



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

One in Christ

On a number of occasions during the last two years you will have read comments from the editor about the direction the Church of England is going in. What kind of church will we be in five, ten, or fifteen years?

I do not know the answer but I do believe that whatever kind of church you seek, it will be found.

There is for some a danger of parochialism. Of narrowness of vision and a feeling that the church has to be what I want it to be. We have a rich variety of worship amongst the three churches of the benefice but if you do not find what you are seeking, look elsewhere, but do not give up on worshipping the Lord.

You may be seeking a more lively approach to worship.

You may be seeking a more meditative approach.

You may be seeking all age worship.

You may want to be more involved yourself.

You may want everything done for you.

You may not know what you want.

The answer may be that you have to look around and search. But make your search is surrounded by prayer so that the Lord shares the journey with you.

It may even take you to a different denomination – the Methodist, Roman Catholic, House Church, or whatever - who knows?

My plea is that you do not blame God for not finding what you want. Journey with him and you will find what you are looking for.

“Come here to me all you who are tired with hard work. I will put new life into you. Let me show you how to live. I will go at your pace and see you through. I will give you the secret of a quiet mind; Travelling with me is easy. The load with my help is light.”

Yours Sincerely

Gary Wemyss

Vicar.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Those few of you who were in church on 17 July were privileged to hear a passionate, purposeful and moving sermon from Joanna. It was a pity that there were not more there to hear it and more of a pity that the General Synod could not have heard her inspired words of wisdom as they debated the vexed subject of women Bishops.

Whether for or agin there were those who seemingly put ideology before righteousness perhaps forgetting that if it were not for women priests, the Anglican Church would be in a right mess.

Some recent research shows that the so called war of the sexes is all down to different wiring patterns in the brain and so results in men being more logical and orderly. This, predictably, incurred the wrath of the sisterhood who demanded to know that if this were the case then why did men leave the bathroom in a mess and could never find anything.

The male response was that we remembered precisely where we put our things; the problem arises when interfering women take unilateral decisions to move them in order to “tidy up”. One brave soul went further and stated that happily a man is at his best among other men and it is his woman who never learns. I bet he spends the next three months in the spare bedroom.

This column has banged on recently about giving more, that is in financial terms, but the situation in our church is more serious in that the church needs you to survive. The emphasis is on a mission shaped church which

simply means that you should, must use whatever talents you have in order not just to survive, but for our church to grow.

*Then the clouds part,
Swallows soaring between;
The spring is alive,
And the meadows are green!*



Church Fête

The sky was azure blue and the sun shone, the ladies were elegantly dressed and the men tidier than usual so it had to be our annual Church Fête. It was a jolly occasion and shame on those who felt they had something better to do on such a beautiful Saturday afternoon; there could have been a better turnout.

But the stalwarts had a wonderful couple of hours and surprisingly all the Tombola prizes disappeared despite the twin Johns massaging the number of blanks – upwards! Wendy Smith opened the proceedings in her usual assured and graceful manner although she was nearly upstaged by the Vicarage puppy who was accompanied by continuous female oohs & ahs. Thankfully there were not any wows!

The results is not yet known as the treasurer has gone AWOL(fear not, he will be back) but it should be between £1200 & £1300 which is more than a touch disappointing particularly bearing in mind all those who worked so hard, those who baked, those who gave and for those of you who did turn up and spent! And not forgetting our benevolent hosts, Phil & Chris Ball.

A special thanks to Judy Redhead who masterminds this fête, year in year out and without whom it is doubtful if it would ever take place. She does it all with apparent ease which belies the time, trouble and effort she puts in every year to ensure its success.

An added bonus is to meet old friends and it was a delight to see Tiezy Teasdale and even Zella & Frank. It was also delightful to meet and talk to Christine Dobson who in her kind and gracious way gently reminded your editor that he had got it wrong. She did not celebrate her 85th. Birthday in May it was her **87th**. My deepest apologies.

Donald.

FLOWER ROTA

7 August Mrs. P Parkin
14 August Mrs. P Parkin
21 August Mrs. W Smith
28 August Mrs. W Smith
4 September Help
11 September Help, again!
18 September Mrs. S Smith
25 September Mrs. S Smith



COFFEE ROTA

7 August Mrs. C Holden & helper.
4 September Mrs S Dean & Helper



MOTHERS UNION

We start our new year off on **Wednesday 7 September at 2.00pm. – Bouth Village Hall** when our speaker will be talking about the ‘Neighbourhood Watch’ scheme. We will be having afternoon tea with Stalls and a Raffle the proceeds from which will help towards the Mothers Union work overseas. Everyone is welcome.

