



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

SAINTS-AND-FATHEADS

Jackie and I have just returned from a lovely week in Cornwall. Seeing the glorious harmony of azaleas and magnolias, rhododendrons and camellias, tulips and primroses spoke of creation in all its beauty and splendour. The trip also brought back memories of our first visit to Cornwall, just fifty years ago.

We had packed up our camping gear in our Bond Minicar and were heading for Bodmin Moor and Land's End on our one and only summer holiday as a married couple, before our children began to arrive! Crossing the Tamar on a sunny Sunday morning, we were planning to call in for worship at the first convenient church, but sadly our clutch burnt out on a very steep hill and we were stranded. After a considerable delay we managed to get a tow to a nearby village and booked in at the one and only bed-and-breakfast house at about four o'clock. We wondered if it might *still* be possible to go to an evening service. So I said to the landlady, "Can you tell me where the nearest church is, please?" "Yes, m'dear," she said. "That's St. Germans, on the road to Plymouth." I asked if there was a bus there. "Well, m'dear. There's a bus come Thursday, for market." We abandoned the idea and asked for a cooked supper for six o'clock.

We had just sat down, with the meal before us on the table, when we heard the most beautiful gospel singing coming through the wall. Thinking it must be the BBC's evening service, I said to the landlady, "Your neighbours have got their wireless up a bit loud, haven't they?" "T'ain't wireless, m'dear," she said. "Tis them Methodies in their chapel!" Unbeknown to us, her house was actually *attached* to the local Methodist Chapel. We had to sit there, glumly eating our supper, whilst our Cornish

Christian brothers and sisters enjoyed their evening worship just feet away. But, in Cornwall, “Chapel” was *not* “Church”!

I have a quotation on my desk from the consecration sermon of Bishop Geoffrey Paul of Bradford.

“There is no way of belonging to Christ except by belonging gladly and irrevocably to all that marvellous and extraordinary ragbag of Saints-and-Fatheads who make up the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.”

We are in the season of Pentecost (Whitsun), the time that marks the coming of the Spirit of Jesus Christ upon His first followers – the “birthday” of the Christian Church. it should be our prayer that all the rich variety of our different Christian traditions, in these valleys, does *not* speak to a crippled and hungry world of division and discord, but of the beauty and splendour and glorious harmony of the Kingdom of God.

With love, in Christ,

David Gregg



COLTON CHRONICLES

Those of us, who all those years ago, when we were children, had never heard of Pentecost, for to us it was Whitsun and a holiday. Down south, in Manchester, the Whit walks were memorable, the Anglicans on Monday and the Catholics on Friday; banners flying, the children most beautifully dressed and every brass band from miles around.

Times, in those days, were much harder than they are now, despite the recession and one wonders what sacrifices parents made in order to dress their children so finely and whether in the ‘me’ culture of today present day parents would forgo their foreign holidays to emulate the past.

Happily in our little society there are many who are willing to sacrifice their time and money, quietly and unassumingly, for the sake of others and our churches, whilst at the same time, thanking others for their efforts and help.

Once again Margaret Sanders has worked her magic by organising a dance in aid of Church funds and raised a magnificent £445 and typically thanks

everyone who helped in anyway. Thank you Margaret, seems inadequate.

The Christian Aid Lunch was its usual success and so far has raised £650; thanks all-round to the soup makers and everyone who contributed in any way to achieve this wonderful total. It is always good to see Hilary and Derek Tinsley and apologies from this editor for his non appearance due to a leaking roof and looking after, a present help in trouble, the builder.

The Fête

All is set fair for our Fête this year, which will be held on **Saturday 25 July** on the lawns of Colton Vicarage and will be opened by Giles Wingate Saul.

Gate	Nigel Priestley (Chief Bouncer)
Teas	Rachel Tarr, Susan King & others
Tombola	Susan Lydon & team
Cake Stall	Susan Smith & gang
Books	Volunteers required
Plants etc	Susan Dean & Team
Big Raffle	Wendy & Peter Smith + helpers
Small Raffle	Margaret Sanders

The marquee will be erected on **Thursday 23 July**. Strong persons of either sex are needed and should meet at **Whitestock Barn, 6.30pm**.

Please start looking for Tombola prizes and leave them with Susan Lydon at Lees Cottage, Main Street, Greenodd. Any books can be left at church for Johnny Tarr to deal with. Any queries contact the said Johnny Tarr, Tel: 01229 586 174.

The Churchyard

As 'summer' approaches the grass and weeds are merrily growing and if not taken in hand the churchyard will look a 'right mess'. Volunteers are desperately needed to maintain the dignity of this Holy place.

