



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

Lowick Farm House
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Dear Friends and Neighbours

ON MOTHERHOOD

As Mothering Sunday approaches, I am reminded of a group of American feminists who were revising the hymnbook, and came up with a new first line for Whittier's famous hymn:

“Dear Mother-Father of Personkind”

but, left the next line as it stood:

Forgive our foolish ways”!

As a mere male, Mothering Sunday is always something of a challenge. On one, (soon after reading “Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus”) I was preaching about womanhood in general. “After forty-three years of marriage,” I began, “I have come to the conclusion that women are nearly always *right*!” I saw all the ‘sisters’ glowing with approval and satisfaction. But then I went and ruined it with, “The big problem is – it seems to me that it is nearly always for the *wrong* reason!!” (Whoops!)

On another, at a family service, I thought I would focus on Jesus’ saying how He longed to gather His children to Him as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. I set up a little rôle play in which I posed as a Mother Hen, complete with an old car blanket, and arranged for an older child to play the Fox and chase some of the little children to hide under my “wings”. They took one look at the glowering, bearded, stout old “hen” – and ran straight for the “Fox”! Ah, well – you can’t win them all!

But there *is* a mystery. Although God is pleased to major on revealing *Himself* as our ‘Heavenly Father’, He also declares that He has created humankind in His Own image – male and *female*! In the prophecy of Isaiah,

He says, "Can a woman forget her sucking child? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." And again, "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you." If God's creativity, provision for, protection of and His desire for the well-being of His children are the key-points of His rôle as "Our *Father*", then perhaps the picture of "His" Spirit (feminine in Hebrew!) brooding over the waters, "His" capacity for steadfastness and nurture and forgiveness and suffering for us derive perhaps more from His "motherly" side. Perhaps those American sisters had a point, after all!

With love, in Christ,

David Gregg



CRAKE VALLEY AND COLTON MISSION GROUP

For the current year (2010) the group, representing the three parishes of the benefice and Tottlebank Baptist Church, are proposing to continue the **Monthly Prayer Meetings** at **Lowick Farm House, Lowick Green**, on the **second Saturday of each month, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** (D.V.)

They are proposing to hold **Prayer Walks** on the **Sunday afternoons** of **6 June, 4 July, 1 August & 5 September** from **3:00 - 4.30/5.00 p.m.** (D.V.)

The following **Events** are also planned:

Friday 2 April at 10:30 a.m. GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION and SERVICE

Sunday 9 May at 12 noon ROGATIONTIDE CELEBRATION

Sunday 26 September. Services for BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday 28 November at 4:00 p.m. ADVENT TEA/OUTSET OF 'POSADA'

Everyone is welcome to attend. Full details are available in leaflet form, obtainable from each church, or by ringing:

861820 = Tottlebank

861800 = Colton

861678 = Egton

885258 = Lowick



COLTON CHRONICLES

Those who could not manage to attend church on the 31 January missed a heart warming and moving Christingle service. The children were wonderful, well behaved, in fact better than some adults, and read beautifully. Moreover the church was warm and Christianity shone through like a bright star. Our thanks to Joanna, and Gary who stayed in the sidelines and played the organ, quietly! Clearly, all this could not have happened without cooperation and efforts of the teachers at Penny Bridge School.

The Church tends not to have meetings preferring to call them Synods, which more correctly should be the Greek *synodus*. The nearest at our level is the Deanery Synod although in truth it is more a gathering, but hardly of like minds. The latest dealt with the budget which was kind to this parish, a contribution of a mere £30 with an additional levy for Youth Work of £40.

The total Parish Offering of the deanery for 2009 was over 95% of the total asked and will be more as some banks had failed to pay Direct Debits, this is probably one of the highest if not the highest in the Diocese.

