



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Revival in our Youth

With this magazine comes the fifth of the six leaflets on Revival with the theme of youth.

This month's leaflet looks at Revival in our Youth and with this topic and that of next month – Giving – we have reached the two taboo subjects because they are the declining face of the church.

For the first time in the nation there is an attitude that it is not important for children to have knowledge of the love of Jesus for them. Many churches in our nation – this so called Christian Country – have no Sunday School, or its equivalent, because there are no children in church. Some in larger areas of population have a thriving childrens' church but many struggle with two or three children. In fact the response from almost all of the parishes of our deanery is to try to reach out to young people – but how without the encouragement of parents?

Although numbers are relatively low week by week in the churches of our nation, the majority of people profess to be Christian, to pray and to believe in God. How do they learn about God and his love for them if they are not encouraged to go to church, or Sunday School, if there is one.

At present the Sunday School in our benefice, meeting at Penny Bridge School, is looking at other ways of helping young people to know about God's love for them and about Jesus, God's Son who said, "Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said,

‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these’.”

If you would like to know more about Sunday School, or the Lazer Group for those at Secondary School please contact Carolyn Dykes on 861509.



Mission Shaped Church

Think back to your childhood and the world around you. I remember few cars on the road and when people came to stay in our boarding house they came by train. Fish and chips were less than a shilling – the equivalent of five pence today because our money has changed. There was no space travel and flights by airplane were for the wealthy – not £25 return as from Blackpool to London.

Some of you will be able to think back further than my recollections of the 1950s and some of you will only be able to think back over two or three years but whatever your age things will have changed - except perhaps the church.

Is this to change? Alongside our “*Parish Plans*”, which are to be presented to the diocese at the Cathedral on the 13th of November, we are to study a report called *Mission Shaped Church* which is a report from a working group of the Church of England. This is an important report and it is to be looked at in our benefice during December, January and February (Advent and Epiphany). If anyone wants to come along to the study group would they please let me know so that we can arrange suitable dates and a venue.

In the words of the late Archbishop William Temple, “the Church is the only organisation that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members”. Too often we become engrossed and absorbed with our own narrow concerns and waste the energy, love and enthusiasm we need to devote in our mission to go out to others with the message of God’s love.

The Bishop of Carlisle’s Harvest for the Hungry Appeal

May I thank all who gave so generously to the appeal. At present £150 has been sent from Lowick, £500 from Egton-cum-Newland and the total for Colton is not known yet. All will be revealed next month with a final total.

Gary Wemyss, Vicar

COLTON CHRONICLES

The Bishop has a plan, which is just as well as the level of bureaucracy of the administration of the Anglican Church is in a league well above the Civil Service. The Church tinkers with the forms of service, the synods and even the Bishops' Council but never thinks to reform its administration. For example what is the role of and how much do the Church Commissioners cost? Why do we need to jump through hoops and get permission to put a screw in a pew?

The beauty of the Plan is that it is of practical use and not only spiritual; each church has to agree on twelve aims and four of these have to be put forward for the years 2004/05. Your PCC has worked hard on a Saturday and has agreed that 1) *To the installation of a Loop and Sound Reproduction system* and 2) *To continue a Stewardship campaign to compensate for the anticipated fall in planned giving and to work to increase the average weekly total giving.*

[Before anyone complains, it is a long time since your editor has had a rant and the cork had to come out of the bottle sometime.]

The good news is that the Sound system should be up and running by the time you get this edition but the bad news is the Parish Share continues to rise as do the costs of running the church but unfortunately the giving **does not**. Please do not just think about it, put your hands in your pockets.

The carols will soon be in the supermarkets and the world littered with Father Christmases so if you can't beat them, join them! There will be some alterations to our Christmas services in that there will be no Midnight Communion at Colton but there will be one at Lowick. There will, however, be a Communion service at Colton on Christmas Day and the Carol service will be held on the 19 December. The 'Carols on the Green' will be start at 6.30pm. on the Eve of Christmas. More details of the services in the benefice in the December issue.

The church, as always, was beautifully decorated for Harvest and we thank the willing workers, which we understand, included some chaps. An instruction has come forth from, she who shall be obeyed, that the following be included, *without editing*. So be it.

The Ladies and Gentlemen who decorated the Church and made the Hall ready for Harvest Festival & Supper, wish to thank Mr. Donald Wroe for the delicious nibbles and refreshing drink, which he provided, they were very much appreciated. Thank you. *Mc*

It is thanks all round and this time for those who organized our wonderful Harvest Supper where the highlight was the presentation to Cynthia and Jack Burns for their outstanding work for Colton Church over a period of more than forty years. We have thanked Cynthia and Jack before but we do so again for the simple truth – they deserve it. **THANK YOU !**

All Souls Day, 2 November, (the 1st. is All Saints) is when we pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. We have a Book of Remembrance in Church and we need to get it up and running so if anyone would like a name inscribed therein please write details on the sheet in the front of the Book. There is no charge but a donation the church funds would be more than welcome.