A mower and strimmer are available in the shed for this purpose and the key can be obtained from Bonzo Tel: 01229 861 437. It is worth the effort just to look at the views



Trinity Sunday

This year Trinity Sunday falls on **7 June** but it is also the **Patronal Festival of the Holy Trinity Church, Colton**. As it is our monthly Family Morning Worship it is hoped that we have a goodly turnout to celebrate. For good measure there will be a ‘bit of a do’ in the Church Hall after the service. Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

7 June Mrs. W Smith

14 June Mrs. W Smith

21 June Mrs. S Pirnie

28 June Mrs. S Pirnie



COFFEE

Mrs. Sanders + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

For our May meeting we were joined by members from other branches in a service at St. Paul’s Church, Rusland, conducted by the Revd. John Dixon. This was followed by afternoon tea and some enjoyable social chat. We are grateful and thank John Dixon for his ministry.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 9 June**, when we will be having an outing to the Ruskin Museum, Coniston, followed by afternoon tea. For further details contact Wendy Smith Tel: 015395 31872. Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

It is a cheerful month and we start with congratulations to Celine and Jonny Hind on the birth of their daughter Alexia, granddaughter to the very proud grandparents Margaret and John Dryden.

In 1968 the villagers of Bouth with help from the Parish Council saved what is now the Village Green from the ravages the District Council were about to impose. The voluntary committee that was formed included the late Austin Smith, father of Roderick. Seven years later in 1975 Roderick took over as chairman of the Village Green Committee and has remained in post for the next 34 years only resigning last month.

Roderick with his astute ability to raise funds from almost unheard of Charities, has been instrumental in the gradual transformation of the Green to comply with modern standards and at the same time has applied his obdurate temperament to keep various authorities and insurance companies at bay. Added to which he has never shirked practical work and if you like straight lines, his hedge trimming was a joy to behold.

A simple thank you Roderick seems hardly adequate but it is all you are getting, for now. The chairmanship has now passed into younger hands, those of John Osborne whose house overlooks the Green so any potential delinquents beware, especially as John is a retired army senior Warrant Officer. David Hamer volunteered to be vice chairman.

Roger Perry also of Bouth and also living overlooking the Green has retired as an Executive Officer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. There is no truth in the rumour that little has changed apart from the fact that having relinquished command he is now in no position to make executive decisions and will quickly realise which sex really is in charge, especially in this parish.

A very warm welcome to Linda and Steve Perkins, who have taken up residence at the 'The Croft', Bouth. You will find it a warm, caring and friendly hamlet, even more so if you join in.

If there is anything or anybody who had been left out, it must be on that scrap of paper that fell behind the computer and these old joints don't bend as well as they used to.

Donald.



*"Where was Roderick then?
One blast upon his bugle horn
Were worth a thousand men!"*

Sir Walter Scott.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Eleven of our members attended the Group meeting at Rusland where they heard an excellent presentation by the 'Red Sky Writers', a ladies group who were tutored by BBC writers and who scripted a play that was broadcast on BBC Radio. A good evening with a good supper and friendship as always with a marvellous ambience.

At our May meeting we had all but a full house with some chaps present; there should have been more but apparently they had a better offer - sport on TV?

We were treated to a short but extremely interesting talk and presentation on Ulverston Inshore Rescue. The speaker was Paul Wojcik, ably assisted by Will Spain. The service has been set up for nine years and was formed after the recent tragedies in the dangerous Bay Sands areas.

They kindly brought along some of the equipment they use, but were unable to persuade anyone to don the dry suit! If anyone would be interested, they have kindly offered to arrange a visit to the base, during the summer. Any brave soul taking part in the walk to Chapel Island will be reassured that they are the Safety Team for this event.

The meeting were fully behind the campaign to help the plight of Honey Bees and supported the resolution 'SOS Honey Bees' which will go forward to the National A G M at the Albert Hall on the 3 June.

Our next 'meeting' is the Outing on **Wednesday 10 June**, following a short meeting in the **Village Hall @ 5:50pm**. Carriages at **6:15pm** arriving Tottlebank Chapel at **6:30pm**.

The Chapel dates back to 1699 and there will be a talk on its history and an exhibition. We return to the White Hart for supper at **8:00pm**. If you have not already put in orders for your meal, you might be too late. Penny.



*"I do not object to people looking at their watches when I am speaking.
But I strongly object when they start shaking them to make certain
they are still going."*

Lord Birkett

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Your Council has submitted a response to the Commission for Rural Communities' Uplands Inquiry, set up to identify the major challenges facing England's upland communities. 'This was a call for evidence from "businesses and communities on their fears and hopes as farmers and food-producers, tourism and recreation resources, and as the guardians of landscape, wildlife, heritage and natural resources'.

