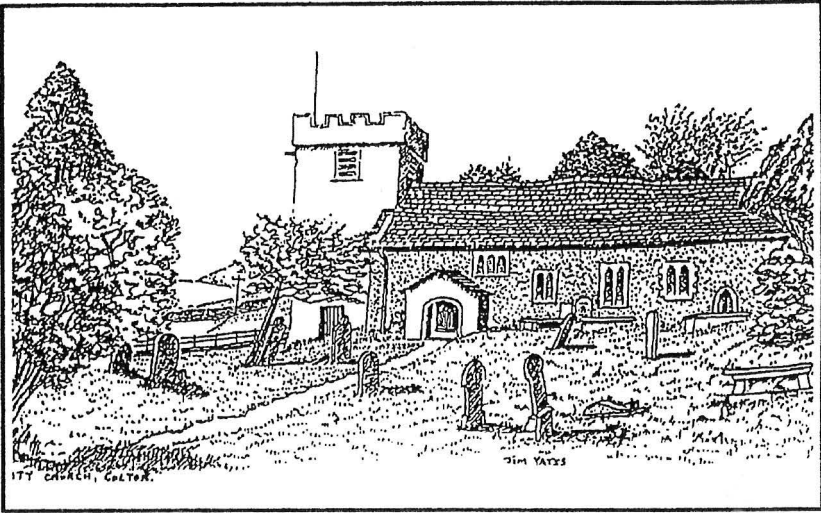




PARISH NEWS

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Since September 30th I have had a chance to reflect on my journey over so many years towards my Ordination and I would like to share a few of those thoughts with you.

As many of you will know, it has not always been easy. First of all there was that long period between 1995 and 2004 when I wandered around in the “desert”, doing my best to run away and avoid God’s insistent calling to me to be priested. Then, when I finally capitulated there was the Selection Conference at Shallowford, which, in fact, turned out to be more terrifying in its anticipation than its reality and after that, on too many occasions, I thought that the essays might get the better of me; but with all your prayers and support for which I will always be so grateful, I finally made it to my Deaconing 2006. But that is not the end of the story! Would you believe it? I was still on the run!

Now I hope that those of you who were there in Carlisle Cathedral with me on the 30th (and there were more than a few, bless you all for rising so early to make that long journey!) enjoyed it as much as I did and I am sure that you all noticed that the hankie was not as much in evidence this year as last year. There was a good reason for that which I want to try and explain to you.

Hard as it may be to believe this, I really felt so unworthy of my vocation – how could God choose me? How could God even look at me let alone LOVE me? Who was I to be chosen? I was so obviously not equal to the job – I felt totally inadequate. There was a little voice inside me jeering at me, questioning my motives, undermining what God was trying to say to me. It was insidious and harmful without a doubt. Talk about the 11th hour - it was only at the Ordination Retreat that that nasty little voice inside me was ousted through the power of healing prayer and I was left feeling free

to look God full in the face and say “Yes - Lord, here am I , send me” and just bask in the assurance of His love for me. So – no tears of terror on the 30th just tears of gratitude and joy.

Our God is indeed a wonderful and loving God and each of us is indeed, very special to Him – and if you don’t believe me, remember that that same powerful, healing prayer is available to you too. Come to the Benefice Eucharist, we are always there for you at the end of the service and in the meantime read Psalm 139 – you can run but you can’t hide! Believe it!

With love and blessings – proper, authorised ones!

Joanna

Curate



COTTON CHRONICLES

The Church has been decorated, the Hall prepared for supper, all by the faithful few – where were the rest of you? – we have sung our Harvest hymns and eaten our supper so it is now a time of reflection before Advent. But first a reflection on the weekend.

The Harvest Service on Sunday was a truly wonderful event, the church was ‘fairly’ full, Joanna in her first full communion was magnificent, the Vicar inspired and Barbara, Licensed as a Commissioned Lay Minister, rose to the occasion as in the manner born. The hymns were sung with gusto and Sue on the organ, let it rip. All in all a good old fashioned Church of England Service.

There were some notable absentees but that was their loss not ours.