Church Hall, we need a small, narrow fridge for the kitchen – any offers?

Christian Aid Boxes, We forgot to tell you to bring them to church so please do so or to Judy and replace with an empty one.

Donald



FLOWER ROTA

7 November Barbara's Flowers

14 November Remembrance Sunday

21 November Remembrance Sunday Flowers

28 November Advent (No decoration in church)



COFFEE ROTA

Mrs. M Sanders and helpers

Wendy



MOTHERS UNION

Rev'd Gary Wemyss welcomed members from our link Branch from Rampside, along with members from our neighbouring branch, Leven Valley, to our opening service, in Colton Church. This was a truly happy and lively service enjoyed by all, when we welcomed Mrs. Judy Redhead to our number. Afterwards in the Hall we were able to enjoy a very nice, but naughty

Afternoon Tea, provided by our own members, with everyone going home saying they would not need an evening meal.

On **Tuesday, 16 November** at **2.00pm**, we are joining Leven Valley, at **Haverthwaite**, when Judith Slater will be talking on “Hearing Disabilities”, and on **Thursday, 2 December** also at **2.00pm** there is to be a Deanery Advent Service at **Grange over Sands Parish Church**.
Margaret



PARISH NEWS

We need to know what is going on and unless you tell us then it ain't going to get printed and if it isn't entirely accurate don't worry as the editor always takes the blame and he is reasonably fireproof, or thick skinned, if you like.

For some time now the ladies have been complaining about the trestle tables and benches in Bouth Village Hall, which it seems, are disastrous on finger nails and not much better on tights. So the said ladies organized a Coffee Evening, before pub time, on 18 September, kindly hosted by the Redheads.

Despite the time there were some 'notable' men missing, shame on you, but the evening, with the help of a generous donation, raised £475. Thank you. The new tables and benches should be in place for the W I Christmas party.

A correction in that the new residents in the Old School House are called Ascroft not As/croft.

NOTICES

Greenodd Pre – School

There will be a **Christmas “Bodyshop“ Party** on **Thursday 11 November** at **8.00pm**. in the **Pre – School building** (behind penny Bridge School). Admission **£1.50** which includes mulled wine and mince pie.

There will also be a **Christmas Shopping Trip** to **Manchester** on **Saturday 13 November** (depart **8.00am**. – return approx. **6.00pm**) [presumably that means to Greenodd.] Cost **£14**. To book Tel: **861 560**.

Profits of both these events to Pre – School Funds.

The Bouth W I are to continue their Monday walks, provided enough people turn up, they start at the **White Hart** at **9.15am**.

Judy/Donald



‘There are two kinds of music, good and bad. If you like it it's good – if you don't, it's bad.’

Harry James

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

Our brilliant team reached the semi-final of the local W I Quiz (Ed. who was the one with mobile?) Congratulations to the team.

At our October meeting a very enthusiastic Mrs. Trelogan, who is very involved in 'hands on' art education in our schools, talked about the various disciplines of art e.g. painting and sculpting that she taught. Above all she made us want to visit Abbots Hall as soon as possible.

Our next meeting will be the **A G M** on **Wednesday 10 November, 7.15pm, Bouth Village Hall.**

Judy



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Members were treated to an interesting talk on the History of the Post Office, both nationally and locally, at their September meeting. Mr. Tyson a retired Postman who had worked in the Ulverston area, was a very enthusiastic speaker on his subject, which he had researched and been collecting memorabilia for some years. He had brought some articles including letters, local timetables and tariffs, and even a Penny Black Stamp to illustrate his talk.

Our final meeting for this year is the **A G M** on **23 November, 7.30pm. Lowick Sunday School** to be followed by a Festive Jacobs Join Supper.

Margaret



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The School Speech Night and Prize Giving was an unqualified success, the highlight being the somewhat unconventional address given by well known mountaineer Simon Yates who also is an author, actor and stuntman. The students particularly appreciated his approach and the magnificent slides of mountains and crags world wide.

Earlier, senior Governor Sheila Pigott made a presentation to retiring Governor, Donald Wroe, in appreciation of his efforts for the school over the last nine years.

Donald

Pay no attention to what critics say. No statue has ever been put up to a critic.'

Sibelius

LEVEN VALLEY

The year proceeds and Class Two are studying History and churches in RE, Class Three are continuing their work on local history based on childhood in the Leven Valley. Class One are working on light and sound.

A new School Council has been elected and are employing a 'green' policy recycling paper and being careful about litter. Rules have also been made on when you can buy and eat sweets from our new Village shop.

The children are actively engaged in sport taking part in orienteering events both at home and at Penny Bridge, Satterthwaite and Cartmel. Our football team has started with a win and our thanks to Val & Mick for running the soccer club.

We had a wonderful Harvest at Staveley in Cartmel church and the school would like to thank all those who made it possible. The Christmas service will be at St. Anne's.

