



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Growing Together in Faith

Last month I suggested that we all need to listen to and explore what God is saying to His church - throughout His creation and within our local area.

To help us explore this idea we have booked an away day at Littledale Hall in Caton, near Lancaster. The day will be one in which members of all three churches in our benefice will be able to "get to know" one another better. There will be time for prayer; time for worship; time to explore what God is saying about our future together; time to look at the video sent by the Archbishops to all parishes and time for relaxation. A busy day but one in which I hope we hear God's voice in our busy world

The video, "Restoring hope in our church", aims to stimulate discussion about the challenges facing our Church at this time, and what we as members of the Body of Christ can actively do to fulfil the commission Christ gave us. Personally, I believe the hope has always been there and does not need restoring. What needs restoring is faith and confidence in our God whose plans we have to discern.

The away day is on Saturday 21st of June 2003 from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Those going are asked to bring a packed lunch (hot drinks are provided) and a contribution of £6 per person is requested towards the cost of the facilities. (If this can not be afforded please have a word with me).

Details for booking are in all of the churches and completed slips need to be returned to the boxes at the back of the churches, or to The Vicarage, by Sunday 8th of June 2003. Places are restricted to 25 and will be allocated on a first returned, first reserved basis.

If you have any questions please contact me on 01229 861285.

"I know the plans I have for you.....to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah chapter 29, verse 11.

These words are as relevant today as they were when written- but do we believe them? God has a plan - let us pray that it becomes our vision together.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss, Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

The PCC under their new chairman, your Vicar, have been working overtime of late and have come to a decision with regard to the times of our services as from the beginning of July and for an probationary period of six months. During this period your views will be welcome, and please do not hold back.

First Sunday	10.30am.	Morning Worship
Second Sunday	10.30am.	Joint Communion
Third Sunday	9.30am.	Communion
Fourth Sunday	9.30am.	Communion
Fifth Service	10.30am.	Joint Service

Explanation

- 1) Morning Worship, the more correct title for Family Service. 2) Joint Communion will be at each of our three churches in turn and 3) The Joint service is a bit of a flier at the moment as it is hoped that we might include Rusland and Satterthwaite.



The Joint Service at Colton was a joy and enlivened by the preaching of the Revd. Reg Harper. If anyone has aspirations to preach then this Reverend gentleman's sermons are the nearest you are going to get to a 'Master Class'.

There have been Synods aplenty; the General Synod held an extra meeting to greet our new Archbishop and two items caught the eye. The first was another move to slim down the size of the Synod by reducing the number of Archdeacons and questioning why all 44 Bishops had seats. It is understood

that some responses were sharp but what else would you expect as democracy creeps closer in Church affairs.

The other matter was the situation of clergy and the apparent difference between incumbents (Vicars etc) and priests in charge, which some think is a title that demeans both the clergy and the congregation. To be continued.

The Diocesan Synod's main item was an address by the Bishop of Maidstone, which was woven round the statement "*that the Church was shaped by the kind of society in which it found itself.*"

The Deanery Synod was remarkably lively with a good debate on 'Communion before Confirmation'. A video was shown which we can borrow if there is any interest. It must be said that it was like some BBC programs, a little one sided. For anyone keen on money matters there is to be another meeting of Treasurers, known to be good for insomniacs.

You are a generous bunch and it is much appreciated; **Christian Aid** Boxes raised £127 and the Soup & Cheese Lunch an amazing £833. Our grateful thanks to Judy and her merry maids, some fellows did a bit too.

Have you seen the Window, if not why not? It is brilliant and all your thanks to Gordon Pickles and his hard working team for conceiving, planning and bringing to fruition this excellent tribute to our Monarch.

They are still at it and we know that Gordon is working all the hours that he hasn't got to ensure that the Concert and Party will be successful. His inherent politeness and attention to detail is a model for us all.

"Saturday 7 June, 3.00pm. at church followed by high jinks at the Old Vicarage where you will meet old friends."



