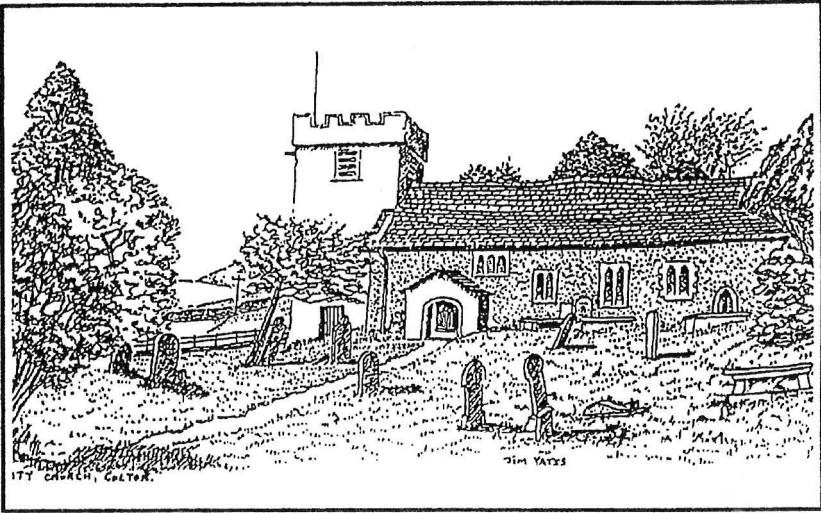




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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Dear friends

Healing

In recent months the County of Cumbria has had more than its share of problems – floods at the end of 2009 resulting in one death – a school coach crash resulting in three deaths – and the shootings on the West Coast which left thirteen dead in total – and all the events creating pain and suffering for family, friends and neighbours.

Many of us will know the areas in which the shootings took place - Gosforth - Whitehaven - Egremont - Boot and their surrounding villages and with warnings as far south as Millom and into the Coniston area. Personally I have been visiting the Gosforth area for 40 years on and off to visit friends from the past.

There will be many who are suffering – either physically from being shot, mentally from seeing people being shot, or being a relative, neighbour, or friend of someone who was shot and we draw with them in prayer. From the incident there are many who need healing of body, mind and spirit.

Physical healing comes through the skills of doctors, nurses physiotherapists and the many support staff who help to mend broken limbs, damaged faces and so on. The healing of the body takes time but patients are usually made whole where once was imperfection.

But for many there will be a need for psychological healing of the mental illness caused by the shooting spree of Derrick Bird. We may not understand and we search for help but from where does it come? Jesus can help and he understands. He healed psychological as well as physical problems and he can share the problems faced today by those who suffer.

Most importantly of all are the spiritual problems – the closing of the mind to God and his care and love for his creation.

To be completely whole we need to be healed spiritually, to be in contact with God, to allow his presence into our lives through his Spirit - to be at one - whole in body, mind and spirit.

There will be those who reach out to God to find peace and comfort and we pray that they may find that and more. That they may find the living Lord who brings peace to those who cast their burdens upon him.

As Christians we are called to show some of the love of Jesus, some of the compassion, some of the understanding, some of the sensitivity. He understood suffering – on the cross he suffers with those in pain now. Jesus wants to share our sufferings, Jesus wants to help, and he can because he has gone through so much himself – not just his death but also rejection by those he came to save.

Finally I would say that there is hope. Christ not only died but he rose again from the dead. Christ has shown us the way for he has conquered death and suffering, but it needs us to fully trust and have faith in him. With the people of West Cumbria we need to trust and have faith in a God who cares about his creation and who while suffering with them brings a peace which passes all understanding.

Let us be still and know that he is the God that heals each one of us in our need.

Yours sincerely

GARY

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

One suspects that there are those Christians whose faith is believing in being good, doing good to others, forgiving others, loving their neighbour and going to church, if even, only occasionally. But there is much more to our Church than that, for example there are many Christian Charities covering a wide range of causes and in Cumbria there is a well run Housing Association providing low cost rented accommodation.