Bishops have a tendency for dreaming up initiatives and currently we are 'involved' in Mission Units where adjoining parishes and benefices pledge to support on another. The one drawback to this admirable idea is that the Lake District consists of fells, meres and waters which hardly helps with physical communications. Our unit is our benefice with Coniston and Torver and whether you take the east or west side of Coniston Water communication ain't easy; discussions continue.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On **Friday 5 March, Rusland Church, 2:00pm** there is to be a non-denominational service for all the churches in the Valley and elsewhere, if inclined, which has been 'put together' by women from Cameroon on the theme of "Let everything that has breath praise God". She that shall be obeyed has ordered, bright clothing to be worn and the said She, Joanna, will be taking the service. Light refreshments to follow and apparently men are invited; it will be joyful although not perhaps for the faint hearted.

Book Club

A year or two ago a Book Club, loosely based on our Parish, was formed by several residents, meeting every six weeks or so at 4:00pm on a

Thursday at the house of a member. At present there are 8 members but we would welcome 2 or 3 more. Currently we are reading 'The Reader' by Bernhard Schlink and our next will be 'The Kite Runner' by Khaled Hosseini.

Contact Barbara Osborne, Tel: 01229 861 451. Email: barbaraosb@googlemail.com

Easter

Just in case you do not get the April issue in time, a reminder that **'Decorating the Church'** will take place on **Saturday 3 April, 10:00am>**. Unlike Christmas there will be some light refreshments. *Donald.*



Flowers: As it is now Lent there will not be any flowers in Church until the 3 April but we will be having coffee after our Family Morning Worship and the lucky lady is Christine Holden with the usual helpers. *She did volunteer!*



MOTHERS UNION

At our February at Haverthwaite we enjoyed a very interesting talk and video by Stella & Pete McKeever who told us about the work of "Compassion" whose original name was "Tea Fund". They had spent time in Ethiopia seeing how the money collected by the charity was spent on education, better housing and improving the lives of the children.

It was a very moving insight into the lives of poor families and whose generosity to everyone was very humbling; the families share absolutely everything they have with one another.

Other business discussed was whether Haverthwaite and Staveley M U should join the Colton, Rusland & Satterthwaite Branch as numbers are declining. If any lady or even a man would like to join us please come along to any meeting and give it a whirl. On a happier note it was lovely to have Mrs. May Lambert with us again.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9 March, Bouth Village Hall, 2:00pm** when we will have a talk by the Revd. Glynn Jones, Chaplain to Haverigg Prison. *Judy.*



"All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That is his" Oscar Wilde.

PARISH NEWS

We are sorry to hear of the death of Evan Thomas, in January. He was a well known character around this area and had sung in many choirs and Amateur Dramatic Societies. His funeral involved his numerous friends from his musical life and he will be remembered by many. Our sympathies are extended to his daughter and family.

Let us remember and have compassion on those that we know in our community who are not well especially John and Janice Mulcaster and we pray for relief from their suffering.

In the past we have commented on those who seek enjoyment and thrills by sliding down a snowy slope on two planks of wood blissfully unaware of the perils of the piste. The latest victim is dear Allison Whytell, of Bouth, who had the extraordinary misfortune to be clobbered by a careless snow boarder, resulting in badly damaged leg which will keep her from work for some time.

This is singularly unfortunate for the rest of us as the NHS will be deprived of a talented scientist for some time to come. We wish Allison a boredom free and full recovery; the less said about crutches the better.

On a happier note we welcome back to this fair, cold and damp land one Hilary Brooks after enjoying the warmth of the southern hemisphere visiting her family in Australia.

Some might be wondering about the progress of the disabled toilet in Bouth Village Hall; apparently there has been some delay due to the need to have a further quotation for the work.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our February meeting we decided to reinstate our Annual Spring Walk & Cream Tea which didn't 'annual' last year. The date for your diaries is **Saturday 10 April**, starting time **1:00pm**, **Bouth Village Hall**. Cost £4 per head, children under school age free. Everyone is welcome and walks are suitable for all ages and abilities. Dogs on leads and children under control or perhaps the other way round, remembering that it will be lambing time.

