeside. What a lovely place to work in!

Our year 5 and 6 children were invited to Lakeside to take part in a Literacy day, organised by CLEO, our school computer network. We had to dress in Victorian costume, and pretend we were travelling on the steam train in Victorian times. Lots of tourists took our photos: I think they thought we were in national costume!

We have got some input for our school wildlife garden via a lottery grant, from the Wildlife Trust. We are working on sustaining the garden, with the

help of Ian Amatt, and some colleagues from the National Trust. At the same time we are trying for certification to be an 'eco' school..

Our Kristkindle Fair will be on **Sunday 4 December, 2.30pm**. Do come and join us if you can. If you would like a stall, please contact me at school.

Susan.



Colton Parish Council News

Our MP is campaigning to stop the plans to merge Cumbria Police with a neighbouring force, either Lancashire or Northumbria. He has asked that petitions be displayed on the local notice boards, so if you feel strongly about this, you can sign up on your nearest board (take your own pen or pencil with you!).

At our next meeting on Monday 21 November, Bouth Village Hall, 7.30pm. we will be discussing projects for next financial year. If you have any ideas of what can be done to improve the parish, please let one of your local councillor know – see below. This year's major projects are almost complete. Six new notice boards are in position, with 2 others to be completed. The other projects, a new seat, flower beds and a tree to replace one knocked down by a gritter lorry in Rusland, will be completed soon.

A reminder of your local councillors:

West Ward (Colton, Sparkbridge & Nibthwaite)

Mr T Atkinson 01229 861 164 • Mr C Barr 01229 861 408 • Mr I Cunliffe 01229 861 440

Central Ward (Bouth, Oxen Park & Rusland)

Mr R Mein 01229 861 452 • Mrs M Dryden 01229 861 432 • Mr J Watson 01229 861 450
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East Ward (Finsthwaite & Lakeside)

Mrs S Nichols 015395 31573 • Mr C Potts 015395 31735 • Mr P Harrington 015395 30376



Oxen Park Cinema Club

Our season has really got off to a great start with another full house for *Motorcycle Diaries* ; our next film is ***Ladies in Lavender*** at **Water Yeat Village Hall, Tuesday 1 November, 7.30pm**. start. A lovely big hall so room for everyone and your friends.

We also have some special events lined up:

- **Friday 25 November** another showing of the silent film *Sunrise* with the superb piano accompaniment by Tony Milledge. We want to take him to a bigger audience so we've booked **Ulverston Victoria** for the show. **7.30pm.** start. Tickets at the door or book through Carol (861507). Please spread the word to your musical friends.
- A date for your diary is **Saturday 4 February.** We are linking with the WordMarket Festival with a Film & Book event at **Ulverston Victoria** again. This will be *Enduring Love* by Ian McKewan. We hope to get Ian McKewan to talk about the book and film version first and answer questions afterwards. This is early notice so you can enjoy those cold winters' nights reading the book now on special offer at Tinnars' Rabbit bookshop.
- **January 6th** - a musical evening at **Rusland** - remember last year?
Watch this space !!!!Carol.



Windermere Deanery

The Deanery is hosting a play about St. Paul, called '*The Letter*' at **St. Martin's, Church Bowness** on **Thursday 8 December, 7.30pm.** The play has had rave reviews and should not be missed – tickets £5 & £2.50(child) from your editor or Mrs Penny Ward Tel: 015395 33243.



Macmillan Cancer Relief

The Coffee Morning that was held in Water Yeat village Hall raised £854.85. Our thanks to all who helped, in what ever capacity and those who gave.Sue Thompson.



Looking back over earlier issues of the Parish News, some things never change. Mistakes in names and dates, churchgoers complaining about the hymns, the paucity of planned giving and the editor whingeing about it. A welcome change however, is the length of the PCC meetings i.e. shorter.

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 6 November **Family Service – 10.30am.** – Coffee to follow.
13 November **Remembrance Sunday - 10.30am.**
20 November **Extended Communion – 9.30am.**
27 November **Confirmation Service – Penny Bridge – 10.30am.**



Other dates

- 1 November **All Saints Day**
Cinema Club – Water Yeat Village Hall – 7.30pm.
2 November **All Souls Day** – Mothers Union Service - Rusland – 2.00pm.
6 November British Legion 'District' Remembrance Service – Rusland – 2.45pm.
9 November Bouth W I – A G M – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
13 November British Legion Branch Remembrance Service – Haverthwaite - 3.00pm.
20 November Archdeaconry Service – Grange – over – Sands – 6.30pm.
22 November Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – A G M – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
25 November Cinema Club – Ulverston Victoria – 7.30pm.
27 November **ADVENT**
30 November **Andrew the Apostle.**



Healing Ministry

The Kendal and Windermere Deaneries are holding a “Healing Steering Group Open Forum” on **Wednesday 2 November** at **St. Oswald's Church, Burneside, 7.30pm.**

This meeting is open to all and if interested pleas contact David Whitehead
Tel: 015394 45972. davidcwhitehead@btopenworld.com



“I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.”

Bill Cosby.

Services and Rotas for November

6th	Third Sunday before Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship and Baptism	
Readings:	First Reading	Wisdom	6:12-16	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	4:13-18	
	Gospel	Matthew	25: 1-13	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	P Ball	R Smith
	Lowick	A Naylor		& W Keegan
Sidesmen:	Penny Bridge	E Wemyss	J Lancaster	R Long
	Colton	M Campbell	M Sanders	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
13th	Remembrance Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Said Service of Remembrance	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday	
Readings:	First Reading	Zephaniah	1:7, 12-18	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	5: 1-11	
	Gospel	Matthew	25:14-30	
Readers:	Colton	I Pirnie		
	Penny Bridge	Royal Brit Legion	D Lancaster	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& C Holden	
	Penny Bridge	N Lord	& J Lambton	
20th	Christ the King			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Extended Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Ezekiel	34:11-16, 20-24	
	Second Reading	Ephesians	1:15-23	
	Gospel	Matthew	25:31-46	
Readers:	Colton	B Watson	W Smith	M Campbell
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
Sidesmen:	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	V Lambton	C Dykes
	Colton	S King	& A MacIver	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
27th	Advent Sunday High Furness Group Confirmation at St Mary the Virgin, Egton-cum-Newland starting at 10:30am. All welcome. <u>Please note change of venue.</u>			
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	J Hallatt		