Importantly great efforts are made to look after our youth and our own Caroline Dykes, I say our, for although she worships at Penny Bridge she

does live in the parish has and continues to work tirelessly for youth, not just locally but throughout the County. Recently the Furness Deanery has appointed a Youth Worker based in Ulverston, it is early days but we look forward to his contribution in the future.

Church buildings are not neglected and there is an organisation called 'Churches Trust for Cumbria' whose purpose is to help and support those in the parishes who look after our churches and faith buildings, county wide. Those who are observant will have noticed that, at long last, the church has new gutters that replicate the original ones and whilst the church may be, on occasions, chilly at least it is now weatherproof.

Thanks are due to John Tarr for this work and now he has got the flavour of achievement we look forward to the replacement of the boiler and the surfacing of the paths, when that is, he can spare the time from refurbishing his kitchen.

Church Fête - A last reminder, that the Fête is on **Saturday 17 July**. Prizes for the raffle to John Tarr and prizes for the Tombola to Judy Redhead Tel: 588 684 or at the back of the church. If anyone would like to help in **anyway** please contact Johnny Tarr Tel: 586 174 email john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk.

It is intended to erect the marquee on **Thursday 15 July**. Helpers are needed and should meet at the **Old Vicarage, 7:00pm**.

The Worship committee has met again with discussions on forms of worship and hymns that people can sing; importantly contributions on these issues are needed from the congregation. There is some worry about how long our church can last as a lively church and this is another issue that needs broader discussion.

Donald.



CHURCH FLOWERS

The problem of the Flower and Coffee Rota has yet to reach a conclusion, which is yet another reminder of how much the life of our church depends on the faithful few who are decreasing in number. If any can help, please do and you can contact Barbara Watson Tel: 01229 861 638.



MOTHERS UNION

Eleven members enjoyed a super day out at Conishead Priory followed by almost too many cakes consumed at our tea at Gleaston Mill. The sun nearly shone, well it is Cumbria, between light showers, which did not spoil the joy of the day.

At the Priory we were shown a very interesting DVD of the history and present use of the buildings and we were taken round the lovely surroundings and into the Buddhist Temple. The whole place exudes a sense of peace and tranquillity and is open to anyone to go along and enjoy the gardens and the Temple + shop.

There are no meetings in **July & August** so our next gathering will be on **Tuesday 14 August, Rusland Reading Rooms, 2:00pm** when we will be given a talk by the members of the Cenacolo, an organisation that helps young people recovering from addictions. Cenacolo is the Italian word for Cenacle, the upper room where Jesus and the Disciples celebrated the 'Last Supper'.

Judy.



PARISH NEWS

Judy and Bryan Redhead are grandparents, again. Clearly they are intent on creating a dynasty as this is their seventh grandchild. So congratulations to daughter Bridget and Paul whose daughter, Beatrix, was born on the 9 July and all is well.

Whilst there is no comparison there was a recent Birth Announcement in a National Newspaper which ended "Mother and daughter doing well, father, drunk."

There are a number of our friends with health problems at present and we send out love and prayers to those we know of and to those we don't know. One we do know is Millie Young who has been in and out of hospital and hopefully is now making better progress. Also Eileen Buttriss who has suffered for many years with knee problems and recently has had yet another operation, thankfully she is hopping around again.

Tom Watson has also been suffering but with a shoulder problem, which has been dealt with and Tom is now on the slow road to recovery.

Bouth Village Green – The winter and the wet has caused some maintenance problems that need attention and will cost £600 over and above any grant. We need to raise this sum with a smile rather than a frown, so we will be holding a **‘Treasure Hunt’** in the village on the evening of **Thursday 29 July 6:00pm on the Green.**

Other proposed events are a Tombola at Black Beck and a Mini Fête on the Green on 21 August; more next month. You can help by buying a ticket for the Treasure Hunt, baking a cake or offering produce or plants for the Fête, even manning a stall: for more information contact Barbara Osborne Email: barbaraosb@googlemail.com or Tel: 01229861451

John Osborne, chairman, Village Green Committee, after asking for the above to be included, commented that at least it would reduce the space taken by inane remarks; As master Shakespeare wrote in the Merchant of Venice “I’ll not answer that: but say it is my humour.”