Our speaker was Mr Murphy (of ‘Murphy’s Miles’ fame). He was everything you could ask for in a speaker, knowledgeable, entertaining, funny and passionate about his subject, ‘The Furness Area’ and Walney in particular. He covered subjects as far apart as the ‘Walney geranium’, local geology, his childhood and through to filming with Martin Clunes.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10 March, Bouth Village Hall, 7:15pm** when the speaker will be Mrs. L Matthews and her subject ‘Indian Textiles’. The competition is ‘A piece of Decorative Fabric.’ *Penny.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

More than 40 people turned out on a wet and windy evening to our Colton Community Plan event at Rusland in January; many thanks to all who came and contributed their ideas and aspirations for Colton in 2020.

Defra has drafted a new version of their government Circular that provides important policy guidance for National Park Authorities. Although the long list of consultees included 50 recreational organisations, it did not include the local communities whose lives would be directly affected. Parish councils were made aware by a third party only 3 days before the deadline. Along with other Councils, and the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC), Colton PC has expressed their strong concerns about the lack of consultation and the omission of key paragraphs from the original Circular that referred to the duty of National Parks to engage with local communities. See the website for our full response, CALC’s response and links to the Defra documents.

The Council is being consulted on options for repair/replacement of Bouthrey Bridge over the River Crake, scheduled for repair in October this year. The 3 options are essentially i) demolish and replace both arches ii) rebuild just the upstream side and repair and stabilise the rest iii) replace the bridge with a new pre-cast concrete rectangular beam deck. An early response from the Council has been requested. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to see the plans and express an opinion.

Our next meeting is the Annual Parish Open Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting on **Monday 19 March, 7:30pm Rusland Reading Rooms.** *Mandy Lane (Clerk) - 01229 861408 - coltonpc@btinternet.com - www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk*

SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory C of E School

Triple science visit to the Life Science Centre

Year 10 students (14/15 year olds) studying triple award science (separate biology, chemistry and physics GCSEs) spent a day at the new Life Science Centre based at Castle Head Field Centre. The day provided a practical introduction to genetic engineering. At the end of the day there was a thorough discussion of implications of using genetic modification for various uses including the production of drugs such as insulin, the production of gm crops and in the furthering of the study of human diseases.

Rhineland Visit

The Modern Foreign Languages department ran a visit to Germany last term. Highlights included a visit to the Lindor chocolate, Köln Cathedral and a visit to a castle. Not to mention shopping, swimming and discos.

Dr. Paul Williams.



Leven Valley C of E School

The inside outside learning area at Leven Valley School is developing well, at first glance it still seems to be mud and boulders but we are also beginning to see a sand area which will certainly interest our youngest pupils and maybe some of the older ones.

Pupils at the school have been busy on a range of exciting curriculum initiatives. Class 3 visited the Manjushri Institute at Conishead Priory as part of their RE studies. Classes 2 and 3 participated in a Barn Owl workshop day at Grizedale with Hawkshead School. This was part of a joint project between the World Owl Trust and the Forestry Commission to increase the owl population in the Rusland Valley. A barn owl also came to visit Class 1 during the week.

Class 3 have been practising a dance routine with a dance coach as part of a joint dance performance organised by Ulverston High School for March.

Musically our pupils are involved with a range of activities. Singing club is meeting regularly and there is also a lot of excitement at the 'After School Club' as pupils are trying out African Drumming. This is an initiative

developed by the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal. After half term Canon Calvert will be running his Monday Club after school. There will also be Oxen Park Film Making Club and Karate Club. *Sue Anderson vice-chairman, Governors.*



CROSS BAY WALK

Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches are organising a **CROSS BAY WALK** on **SATURDAY 24 JULY** starting at **5:00pm** led by the Guide, Cedric Robinson.

It is intended that the event will raise funds for these two churches and for other charities or churches.

There will be a £10-00 (non-refundable) entry fee per person which can be recouped by personal sponsorship. Sponsorship raised in excess of £10 can go either to those churches or to other *charities/churches of the entrant's choice. There are a limited number of places for entrants on the walk.

