



# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear friends*

### A PENTECOST PRAYER

The Common Room at our theological college was the hub of our community life. We even had a Common Room Book where we could record our ideas and opinions. Those who know me well will not be surprised to learn that after five years there, a farewell entry, dedicated to me, appeared, reading:

Swans sing before they die. 'Twere no bad thing  
Should certain persons die before they sing!

Charming!

A common room (at the heart of a community) – a common language – Common Worship – (even “Lowick Common!”) – all remind us of things that we share together, things which indicate fellowship and oneness (= unity). As the Feast of Pentecost approaches (= Whit Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June), the celebration of the “Birthday” of the Church of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the “fellowship of the Holy Spirit” that is central to our unity and our common calling as Christians.

However, things are clearly not as they should be among those called to be “One in Christ Jesus”. For instance, I twice attended an annual weekend conference between members of the Royal Anthropological Society and representatives of Christian Mission agencies. We had White Fathers from Africa, evangelical workers from Africa Inland Mission and everything “in between”. We discussed things like the varying roles of missionaries and anthropologists, or our approach to spiritualism and witchcraft, and all the Christians present were keen to present a pretty well wholly united front to the (mainly secular/humanist) participants of the R.A.S. But unfortunately our “united front” was always completely blown when it came to the

announcements on the Saturday evening – “There will be a Catholic Mass in the chapel at 8:00 a.m., a Church of England Eucharist at 9:00 a.m., and a Free Church Service at 10:00 a.m.”!!!

This tragic disunity amongst present day Christians is the single most insidious hindrance to our witness to the good news of the Gospel of reconciliation and forgiveness and peace and brotherly love. Churches Together in Cumbria, with the enthusiastic encouragement of Bishop James and the other Church leaders, are seeking to establish Cumbria as the first “ecumenical County” in England. Here in Greenodd and district we are seeking to play our part in this. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if our generation could be the one to bring about a true re-union of historic Christian divisions?

May we all make this our Pentecost prayer?

*With love in Christ,*

*David Gregg*



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was duly held on 19 April attended, as usual, by only the dedicated few; you would think that a parish with a population of around about 400, more people would take more interest in the running of their church which they expect to be there for weddings, baptisms, funerals Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Thanks were expressed for those who have worked diligently throughout the year to keep our church going with special thoughts for Bonzo and Christine Holden. Not only have attendances dropped but the accounts did not make happy reading; there was a shortfall of income over expenditure of £2,000; whilst Gift Aid giving has risen slightly other giving has dropped dramatically.

A new P C C. was elected comprising the ‘old gang’ plus Mrs. Rachel Tarr and Mrs. Judy Redhead; Rachel has ‘graciously agreed’ to be the secretary, Nigel Priestley to continue as treasurer and we hope that Derek Parkin will continue as the Independent Examiner.

Ian Pirnie and Donald Wroe were re-elected as Deanery Synod representatives and unsurprisingly the editorship of the Parish Magazine was not mentioned; I'll take that as a yes then!

**Holy Week:** We, well some of us, come to church each week, we pray, we sing hymns and listen, though not perhaps as assiduously as we should, then go home, but do we ever give a thought to the hard work that goes into the preparation of a service and the sermon, not forgetting the music.

We had two services in Holy Week that stood out like bright lights on a dark night; on Good Friday at Penny Bridge the Vicar conducted a sad and moving service, regrettably only to the faithful few, and on Easter Sunday, to a larger congregation, our Curate led a joyful and happy service at Colton. Our grateful thanks to both of them for their loving dedication to both the Church and to us, and also to Judy and Sue for their music making.

The Church of England is all but unique in Christian denominations in its inherent ability to create dissention. Every five years the church building and churchyard are subjected to an obligatory inspection by a professional architect who then submits a report. In the last report there was a recommendation that two trees to the north of the church were causing problems to both the structure of the church and the wall and it might be better if they were removed. The PCC accepted this recommendation and the trees have been felled. Regrettably this action has not pleased everyone and it would now seem that our, already small, congregation is about to get smaller. 'Tis a pity when a tree is more important than the Church of God.