Postman Patrick – The collection for our retired postie amounted to £165, sixty of which was garnered from Bouth. Caroline Peet has now presented Patrick with a cheque for this amount and a CD featuring Martin Roscoe. He intends to buy some Bird Illustration Books by Thomas Bewick and send his thanks to all who contributed. He misses the people but not the job!

* Not for the first time this erstwhile editor has been chastised and on this occasion by no less a person than the president of the Bouth W I, Mrs. Elspeth Cooper. The comment last month, that the ladies of the Bouth W I went swanning off to Venice, was not entirely accurate. It was merely the ladies of Bouth; the fact that they were the same ladies is, apparently of no consequence. A further comment did come to mind but this scribe would like to live a little longer.

Donald.



Sermons

“The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and to have them as close together as possible.”

George Burns.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our Annual Outing visited Holehird Gardens, the home of The Lakeland Horticultural Society, on a cold and windy June evening. The well attended visit was organised by Debbie Perry, who seems to spend more time there than in her own garden, and we were guided, very efficiently, by husband Roger who has the advantage of a formidable voice so neither the wind nor lack of hearing interfered with his informative spiel.

It was a charming evening in beautiful surroundings enhanced by the breathtaking views of the Cumbrian Fells and completed by a delightful meal at the White Hart, Bouth.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14 July, Village Hall, 7:15pm** the speaker, Mrs V Wilton, subject will be, "Vision Aid Overseas." The competition is '*An Overseas Postcard*.'



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Annual meeting in May Cllr. Colin Barr was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr. Chris Potts as Vice Chairman. Being politically correct the minutes use the word 'chair' which is a strange use of the English language as 'man' is the generic term for humans and not merely male. Interestingly Mrs. Kathleen Farnworth, Lay Chairman of the Windermere Deanery Synod insists on being addressed as 'chairman'.

Cllr. Penny Lovegrove of Bouth has resigned and was thanked for all her hard work during her term of office. There is now a vacancy in Central ward.

Regrettably there has been little progress on Bouth Speed Limits but as there has now been new national guidance that is more sympathetic to limits in rural villages, we can but hope.

It has been difficult to get news of Chairman Colin Barr's '60th, birthday sabbatical' attempt at scaling 60 Scottish island summits, but we hear that progress has been good and that the target for donations of £1,000 for the RNLI has been met.

The next meeting is to be held on **Monday 26 July, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.**

Donald.

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LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

There have been many exciting activities for the children at Leven Valley School. Everyone enjoyed a Sports Day with fine weather which was very well supported by parents. Pupils took part in an orienteering competition and they were very pleased to take second place. Years 5 and 6 took part in the South Lakes Cricket Tournament at Kendal Cricket Club. Some students from Kendal College worked with groups of pupils in school on teambuilding exercises in the outdoor environment. Older pupils participated in “Making Music” at Kendal Leisure Centre along with other schools.

Preparations will have been completed for the residential visit for Class 3 and Eco Week for Classes 1 and 2 while Class 3 are away. Class 3 will be making their way up to Rawlinson’s Nab using the steam train and boat where they will be camping out. They will then cycle to Rydal Hall where they will be staying. They will undertake a mountain walk and also be visited by Classes 2 and 1 and the governors. During Eco Week Class 1 will be visiting Rusland Farm where they will participate in a woodland walk and Class 2 will be working with the South Cumbria Rivers Trust. They will be visiting Humphrey Head and also making rafts at the Great Tower site on the shores of Windermere. The Bags2School collection raised over £300 for school funds. There will be an official opening of the Inside Outside Learning Area on **Friday 9 July, 3:00 p.m.** Many of the areas are completed now and there is even a lamp post very reminiscent of Narnia. The school will stay open until 6 p.m. that evening so local people can view the improvements.

Sue Sanderson Vice Chair of Governors.



“If the writer will tell us what he thinks, though his thoughts be vague and useless, we can forgive him; but when he tells us what he does not think, actuated either by friendship or animosity, then there should be no pardon for him.” Comment by Anthony Trollope on critics!