Key issues identified included: the severe difficulties faced by farmers, the closure of local facilities, support services and employers in favour of large centralised businesses, tourism pressures and related environmental damage (e.g. off-road vehicle use), the increase in second homes, and the lack of affordable housing and employment opportunities for local young people.

We are sorry to lose Cllr Peter Harrington from the Council after his decision to step down due to ill-health. We thank him for his hard work and good humour - he will be much missed. This of course now means that there is a vacancy, and we are looking for someone from East Ward, preferably Lakeside, to fill the position as soon as possible. Please contact the Clerk if interested.

Our next meeting is on: **Monday 22 June, 7:30 pm. in Colton Church Hall.**

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Note:

It is possible that some of you might have observed that the word chairman is always used in these pages rather than the current preference for chair.

This has nothing to do with male chauvinism or old fashioned thinking; it is for the proper use of the English language. The politically correct police and professional feminists insist on viewing the word man, purely as male; not altogether true! Man is an abbreviation of human and is used as such throughout the bible; furthermore the Oxford English Dictionary defines man as 'a human being' although to be fair also as 'an adult male'. Editor.

CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

The spring term ended with a lovely service at the Priory led by Father Robert and the members of 8SB and an excellent house music competition won by Cavendish.

There were some excellent performances across the music classes including several beautiful solo performances. The school was also lucky enough to have a visit from Levens Choir after Easter.

Thirty of whose members performed a short vocal programme for students followed by an exciting vocal workshop. Other recent events include conservation work in at Belmont near Hawkshead, an animation workshop and a poetry workshop run by the Mancunian street poet Mike Garry.

Dr. Paul Williams.



ST. MARY'S HOSPICE

The Leven Valley Support Group is holding its **Annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale** on **Sunday 14 June, Haverthwaite Playing Fields. 9:00am. onwards.**

There will be Cakes, Books, the inevitable Raffle and Refreshments; also games for the children, bouncy castle, face painting, crafts and the even more inevitable Tombola. It goes on – Static Birds of Prey, Bee Keeping. Miniature Railway, Northwest Air Ambulance Display Stand and not to be missed Stories from Taffy Thomas. Music by the 'Lakeland Fiddlers'.

£2 to get in, children under 16, free; Car Boot Bookings £6 in advance £7 on the day. Contacts S Chadwick Tel: 015395 31685 M Wilson: 015395 31799



Climate Change – What Change?

FROM THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLES

In this year 1014 on St. Michael's Eve (28 September) that great sea-flood came widely throughout this country, and ran further inland than ever it did before, and drowned many settlements and countless numbers of human beings.



Services and Rotas for June

7th	Trinity Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	6: 1-8	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:12-17	
	Gospel	John	3: 1-17	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	W Smith	D Wroe
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	P Ashton	E Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& B Watson	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
14th	First Sunday after Trinity – Proper 6			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Benefice Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	1 Samuel	15:34-16:13	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	5:6-10, 14-17	
	Gospel	Mark	4:26-34	
Readers:		C Styles	J Gregg	C Holden
Sidesmen:		S Dean	& C Holden	
	No service at Penny Bridge and Lowick			
21st	Second Sunday after Trinity – Proper 7			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	1 Samuel	17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	6: 1-13	
	Gospel	Mark	4:35-41	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	B Watson	M Sanders
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& B Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	D Lancaster	R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton	C Holden	& B Watson	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	& J Atkinson	
28th	Third Sunday after Trinity – Proper 8			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	2 Samuel	1:1, 17-27	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	8: 7-15	
	Gospel	Mark	5:21-43	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	R Smith	R Tarr
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	C Styles	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	R Long	& D Lancaster	

DIARY DATES

***A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30am**

- 7 June **Trinity Sunday and Colton's Patronal Festival.**
- 9 June Deanery Synod.
Mothers Union Outing.
- 10 June Bouth W I Annual Outing, Village Hall, 5:50pm.
- 11 June **Barnabas Apostle – Corpus Christi.**
- 14 June Leven Valley Support Group Annual Fair, 9:00am >
In aid of St. Mary's Hospice.
- 21 June The Longest Day & 'Fathers Day.'
- 22 June Colton Parish Council Meeting, Colton Church Hall, 7:30pm.
- 24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**
- 27 June Veterans Day. Now known as 'Armed Forces Day'.
- 29 June **Peter & Paul Apostles.**



Congratulations.

To Nicky and Mark Maddocks of Bouth on the Birth of their son Daniel on 5 May. A welcome brother for Jamie.



*According to adults teenagers are bad
Because of the Twist, or Rock or just Trad.
Why should they judge us by that alone?
Think of the hours women spend on the phone.*

John Odell



“The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit.
Try, if you can, to belong to the first class. There is far less competition.”

Dwight Morrow.

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