



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

I am writing this letter to you in Orkney. For those of you who are not too sure where that is, it is a cluster of beautiful islands at the very northerly tip of Scotland – definitely not to be confused with the Hebrides!

To get here involves taking a ferry across the Pentland Firth. We come here quite often and the crossing is never completely calm because the Pentland Firth is a treacherous piece of water, not only because the North Sea meets the Atlantic there, but also because it has barely submerged skerries (rocks) and whirl pools. So on a dark night when the sea is very rough the crossing can be quite an event.

But last night was fairly calm and I was sitting in the dining room on the ferry looking out of the window across the vast expanse of sea as the sun went down thinking of what I might write to you. I was reminded of the Breton fisherman's prayer:

Protect me, dear Lord
my boat is so small
and Your sea is so big.
Amen.

So wouldn't it be good to know that we are never separated from God's care? Perhaps you could find Psalm 139 in your Bible and find out how special you are to God?

And as St Paul wrote:

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8.38-39

This doesn't mean that we will never suffer or come to harm in our life here on earth, but it does mean that we are always surrounded by God's love and peace.

Peace of mind seems to be a scarce commodity in this busy world, but I know that it is a great comfort to weary souls. If you feel in need of some peace for your soul perhaps you might find it if you come to either Penny Bridge or Colton churches, both of which are open during the day, just to sit quietly and let the peace of God calm your mind. You don't have to pray, all you need to do is give your worries up to God for a little while and let your mind rest.

With love and prayers for you all

Your sister in Christ

Joanna



COLTON CHRONICLES

One of the hazards of editing a Parish News is that no matter how often you get things right, readers only remember when you get things wrong; added to which are the times when people want to have some information included send it days after the copy has gone to the printers and even when the magazines are back from the printers. C'es la vie. Information to be included must reach the editor **before** the **15th** of each month.

Our congregation might be small in number but we are blessed by all who do their bit to keep the church open and welcoming. There are the churchwardens, the sidesmen (men as in humans, grammatically you do not have to be male to be a man), the one who keeps the church clean and tidy, those who read the lessons and lead the prayers and the other unsung heroes who do what they have to do quietly and efficiently. Thank you!

We have 13 readers and 8 prayer leaders, which may seem adequate, but not all are always available. In a normal month we need 13 readers, 14 in a 5 week month and 3/4 prayer leaders; fortunately they are all very adept at 'swapping', which for the facilitator (same bloke as the News editor), is a blessing. If any others would like to volunteer they would be very welcome. Contact this editor: see front cover page for details.

Occasionally in these columns you will read the words ‘graciously agreed’ when someone has taken on a task for the church. We have been asked to point out that these words are but a polite euphemism for what actually occurs; you can put any interpretation that you wish on that statement, but do not expect it to be printed on these pages!

A gentle evening passed with PCC meeting and if you weren’t there, and there were many who weren’t, then you did not miss a lot. Now that, rightly or wrongly, the trees have gone the oil tank, which is hardly a thing of beauty, is exposed and there was some discussion, but without a conclusion, on how to screen the wretched thing. Ideas would be welcome.

The polite request to remove plastic tributes from the churchyard has had little effect so the next move is to put up a sign and have the Diocesan regulations available at the back of the church. Before any tributes are removed families will be contacted.

The Church Hall, though little used, is a valuable asset and as such requires looking after; the structure itself is in reasonable condition but the decoration is appalling. It has been decided to see if this decline can be reversed with professional input although a successful conclusion might mean some fund raising.

Appointment: You will recall that Bishop James originally came to Cumbria as the Suffragan Bishop of Penrith and that post has been vacant for some time. It has now been filled by the Venerable (means he is an Archdeacon) Robert John Freeman (aged 58), married with three daughters, from the diocese of Wakefield. He is obviously a lively soul as amongst his interests are classic Motown, electric blues and rock.

The not so good news is that our Archdeacon the Ven. George Howe is leaving to become the Bishop’s Chief of Staff + some other odd sounding titles. George has been a brilliant Archdeacon taking care to see that all our parishes are well ministered unto, as far as finances will allow. Not only is he very approachable but he has a precious gift – he listens.

The machinations of the Anglican Church grind exceeding slow so it will be sometime before his replacement is announced; probably next year!

The Fête: The garden party draws closer and donations of tombola prizes and books would be gratefully appreciated! Tombola prizes can be left with Sue Lydon at Lees Cottage, Main Street, Greenodd, Tel 861 511 and books

can be left at the church for John Tarr to deal with. It would be particularly helpful to bring donations to Church on Sunday **3 July**.

Cakes, scones and other edible goodies for both the teas and the cake stall would be most welcome on the morning of the fete at The Old Vicarage.