**Confirmation:** If there are any persons within the Benefice who wish to be confirmed would you please contact either the Revd. Canon G Wemyss (861 285), the Revd. D Gregg (885 258) or the Revd. Joanna Henson (861 800) before the end of June.

**The Boiler:** Praise Be! For after so many months of waiting the new church boiler is up and running, leaky pipes repaired and reluctant radiators tweaked, resulting in a comfortably warm church on Sunday 15 May. Even the plumber gave a sigh of relief, requesting an end to stroppy emails from a certain Parish News editor.

**Christian Aid:** The 'Born Again' Christian Aid Lunch was as successful as it has ever been and the new format was well received, although it was,

perhaps, a little embarrassing to be waited on by your friends and even more so when they were unusually polite. The amount raised for this deserving charity was a very creditable £740+. The bottle of gin was won by Mrs Brenda Patton of Bouth. These wonderful occasions just don't happen and we are indebted to all those who generously cooked, baked gave, especially those who gave their time and worked. It was a particular pleasure to see our Church Warden, John Tarr, no doubt under wifely instructions, slaving away washing up. It was also engaging, if something of a shock, to see John King finally accepting his role in life, adorned in a pinny; the only thing that was missing was the frills.

**Church Fête:** Please start looking for Tombola prizes, which can be left with Judy Redhead, Tel: 588 684 & Sue Lydon Tel; 861 511 or any member of the PCC.

Items for the plant, book and cake stalls will be welcome on the day. If anybody would like to run a stall or help in any way please contact Johnny Tarr Tel: 586 174 or Email [john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk). *Donald.*



### FLOWER ROTA

5 June Mrs. Sue Dean

12 June Mrs. Sue Dean

19 June Mrs. Zella Slater

26 June Mrs. Zella Slater



### MOTHERS UNION

At our May meeting we welcomed Father Parker from St Charles Borromeo R.C. Church in Grange and he kept us enthralled as he wittily recounted his life story. He had us all smiling.

Remember that our **Deanery Lunch is at Holker Hall on 15 June**, meeting between **12:00 noon and 12:30 pm** when we will be saying our sad farewells to Sue Bailey, our Deanery leader. We have decided to move our **Branch Trip** from the **14 June** until the **21 June** rather than have outings on consecutive days. We shall meet at the **Garden Centre, Grasmere at**

**2:00 pm.** There are no branch meetings in July and August but there are dates for the diary to be noted and these were detailed in last month's magazine. Importantly, remember we are hosting the **Mary Sumner Day** service and tea at Haverthwaite.

Our next meeting, after the Summer Break is on **Tuesday 13 September, 2:00pm** when Sister Anne Donochley from Boarbank will be speaking to us. **Note:** This meeting is at **Colton, 2:00pm.**

*Edwina & Judy.*



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Congratulations to young Jack Barton of Bouth, who has clearly inherited the sporting genes of his father Nigel, for having completed a run up, over, along and down Colton Heights and in doing so collected £150 for charity.

Congratulations also the Doctor Philomena Swarbrick aka Doc' Phil Ball, on being appointed Medical Director to St. Mary's Hospice; a wise choice.

**Dramatic Happenings:** Actor, Director, Producer the Revd. John Dixon of Hawkshead is presenting two one act plays – "*The Space Between the Years*" by John Scholes and "*Dilemma at the Vet's*" by Jean Crabtree on **Friday 24 June, Rusland Reading Rooms & Saturday 25 June, Market Hall, Hawkshead. Both at 7:30pm**, tickets, which are in short supply, £7.50 including a light supper.

**Libraries:** Our libraries, especially Library Vans, are under threat as much by poor management as by cuts. You can make your views known, if you have an internet connection, via [yoursay@cumbriacc.gov.uk](mailto:yoursay@cumbriacc.gov.uk). More information is available by going to [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk).