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

These Forums are held around the County and are designed to inform the public on what is going on in the public arena; it also gives us ordinary people an opportunity to question Councillors, that is, if you can get a word in edgeways. Importantly the County Council has funds that can be given to good causes and the residents of Bouth have, over the years, benefitted both for refurbishing the Village Hall and for the improvement and maintenance of the Village Green.

Meetings have been arranged for the next ten months as follows:-

Wednesday 8 September, 7:00pm, Burlington CE School, Kirkby Ireleth

**Wednesday 1 December, 7:00pm at Hawkshead Market Hall, and
Tuesday 8 March 2011, 7:00pm at Water Yeat Village Hall.**



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

"If I Ruled Colton Parish I would" This is the title for this year's Rusland Show film making classes. (It could be anywhere where you live). Your chance to say what changes you would like, or just tongue in cheek, entertainment. Only 2 minutes. Commission your actors now! More details on the website.

Carol.



CROSS THE BAY WALK

A reminder that the **Cross Bay Walk** is on **Saturday 24 July** starting at **5:00pm** led by Guide, Cedric Robinson. This event is being organised by Rusland & Satterthwaite Churches for their funds and 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, contact, Susan King 2 Colton Cottages, Colton, Nr Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 8HF (01229 861 173)



"I nauseate walking; 'tis a country diversion, I loathe the country."

William Congreve

Services and Rotas for July

4th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	School Leavers' Service	
Readings:	First Reading	2 Kings	5: 1-14	
	Second Reading	Galatians	6: 7-16	
	Gospel	Luke	10:1-11, 16-20	
Readers:	Colton	H Brooks	R Smith	S King
	Lowick	M Calvert & A Naylor		
	Penny Bridge	Penny Bridge School		
Sidespersons:	Colton	S King	& B Johnson	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	R Long	P Ashton	School
11th	Sixth Sunday after Trinity			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Amos	7: 7-17	
	Second Reading	Colossians	1: 1-14	
	Gospel	Luke	10:25-37	
Readers:		D Wroe	J Gregg	D Lancaster
Sidespersons:		A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
	No service at Colton and Lowick			
18th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Amos	8: 1-12	
	Second Reading	Colossians	1:15-28	
	Gospel	Luke	10:38-42	
Readers:	Colton	B Watson	M Sanders	I Pirnie
	Lowick	B Mitchell	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	C Styles	E Wemyss
Sidespersons:	Colton	M Sanders	& P Priestley	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	R Long	& D Lancaster	
25th	James the Apostle			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	11:27-12-2	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	4: 7-15	
	Gospel	Matthew	20:20-28	
Readers:	Colton	S Smith	J Redhead	J Pickles
	Lowick	J Davis	& D Gregg	
	Penny Bridge	C Sadler	J Lancaster	P Ashton
Sidespersons:	Colton	S Dean	& C Holden	
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	

DIARY DATES

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



3 July **Thomas the Apostle**

9 July Leven Valley School, Opening of the 'Inside, Outside Learning Area' - 3:00pm.

11 July **Benefice Holy Communion, Penny Bridge - 10:30am.** No Service at Colton.

14 July Bouth W I - Village Hall - 7:15pm.

15 July **Erecting marquee – Old Vicarage – 7.00pm.**

17 July **Annual Church Fête – Old Vicarage – 2.00pm.**

22 July **Mary Magdalene**

24 July Cross the Bay Walk.

25 July **James the Apostle**

29 July Bouth Village Green 'Treasure Hunt' – The Green – 6.00pm.

One Hundred and Fifty Days to Christmas.



PRAYER

Some days, although we cannot pray, a prayer
utters itself. So, a woman will lift
her head from the sieve of her hands and stare
at the minims sung by a tree, a sudden gift.

Some nights, although we are faithless, the truth
enters our hearts, that small familiar pain;
then a man will stand stock-still, hearing his youth
in the distant Latin of a train.

Pray for us now. Grade I piano scales
console the lodger looking out across
a Midlands town. Then dusk, and someone calls
a child's name as though they named their loss.

Darkness outside. Inside, the radio's prayer –
Rockall. Malin. Dogger. Finisterre.

Carol Ann Duffy, Poet Laureate



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