The marquee will be erected on **Thursday 14 July** at approximately **6:30 - 7:00pm** for the able bodied amongst us!

Gate	Nigel Priestley (Chief Bouncer)
Teas	Rachel Tarr, Susan King & others
Tombola	Sue Lydon & Judy Redhead
Cake Stall	Susan Smith & gang
Books	Pam Priestley
Plants etc	Susan Dean & Team
Big Raffle	John Tarr + helpers
Small raffle	Margaret Sanders

We are hoping for a fine day! Any queries please contact Johnny Tarr on 586174 or e mail john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

3 July	The Walker Family
10 July	The Walker Family
17 July	Mrs. Barbara Watson
14 July	Mrs. Barbara Watson
31 July	Mrs. Pauline Parkin
7 August	Mrs. Pauline Parkin

Susan Smith.



Confirmation

A reminder that if there is anyone out there, young or not so young who wishes to be Confirmed it is essential to contact the Vicar before the end of July. Contact details can be found on the inside front cover page.

COFFEE & THE BIBLE



- What has Paul's Letter to the Philippians to say to us today?
- A look at the letter over four sessions.
- **When? Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- Where (to be decided on numbers) and what?
- **July 13th** Philippians Chapter 1
- **July 27th** Philippians Chapter 2
- **August 10th** Philippians Chapter 3
- **August 24th** Philippians Chapter 4

All welcome – no specialist knowledge required but we need to know how many are coming so we can arrange venues and let you know. Please contact the Vicar, the Rev'd Canon Gary Wemyss: details can be found on the inside front cover page.



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The Rev'd. Doreen Harrison who many will remember ministered to us when Colton Church was all but in the wilderness has not been too well but is now recovering after having been fitted with a pace maker. Doreen was always a dynamic character and now she has a booster the rest of the world waits in trepidation.

Congratulations to two lovely and wonderful ladies, both from Bouth who have celebrated their 90th. Birthdays, in the same week. Mrs. Jean Pricket, a proud Scot, on 6th. June and Mrs. Ruth Pearson, a proud Lancastrian, on 9th. June. That now makes four nonagenarians in the village. Our best

wishes also to Gordon Pickles who has now notched up 80 years. Only another ten to go!

We thank Jean and her family for not only giving us a wonderful party but also for providing an opportunity for a community 'get together', and the sun shone. Proof, if proof were needed, of the remarkable love and communal spirit that is so alive in this parish. Jean, being the lovely lady she is, has asked us to thank all of you who made the afternoon of June the 6th. such a memorable occasion for her and we add, for us.

In the last week in May some of you might have tried to telephone someone in Bouth and did not get a reply; the reason – an enthusiast took a strimmer to a BT repeater/junction box which resulted in many homes in the village being disconnected; oddly some had broadband but no telephone others had telephone with intermittent broadband and some had neither. After some initial confusion all was restored two days later. Understandably there was some initial irritation, but thankfully followed by 36 hours of blissful serenity. Thank you to those who were not affected for the help they gave to those who were.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Annual Outing, which took place on a slightly chilly but dry evening in June, was a repeat visit to Conishead Priory, a Buddhist International Meditation Centre for World Peace. It was interesting to see the progress that had been made since our last visit on the restoration and refurbishment of the main building. We were told of the history of the building and of Buddhism, a faith which originated in Northern India during the 5th. Century BC.

We also visited the magnificent Temple but in all its glory another reminder of how peoples' hard earned cash is spent on expensive embellishments to places of worship of so many faiths, especially when there is so much worldwide poverty.

The evening was rounded off with a splendid supper at the Farmer's Arms, Lowick in very good and jolly company.

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 13 July, Village Hall, 7:15pm**. The speaker is the gentleman who was snowed off in January, Mr.

Chris Wright, and his subject 'Arthur Ransome's Lake District'. This may be an Open Meeting. Chaps, keep your ears open.

Donald.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The National Park and South Lakeland Council have commissioned the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust (CRHT) to conduct a new housing needs survey to be conducted in Colton this year. You may remember that the first survey was conducted 4 years ago, and this found that 17 households in the Parish would be in housing need within the next 5 years.

The demand was principally for affordable housing for rent. Judith Derbyshire, from the CRHT is planning to come to speak to the Council at our next meeting on 25th July to discuss the format of the new survey. Remember that Colton residents are eligible for the affordable housing being built at the old Satterthwaite School site. If interested, contact Eden Housing on 01768 861470 for an application form.