To register your interest and be on the mailing list when entry forms and sponsorship forms are printed contact Susan King 2 Colton Cottages, Colton, Nr Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 8HF (01229 861 173) *Giles.*

***Note:** If anyone from Colton wishes to participate then any sponsorship money in excess of the entry fee can be donated to **Holy Trinity, Colton**



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our Film Making Unit start a four after-school workshops after half term and this year the theme will be 'The Leven Valley Mysteries' – or something like that!

The subject for the Rusland Show Film making classes, this year, will soon be announced so get your cameras out, dusted and to the ready. For anyone wishing 'to have ago' check out the website for 'Film making Workshops'.

Films for March – **Tuesday 2 March, *Everlasting Moments*, 7:30pm, Finsthwaite Village Hall. Thursday 18 March, *Laurel & Hardy Shorts*, 3:30pm, Penny Bridge School. Saturday 20 March, *Dean Spanley*, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms. A Supper Special.** *Carol.*

7th	Third Sunday of Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	55: 1-9	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	10: 1-13	
	Gospel	Luke	13: 1-9	
Readers:	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Colton	H Brooks	I Pirnie	S King
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	J Lancaster	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Lowick	S Wood		
	Colton	TBA		
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& R Atkinson	
14th	Mothering Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	1 Samuel	1:20-28	
	Second Reading	Colossians	3:12-17	
	Gospel	Luke	2:33-35	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	J Redhead	B Watson
	Lowick	J Gregg	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	Penny Bridge School		
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	Penny Bridge School + C Line & E Line		
21st	Fifth Sunday of Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	43: 16-21	
	Second Reading	Philippians	3:4b-14	
	Gospel	John	12: 1-8	
Readers:	Lowick	B Mitchell	& G Mitchell	
	Colton	M Sanders	D Wroe	G Pickles
	Penny Bridge	E Wemyss	P Ashton	J Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Lowick	A Wood		
	Colton	TBA		
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
28th	Palm Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Psalms	118:1-2, 19-29	
	Second Reading	Philippians	2: 5-1:1	
	Gospel	Luke	19:28-40	
Readers:	Lowick	D Gregg	& J Davis	
	Colton	R Tarr	C Holden	R Smith
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	R Long	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Colton	TBA		
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& R Long	

DIARY DATES

***A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30am as does the second Sunday whilst the third and fourth are at 9.30am.**

- 2 March Cinema Club – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7:30pm.
5 March Womens World Day of Prayer – Rusland Church – 2:00pm.
9 March M U – Bouth Village Hall – 2:00pm.
10 March Bouth W I – Bouth Village Hall – 7:15pm.
14 March **Mothering Sunday.**
17 March **St. Patrick.**
18 March Cinema Club – Penny Bridge School – 3:30pm.
19 March **Joseph of Nazareth.**
Annual Parish Council Meeting – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7:30pm.
20 March Cinema Club – Supper Special – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7:30pm.
25 March **The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
28 March **Palm Sunday.**
Summer Time – Spring Forward.



The Royal British Legion: We forgot to tell you that the amount collected for the Poppy Appeal in 2009 was in the region of £4,000 and the Legion has asked us to say thank you to all who gave so generously.

Like many organisations today they are always in the lookout for new members either ex-servicemen or those who support the cause. Membership fee, as from 1 October, £11. Contact R W Hutton, 20 Ainslie Street, ULVERSTON, LA12 7JE, Tel: 01229 585 888.



Footnote: As editor I would like to say thank you to all those who contribute to the Colton Parish News for without your help there would be no magazine. A plea though, if possible, could you send your news as an attachment as this makes life much easier for me. It is odd though, how many of you seem to be very busy mid-month, apart, that is, from myself!

Donald.



“O Lord! thou knowest how busy I must be this day; if I forget thee, do not thou forget me.”

Sir Jacob Astley – A prayer before the battle of Edgehill.

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