* An important date that was almost forgotten – **Saturday 21 June – a Joint meeting of PCC's but as a Study Day at Caton. For more information back to the Pastoral letter.**

Next PCC Monday 9 June – 7.30pm. – Church Hall – finish – 9.00pm.

Donald



An excerpt heard on radio, from an early episode of a series set in a Royal Street in Salford.

1st. Woman “ Hello, I’m your new neighbour”

2nd. Woman “ Oh yes, where do you worship then?”

1st. Woman “ Er, I don’t do much of it really”

2nd. Woman “ I see, C of E then!”



MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting of the Mothers Union is not until after we have gone to the printers, which gives an opportunity to pay tribute to Margaret Campbell. Margaret has worked tirelessly for the M U and has been a pillar of strength, not just locally where she is the Enrolling Branch Member, but also throughout the Deanery in her role as Deanery Presiding Member. She is also, bless her, the secretary of our PCC. Added to which she does good things in deepest Sparkbridge for the W I.

Sadly Margaret has recently lost her mother Mary and we send our sympathy and condolences to Margaret and the family. Mary Robinson was a familiar figure in church and on outings accompanied by Margaret. We will remember Mary, Margaret and the family in our prayers.

Donald

PARISH NEWS

It is all a bit doleful at the moment although Teisy Teasdale is home at last and we hope this great lady will continue to improve. Ted Boon is sadly very ill and our thoughts and prayers are with Kath and the family. Ken Dawes is reportedly a little better also at home but awaiting tests, which we all hope will lead to a full recovery.

There seems to be a rash of Toddler Groups springing up and we have been asked to bring two of them to your notice.

Leven Valley School are intending to set up a Mothers and Toddlers Group at the **School** and would be very grateful to receive any toys suitable for babies and toddlers (& mothers!) that you no longer need. If you think you can help please **phone Sue Holohan (Headteacher) on 015395 31365.**

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Haverthwaite are starting a Parent and Toddlers group at the **Sports & Community Centre, Haverthwaite**. Children from birth(?) to school age will be welcome as long as they bring a parent, grandparent or carer with them. Activities, juice, coffee and biscuits at £1 per child, 50P for siblings. For information please contact **Caroline Handy, phone 015395 30638**

Window !!! Nearly forgot 'The Party' – if you want a party then we need food. Savouries and tasty bits, bite size, please! Don't let me down or else Judy will have me hung, drawn and quartered or whatever passes for that these days. **Date 7 June 2003.**

It would be helpful if people could share cars and so help the potential parking problem.

Donald

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The W I is all the rage at the moment with the showing of "Calendar Girls" at the Cannes Film Festival. No doubt it will be a must to see, for both men and women, when it is released in September, although one suspects, for different reasons.

Ed.

BOOTH

An encouraging 82 people enjoyed a stroll through beautiful blue bell woods on the afternoon of our Annual Spring Walk made all the better as the weather held and the cream tea was up to the usual high standard. There were no disasters but two walkers, who should have known better as they were locals, managed to get themselves lost, which was not surprising as they didn't read the map!

"Diamonds are forever" but in flowers, was the fitting title of the presentation at our May meeting as we prepare for our Diamond Jubilee. Joan Bentley made the art of flower arranging look so simple and the results were simply stunning. Some lucky ladies, who had the right raffle tickets, were able to take them home, accompanied by envious glances.

It is 'be nice to the chaps time' as our next meeting on **Wednesday. 11 June** is the occasion of our Annual Outing when we take along our partners. The evening will start with a short meeting at **6.40pm in the Village Hall.** Judy

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

For the third month running there was no speaker and with the sad loss Mary Robinson we have no more information this month. Ed.



Car Boot Sale and Summer Fair

The Leven Valley Support Group will be holding a Car Boot Sale & Summer Fair in aid of **St Mary's Hospice on Sunday 15 June at the Playing Fields, Haverthwaite. Gates open at 9.00pm.**

Donations welcomed for the Hospice Stalls, the usual but NO clothes please.