Bouth speed limit: The good news is that it seems that Bouth IS eligible for a 30 mph speed limit. The bad news is that putting in speed limit signs could cost around £5000 (!) and that it represents 'improvements' for which County has no funds at present. However, there is clearly a need for a speed limit, not least in relation to the playground, and we will press for a source of funding to be identified.

We have been asked by a young resident of Colton (hamlet) if we can find somewhere nearby for him and friends to ride their BMX bikes. The roads are too dangerous and we'd like to encourage kids to get out in the real world rather than playing too long in the virtual one! The Council does not own land and cycling is not permitted on common land, so we are asking if anyone has a small patch of suitable land for this activity? Please contact the Clerk if you can help.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 25 July, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30 pm.**

Mandy Lane (Clerk) – 01229 861408 – coltonpc@btinternet.com – www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory: This has been a busy month for pupils and staff with exams and booster sessions for Y11 and Y10, as well as reports to write and lots of sports activities including the second house sports day of the year planned for the end of June (at the time of writing we are hoping there will be good weather). Next month starts with the induction day for the year 6 pupils on the **5 July** and we look forward to welcoming the pupils who will be joining us in September together with their parents.

The end of the year is also fast and approaching, but there are still a busy few weeks ahead. Year 10 pupils will be taking part in a work experience week on the last week of term. Pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 will be taking part in their activities week in the final week including rewards trips, science cross-curricular visits and the final Priory Service of the year.

Dr. Paul Williams.

Leven Valley: On 13th June parents and brothers and sisters waved off the older children for the beginning of their residential visit to Glasgow. This year the visit focuses on an urban environment, and many exciting things are planned. School is certainly a quieter place at the moment. The younger pupils will be visiting Flookburgh School to share a film on one day and Leighton Hall on another.

Monday Club has started again for three weeks and work will be done based on the theme of animals which will be good preparation for the Pet Service next term to be held in Flookburgh church this year instead of Haverthwaite.

The quadrangle looks very beautiful with the flowers in the roof garden in full bloom at the moment. It certainly reflects the seasons very well. Outback hall is being well used by community groups and further bookings are welcomed.

Children will be taking part in a workshop in June to create a permanent piece of artwork in the entrance hall to display our new motto and mission statement. It is hoped it will be completed by the end of the summer term. The governors would like to thank everyone who completed and returned the surveys earlier this term. The curriculum committee are currently analysing feedback and will be sharing findings with everyone soon.

Two performances of **Cinderella** will be held in school on **Tuesday 19 July** and **Leavers Assembly** will be on **Friday 22 July**.

School is collecting Nestle Box tops and Tesco vouchers, please send them into school. Toddler Group are looking for donations of the following toys (ideally in good condition) dolls with clothes, small firefighters outfits, police person's outfit, any superhero outfits, Doctor/nurse outfit, play medical kit, toy drill. If you can help, please contact Anthea Hanson through school.

Sue Sanderson.



New Life into Old Woods

New Woodland owners/managers Jo & Darryl would like to say hello and share their plans with the parish: It is a dream come true, driven by love of nature and the peace and happiness it brings to have such a beautiful woodland as Great Lindeth in Bouth.

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DIARY DATES

Service Times: 1st. & 2nd. Sundays – 10:30 am. 3rd. & 4th. Sundays - 9:30 am.



- 3 July **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
- 5 July Cartmel Priory School, Induction Day.
- 10 July **Benefice Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am**
- 13 July **First Coffee & Bible Study, ?, 10: 00am.**
Bouth W I. Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 14 July **Erection of Marquee, Old Vicarage, 6:30+pm.**
- 16 July **Garden Fête, Old Vicarage, 2:00pm.**
- 17 July **Holy Communion. 9:30am.**
- 19 July “Cinderella”, Leven Valley School.
- 21 July P C C. Church Hall, 7:30pm.
- 22 July **Mary Magdalene.**
Leven Valley School, Leavers Assembly.
- 24 July **Holy Communion. 9:30am.**
- 25 July **James, Apostle.**
Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm
- 31 July **Ecumenical Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**



Being new to the experience of woodland management we have been grateful of the support of the Forestry Commission, Cumbria Woodlands and Cumbrian Wildlife.

Great Lindeth is semi-natural ancient woodland and our initial plans for management involve projects such as forming an access track and clear felling an acre of windblown conifers, before doing gentler work such as thinning, replanting with native broadleaves, and coppicing.

The woodland has many interesting features including charcoal burning pit steads and the remains of a bark peelers hut as well as a pond. We have enjoyed meeting neighbours recently and learning more about the history of the woodland and we are planning to try our hand at some coppice crafts and charcoal burning as well as supplying firewood to family and friends. We are keen to hear from others interested in woodland management and to share ideas and experience. Contact Jo on 07920776193.

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