Wendy.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

You will note that there are September and even October dates littered about this issue and this may seem a little odd but traditionally there is not a Parish News issue in September, presumably to give the harassed editor a well earned break. Mind you as the Vicar likes to keep in touch you might well get one of his freebies, ads and all.

Importantly the major occasion will be **HARVEST** and this will take place on **Friday 7 October and Sunday 9 October.**

On the Friday there will be a Farmers Harvest Service followed by a Harvest Supper and on the Sunday we will be holding a Benefice Harvest Communion at Colton. There will be more information in the October issue which we will aim to get to you early, contributors willing. On the other hand you can always come to church to find out.

Donald.



PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to report the death of Paula Quirk who's funeral was held at Colton on 1 July. The Quirk family have long connections with Colton; the panelling to the Sanctuary was donated by them in memory of Bishop Jonathon Nathaniel Quirk who died in 1924. Our prayers and condolences go out to all the family.

There was good turnout in Bouth and no doubt elsewhere to bid Postman Bill farewell. The contributions to his farewell were not just confined to Bouth (see last issue) but included a much wider area including Colton. This is just another example of the lack of communication which is the bane of this editors life.

If there was anything else of interest happening in the parish you have kept it to yourselves!

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

A fanfare of ladies recently got adventurous and went on a trip to Port Patrick. Their only complaint was that they wished it had lasted longer, as they had had such a super time! There were lovely walks, wonderful weather, good food and all well organised.

At the July meeting Mrs. Law from Egton W I came and reported on the A G M held at the Royal Albert Hall where the speakers included Jane Fonda and Bill Bryson. [ed. Can you imagine 5000 women singing 'Jerusalem'- it must have been frightening).

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Brodie who gave a talk and slide show on South West Ireland and the Ring of Kerry. The scenery was

staggeringly beautiful, the ancient history fascinating and the little villages absolutely charming.

Congratulations to Wendy and Peter Smith who have just celebrated their 50th. Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations also to Sylvia Chadwick and her committee for organising the splendid Car Boot sale at Haverthwaite Playing Field which raised £3,360 for the Hospice.

There will not be a meeting in August and the next gathering will be held on **Wednesday 12 September – Village Hall – 7.15pm** when Mr. Lowe will be speaking on ‘Cumbrian Villages’.

Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our June meeting Mrs. Law gave an account of the A G M in London and the resolutions that were adopted.

The speakers for the evening were Mrs Margaret Metcalf and her daughter-in-law who demonstrated the art of cake icing; we then all took part and enjoyed it very much.

Our next meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 23 August – Lowick Sunday School – 7.03pm**. When Mrs. Judith Slater will give a talk on ‘Hearing Dogs for Deaf People’. Everyone will be welcome.

Barbara.



SAFARI SUPPER

Many thanks to all those who supported this event, either by hosting a course, cooking, or coming along. It was a very enjoyable evening and the total raised is £332 which will go towards the cost of the new facilities in Penny Bridge Church.

Vanda Lambton.



FRIENDS OF PENNY BRIDGE SCHOOL

On behalf of the “Friends” may I give a big Thank You to everyone who supported our **Re-cycling Fundraiser**. We raised a massive £275 which was brilliant.

Caroline Lambert.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEW

Three of the planned 6 new notice boards are now in place at Oxen Park, Finsthwaite and Hay Bridge, and look very smart. Our thanks go to the Lake District National Park Authority for their grant from the Sustainable Development Fund and to Peter Helme for making them. These boards are primarily for Parish Council notices, but if there is room, local voluntary groups (though not businesses please) are welcome to use them, but please don't cover up our notices. We do ask that the notices are removed when the event is over. The other 3 boards, at Colton, Lakeside and Nibthwaite, will be ready shortly.

The annual audit has been completed for 2004/2005, and the books can be inspected by anyone who is interested. (Contact the clerk 01229 885647)

The council has received information from the Roving Rural Summer Music School, which they have asked us to pass on. Music Links in collaboration with Kids Out have put together a programme for 2005. Workshops include Parent & Kids sing-along, keyboard and guitar for beginners, group drumming and percussion amongst other things. Anybody interested please contact Andrew Halsey, Brewery Arts Centre 01539 735083

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 22 August** in the **Colton Church Rooms at 7.30pm**. The agenda will include a discussion on the future of the Oxen Park Village Hall. Please come along and support us.