The Farmers Harvest was less well attended and indeed there were fewer than normal present but it was still an excellent evening and with the supper it is hoped that we will continue this rural experience for many years to come.

There has, however, been a complaint, which is so staggering in its enormity and is so unusual that it has to be aired in public; namely that the church was TOO warm!!!! Well done Bonzo and also well done and our

thanks for all those who worked in their various ways to make this Harvest weekend such a resounding success.

Church Urban Fund

Support for this fund has not been very well received by many in rural parts, so belatedly, despite the title, the fund now applies to rural as well as urban areas. The Bishop has asked each Deanery to make a contribution to the fund and the share for our Benefice is £250; in order to do this there is to be **‘An Evening of Entertainment’ on Saturday 17 November, Greenodd Village Hall , 7.00pm.** (we think).

Tickets will be £4 to include a glass of wine/soft drinks/tea/coffee and a choice of cheeses, pate and bread. To maximise our ‘profit’, offers of cheese, pate and bread will be very welcome. Oh yes there has to be a raffle and raffles need prizes. Tickets will be available shortly and watch out for the notices.

† As Christians we have a responsibility to reach out to those in need, those who are bereaved, those fighting their way out of the depths of darkness and those who are recovering from illness or sadness. To make a start, anyone who thinks they may benefit from spiritual comfort and even those who are sceptical are warmly invites to a special ‘service’ to be held on **Saturday 3 November, Colton Parish Church, 3.00pm.** † Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

4 November Flowers for Barbara

11 November Remembrance Day

18 November Joanna Henson

25 November Joanna Henson

2 December ADVENT



COFFEE

November Christine Holden + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

Our A G M was held on 9 Octobers at Bouth Village Hall when Mrs. Barbara Watson was elected Leader, Mrs. Wendy Smith, Secretary and Mrs Julia Crowe, Treasurer. The Leven Valley Group elected Mrs Mabel Gardberg, Leader and Mrs Jean Wren, Secretary.

At our next meeting we will welcome new member the Revd. Joanna Henson, who was inducted as a member, at the Harvest Festival Service. This will be on **Tuesday 13 November, Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2.00pm.**

Wendy.



Colton Parish News

For many years now the magazine has been printed by Milners simply by dropping the copy into their shop in Ulverston. Sadly the shop is closing which means that the copy will have to be taken and picked up in Barrow, which is fine if anyone has the time and by exception that means this editor.

There are alternatives which must be explored and discussed. First the printing could be carried out on the Benefice copier, but by whom, the Vicar has already got too much to do. Then it will have to be collated and stapled which will mean volunteers on ten occasions a year and within a fairly strict time limit.

Second it could be incorporated into the Egton & Lowick Magazine but the 170 copies would still need to be stapled by parishioners in Colton.

If any of you have any views or other ideas please let either this editor, the Vicar or Joanna know.

Editor.



PARISH NEWS

The donations collected at the Funeral of Lila Minton amounted to £425 which has gone to the Intensive Care Unit at Furness General Hospital. The 'Modern Matron', Sue Swarbrick, at the hospital has sent a grateful letter of thanks to Terry and the family who in turn would wish to thank you for your generosity.

David Oldham and all the family would like to thank all who came to the celebration of Annie's life, and all who sent cards and donations in her memory. Your words of sympathy and kindness, and to know how much love there was for her, helps us to bear the pain we are feeling.

Every year Zella Slater kindly holds a Coffee Morning, for the NSPPC, at Frazel Steps but regrettably there will not be one this year for the simple reason that extensive building works are being carried out.

The Royal British Legion

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Friday 16 November, Greenodd Village Hall, 7.00pm.**

The **District Remembrance Service is on Sunday 4 November, Rusland Church, 2.45pm.,** and the **Official Branch Service on Sunday 11 November, 3.00pm., Haverthwaite Church.**

Bonfire

Charlotte and Alex invite ALL the good residents of Bouth to a Bonfire with Fireworks on **Monday 5 November** at Old Hall Farm and if any of you have anything that will burn well (husbands excepted) they are welcome to add to the fire, but before the fifth. As they have generously provided the fireworks it would be a nice gesture for those attending to make a donation and there will be a box for this purpose but do not be mean.