For further information contact either **Silvia Chadwick Tel: 015395 31685** or **Marian Wilson Tel: 015395 31779.**



"Too much profound speculation overwhelms men with doubt and misery, rather than making them wiser and better."

Dr William Buchan, from his *Treatise on the Prevention and Cure of Disease*, 1776.

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

We have now seen the departure of the year 11 'class of 2003' prior to their GCSE examinations. We wish them a happy outcome and Godspeed. Their valedictory was a piece of Chinese antiquity.

*With right in your heart
There is joy in the home,
With joy in the home
There is good in the nation,
With good in the nation
There is peace in the world.'*

Congratulations to Head Boy, Ed Luke who has been accepted Gordonstoun. Clive

LEVEN VALLEY

It is a delight to announce that for the second year running, the school has been accorded the prestigious ‘School Achievement Award’ for improvement in standards and excellent test results in the last academic year.

This is due to the consistent hard work from all of our team, which comprises teachers, non-teaching assistants, our secretary, cleaner and dinner ladies, who have all contributed to the smooth running of the school.

A school team has to have people at the chalk face and behind the scenes, all with a shared vision. We are fortunate to be able to work with a hardworking governing body who enter wholeheartedly into the life of the school.

As a Head who is relatively new to the school, I feel privileged to work with these dedicated people, and, on a lighter note, feel a bit of pressure, as I hope that the excellence will continue with me at the helm.

Sue Holohan.



“An educational system isn’t worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living but doesn’t teach them how to make a life.”

Anon.

It has been a little topsy turvy this month particularly with the inevitable holidays getting in the way of editorial efficiency, that is, disrupting the even tenor of my ways which is needed otherwise I get forgetful. This why the next item is here instead of being where it should be – on page five! Sorry Wendy.

FLOWER ROTA

1 June Wendy Smith

8 June Window Flowers

15 June Window Flowers

22 June Window Flowers

29 June Any Volunteers?



GOD

Medieval, mystical God
Was awesome,
Inspiring great cathedrals –
Dark ceilings,
Reaching up to Heaven,
Sainthood and martyrdom
Bred in cold, monastic cells,
Reared on asceticism.

Some time later, a puritanical God
Was sombre and serious –
A no-cakes-and-ale God,
A sober-clothes and no fun God.

There was a Victorian God,
Paternal, Judgmental,
Rewarding spotless family life-
A sweeping-poverty-and-dirt-
Beneath-the-carpet God.

Today there is a jolly God,
All togetherness
And brotherhood of man,
Who doesn't interfere too much
With comfortable life styles.

So is God made by man
And do we always
Get it wrong?

Jean Sby



DIARY DATES

- 1 June Family Service – 9.30am, - Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 7 June Dedication of Jubilee Window – Church- 3.00pm. – Party.
- 8 June **Joint Holy Communion – LOWICK – 10.30am.**
- 9 June PCC – Church Hall – 7.30pm.
- 11 June **Barnabas, the Apostle**
Bouth W I – Summer Outing – Village Hall – 6.40pm.
- 15 June **Trinity Sunday, Our Pastoral Festival.**
Holy Communion – 11.15pm.
Car Boot Sale – Leven Valley Playing Fields – 9.00am. >
- 21 June **Study Day** – Caton – 10.00am. to 4.00pm.
- 22 June Extended Communion – 11.15am.
- 24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**
- 29 June **Peter and Paul Apostles.**
Joint Ecumenical Service – LOWICK – 10.30am.



Your editor has just learnt that at our partner churches you **MUST** get your information in on time for their magazine. If you don't, then it doesn't get printed.

What an excellent idea; the only trouble is that if we adopted that stance in Colton there would never be another magazine. Give it a thought, for it takes me a good three days every month to put this rag together and your co-operation would be much appreciated.

Donald.