A reminder

- **Body Shop Beauty Makeover – Wednesday 10 November – 7.30pm.** (in the dining room).
- **Christmas Cookery Demonstration – Wednesday 17 November – 7.00pm.**
- **Kriskindle – Sunday 5 December – 2.30pm.**

As always you are very welcome to join us.

Sue



CINEMA CLUB

The **November** film is on **Tuesday 2nd** at **Oxen Park – 7.30pm**. It is ***Monsoon Wedding*** (15) 114mins - a lively mixture of humour, drama and great music. Partly sub-titled.

We hope to have the new screen and sound system. Remember Oxen Park Reading Room is short of facilities and bring a cushion. Pie & Peas on offer at The Manor afterwards.

Carol



REMEMBRANCE

The **British Legion District Service** is on **Sunday 7 November – 2.45 pm - Rusland church**. The **Branch Service** will be on **Sunday 14 November – 3.00pm**. Presumably at **Haverthwaite**.

Robert.

High Furness Group Ministry

**(The parishes of Hawkshead, Low Wray, Sawrey,
Rusland and Satterthwaite with those of
Haverthwaite, Finsthwaite and Staveley and
Colton, Egton-cum-Newland and Lowick).**

Advent Carol Service

St Mary, Staveley-in-Cartmel

**Sunday 28th of November
at 6:00pm**

**Hymns, Carols, Prayers and
Readings which reflect the Advent
hope in preparation for Christmas.**

All welcome

DIARY DATES

- 1 November **All Saints**
- 2 November All Souls
Cinema Club- Oxen Park – 7.30pm
- 7 November Family Service – **10.30am.** - Coffee afterwards.
British Legion District Remembrance Service – Rusland -
- 10 November Bouth W I - A G M – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
Leven Valley School – Body Shop Beauty Makeover – 7.30pm.
- 11 November Greenodd Pre-School – Body Shop Party – School – 8.00pm.
- 13 November Greenodd Pre-School – Christmas Shopping Trip – 8.00am.
- 14 November **Remembrance Sunday – 10.30am.**
- 16 November M U – Haverthwaite Church Hall - 2.00pm.
- 17 November Leven Valley School – Cooking Demonstration – 7.00pm.
- 21 November **Christ the King - Holy Communion – 9.30am.**
- 23 November Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – A G M – Lowick Church Hall – 7.30pm.
- 28 November **Advent Sunday- Holy Communion – 9.30am.**
*High Furness Group **Advent Carol Service** – Staveley in Cartmel –*
6.00pm.
- 30 November **Andrew the Apostle.**
- 2 December M U Deanery Advent Service – Grange over Sands – 2.00pm.
- 5 December Family Service – **10.30am.** Coffee afterwards.
Leven Valley School – Kriskindle – 2.30pm.



Parson amongst Pigeons

St. Francis fed pigeons whenever he see ‘em,
But I saw a parson today
Who sat on the steps of the British Museum
And frightened the pigeons away.

George Morrow

November Service Rotas

7th	Third Sunday before Advent
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton 10:30am Morning Worship
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Morning Worship
Readings:	First Reading Job 19:23-27a
	Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
	Gospel Luke 20:27-38
Readers:	Colton R Tarr B Watson P Ball
	Lowick W Keegan & A Naylor
	Penny Bridge E Wernyss J Lancaster R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton A MacIver & S King
	Lowick E Phizacklea
	Penny Bridge A Greatorex & W Greatorex
14th	Remembrance Sunday
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Said Service for Remembrance Sunday
Holy Trinity	Colton 10:30am Remembrance Sunday Service
St Mary	Penny Bridge 10:30am Remembrance Sunday Communion
Readings:	First Reading Micah 4: 1-2a
	Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
	Gospel Luke 21: 5-19
Readers:	Colton I Pirnie (John 15:9-17)
	Penny Bridge J Jackson D Lancaster G Wernyss
Sidesmen:	Colton B Watson & C Holden
	Penny Bridge N Lord & J Lambton
21st	Christ the King
Holy Trinity	Colton 9:30am Communion
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Communion
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Jeremiah 23: 1-6
	Second Reading Colossians 1:11-20
	Gospel Luke 23:33-43
Readers:	Colton J Redhead M Sanders B Johnson
	Lowick F Inman & G Mitchell
	Penny Bridge Sunday School Sunday School C Dykes
Sidesmen:	Colton M Campbell M Sanders
	Lowick A Wood
	Penny Bridge B Law & J Law
28th	Advent Sunday
Holy Trinity	Colton 9:30am Communion
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Methodist Service
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5
	Second Reading Romans 13:11-14
	Gospel Matthew 24:36-44
Readers:	Colton M Campbell G Pickles J Pickles
	Lowick G Jager & J Thomas
	Penny Bridge R Atkinson S James J Lambton
Sidesmen:	Colton S Dean A MacIver
	Lowick F Inman
	Penny Bridge C Line & E Line
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge J Hallatt