The contents of the Pandora's Box keep coming although the last item was so large that they had to demolish half the farm to accommodate it. The good, the very good news is that Alex got brave, proposed, and was accepted. Congratulations!!!!

As one door closes another opens for whilst Zella is not having a Coffee Morning for the NSPPC there is another opportunity to be generous.

For, on **Thursday 8 November at the Cartmel Race Course** there will be a **Christmas Gift Fair** in aid of the NSPPC and the Elizabeth Finn Care. It will be held from **10.00am until 3.00pm.** Admission is £2.50 and includes coffee and biscuits. Praise be, parking is free.

If there is anything else, forget it, for I have!!

Donald.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our last meeting we all enjoyed a talk from Mr. Sanderson representing 'Cath's Garden Plants' which he illustrated with a slide show. Not only did Mr. Sanderson impress us with his knowledge but it was good to be able to ask questions as the slide show progressed.

Some of the plants on show were for sale at the end of the presentation and many of us indulged! (Sorry chaps!)

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 November, Bouth Village hall, 7.15pm.,** and will be our **A G M.** The speaker will be Mrs. Penelope Lovegrove telling us about Derian House and the London Marathon.

Penny.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Last month we wrote *'Despite the current trend in Open Government it is getting increasingly difficult to obtain information from our Parish Council'*. The reason for that statement was that despite sending Email messages each month requesting information none had been received for several months.

Unfortunately the parish Council did not see it that way and there has been some fluttering in the Council dovecotes. A letter has been received protesting at those few words and stating clearly that 'it is as open as any organisation is allowed to be'. Quite so.

The letter goes on to praise the work of councillors and the clerk but then there are many in the parish who work extremely hard on a voluntary basis for all kinds of deserving cause and who continue to keep quiet about it.

The problem was that despite many Emails, including one informing them of a change in this editor's email address the council had failed to update its data base and the information is still circling in the ether; apparently from the tone of the complaints it was all this editor's fault. Would anyone like the job?

All is now well :-

Cumbria County Council has now asked the parish council to submit a formal assessment of the Parish Lengthsman Scheme, so we are asking once again for written recommendations from people who live in (or pass through) the parish and have noticed the difference Chris, our Lengthsman, has made. We have had lots of verbal reports and compliments, but we need reports of specific places where work has been done. A quick email to the clerk at coltonpc@tiscali.co.uk could mean the difference between us keeping or losing our Lengthsman, so if you have noticed a difference, please let us know.

At last, after several years of lobbying Cumbria County Council, Colton has new signs on the approach to the village. For several years a signpost at Penny Bridge pointed to Colton, but after that there was no indication as to when Colton had been reached, much to the confusion of visitors to the area. Other new signs have been erected around the parish for which thanks go to CCC.

The next parish council newsletter will be delivered to every home in the parish in November, so you will be able to catch up with all our activities since August. Don't forget that the agenda and minutes of every meeting are posted on our website at coltonparishcouncil.org.uk.

The council is looking for a new clerk to start at the beginning of December. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contacts the chairman on 01229 861408.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 26 November, 7.30pm., Rusland Reading Room.**

Judith.



NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The Forum is an opportunity for you to have you say on Local Authority matters and there are meetings around the Ulverston area several times a year. At the last meeting Inspector Vernon updated the meeting on rural policing and the Police Community Board.

The good news is that the Rural Wheels transport scheme has been extended to South Lakeland. The scheme allows people in rural areas to get transport that will collect them from their homes and take them to the nearest town or public transport service.

The charge is 30p per mile and you need a smart card, it runs from 9.00am. to 5.00pm. and each journey needs to be booked. For more information you can contact Rural Wheels Service 01228 606721 or Email publictransport@cumbriatrac.gov.uk. Even try the Library Van.

The next meeting of the Forum is on **Tuesday 20 November, Coronation Hall, 7.30pm.** Donald.



SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley

As I sit down to write, this my first copy for the parish magazine, it gives me opportunity to reflect my first few weeks as headteacher at Leven Valley. Starting a new job is always a busy time: people to get to know, routines to establish and priorities decide upon. All this has been made easier by the warm and friendly welcome that I have received from everyone. Having been here several weeks now, this is clearly a reflection of the care and dedication of all those involved in school; parents, staff, governors and friends, to the education and development of the children. Who are a great strength of, and asset, to Leven Valley School.

We have recently celebrated Harvest Festival with a service held in school and lead by the children. The oldest children prepared and read prayers with Rev Calvert, Class 2 wrote a poem and performed it as a group and the youngest children sang a Harvest song. We invited parents, friends and members of the church to attend, more than 30 did, and a great many gifts of food were received. Thank you to everyone. The gifts were later distributed to the local community and a homeless charity in Kendal.

As we approach the half-term break we find ourselves beginning to think about Christmas activities and events. The **Annual PTA Kristkindle** will be held on **9 Sunday, December in school**. As usual there will be a range of craft stall, games and food and drinks with all monies raised going to support the work of the school. We hope you can join us. Ian.



“My tongue swore, but my mind’s unsworn”

Euripides.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our DVD of the Lowood Gunpowder Works is going on show in Barrow on 27 November and some of the Rusland Show film makers will be starring in a promotional DVD.

Events – ‘SNOWCAKE’, **6 November, Rusland, 7.30pm.** – ‘Chronicles of Narnia’, at **4.00pm** and our **2nd. Supper Special, 24 November 7.30pm.**, showing ‘Lives of Others’, both at **Rusland**. Booking is recommended. Contact Carol, 01229 861 507.



DIARY DATES

For Church Service Dates and Times see back page. (I’m fed up of getting them wrong)

Other Dates

- 1 November **All Saints**
- 3 November Special Service for those ‘In Need’ – Colton – 3.00pm.
- 4 November British Legion, District Service of Remembrance, Rusland, 2.45pm.
- 6 November Oxen park C C – Rusland – 7.30pm
- 8 November Christmas Gift Fair – Cartmel Race Course – 10.00am. > 3.00pm.
- 11 November British Legion, Branch Service of Remembrance, Haverthwaite, 3.00pm.
- 13 November M U - Haverthwaite Church Hall – 2.00pm.
- 14 November Bouth W I – A G M – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 16 November British Legion – A G M – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.00pm.
- 17 November **An Evening of Entertainment – Greenodd Village Hall, 7.30pm.**
- 20 November Neighbourhood Forum – Coronation Hall – 7.30pm.
- 24 November Oxen Park C C – Rusland- 4.00pm & Special Supper – 7.30pm
- 26 November Parish Council Meeting – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm.
- 30 November **Andrew the Apostle.**
- 2 December **First Sunday in Advent.**



“Drink! For you know not whence you came, nor why: Drink! For you not know where you go, nor when.”

Fitzgerald.

Services and Rotas for November

4th	All Saints			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship		
Readings:	First Reading	Daniel	71:1-3, 15-18	
	Second Reading	Ephesians	1:11-23	
	Gospel	Luke	6:20-31	
Readers:	Colton	R Henson	H Brooks	E Fleming
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	C Sadler	C Styles	C Dykes
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& S Dean	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
11th	Remembrance Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Said Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Micah	4: 1-5	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:31-end	
	Gospel	Luke	20:27-38	
Readers:	Colton	B Watson	J Tarr	J Pickles
	Penny Bridge	RBL	D Lancaster	R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& C Holden	
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& R Long	
18th	Second Sunday before Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion and Baptism		
Readings:	First Reading	Malachi	4: 1-2a	
	Second Reading	2 Thessalonians	3: 6-13	
	Gospel	Luke	21: 5-19	
Readers:	Colton	B Johnson	D Wroe	M Sanders
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	P Ashton	C Dykes
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& B Watson	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex	
25th	Christ the King			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	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	I Pirnie	C Holden	G Pickles
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	E Wemyss	C Styles	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson	& C Holden	
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	N Lord	& S James	
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	J Hallatt		