*Donald.*



## BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our May meeting Angie Morton gave an interesting insight into the world of Fashion Design, Fashion Shows and the life of models. She describes herself as a 'creative dressmaker' and brought a selection of her own work; her garments were very much 'à la Vivienne Westwood' and not quite what we would wear but she is a talented designer (she created the wedding dress for Charlotte Sharphouse). She started when she was 12 years old, in Rumania where she grew up with her family of tailors and >

Dressmakers and says she gets her inspiration from the Lake District scenery.

Our next meeting is our **Annual Outing** but note this year on a **Tuesday, 7 June**. We shall be visiting Conishead Priory followed by Supper at the Farmers Arms, Lowick, preceded by a short meeting, **Bouth Village Hall, 6:00pm**. Linda Perkins, Tel: 861 762 can be contacted for menu details and needs numbers of your party and your meal choice ASAP. *Judy & Penny.*



## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We now have a new Lengthsman, Tony Atkinson, from Riddingside Farm, Colton. Tony will be starting work soon, for 2 days per month. Please forward any requests for work (cutting back verges at junctions, clearing drains, cleaning signs, etc.) to Cllr. Ian Cunliffe, the Lengthsman liaison officer, on 01229 861 440. Ian does not possess a computer (wise man!), so the alternative method is on paper to Springfield Cottage, Springfield, Colton, Ulverston, LA12 8HE.

The Forestry Commission have contacted us about Old Hall Wood, Bouth with a proposal to increase community involvement in its management. The current 'design plan' for the wood allows some flexibility, for example, selecting areas for coppicing, opening up views, improving paths, and improving wildlife habitat.

There is to be an informal walk and talk in the wood with Nigel Williams (FC) and his colleagues on **Wednesday 15 June, 1:30 pm**, at the old 'hut' on the lane just past Old Hall Farm (grid ref SD 326 855) . Just come along and join in (without your car please, as parking is limited here). Contact the Clerk if you would like more details.

Some of the eight notice boards in our Parish are in a poor state, particularly the smaller ones which were made by a firm from away and which are not up to the rigours of our weather. The Nibthwaite board will be the first to be replaced, with the one at Lakeside to follow when funding permits. The boards at Bouth are also suffering and we hope to provide a new larger one in due course; the Colton board had its door caught by the



wind and broken because the bolts were not shut properly. Please try to secure the doors when fixing notices, and bolt them properly afterwards, as the cost of repair is significant. If anyone has joinery skills and is willing to 'look after' a board for us, making small repairs, where necessary, that would be very welcome. Please contact the Clerk.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 13 June, 7.30 pm, Colton Church Hall**, when we expect a planning officer to be speaking about housing policies within the new Core Strategy.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Cartmel Priory

The Governors of Cartmel Priory C of E School took the decision to apply for conversion to academy status on 9 May 2011. As a school judged outstanding by Ofsted, Cartmel Priory was one of the first schools eligible to become one of the new academies, governors have however been keen to take time to look into the pros and cons carefully and to carry out a meaningful consultation before making a decision.

The school will retain its name and ethos when it converts, but will have increased freedoms and responsibilities as well as control over some funds centrally controlled by the local authority at present.

*Dr. Paul Williams.*



### Leven Valley

The children of Leven Valley School are looking forward to some exciting times now they have finished their SATs. A performance given by the 'Vagabonds' will take place in school. A Ceilidh is being held in Outback Hall (formerly known as the Dining Room) no prizes for guessing why it is called Outback. The Ceilidh is featuring the 'Fox Family Band' and is a joint enterprise with St Anne's Church, Haverthwaite and is nearly sold out. Any profits will be shared between the two organisations.

On **Friday 27 May** the School Sports Day will be held, weather permitting. On **Monday 13 June** the older children will be participating in a residential visit to an urban environment, Glasgow, where there are many exciting

activities planned. The younger pupils will not be missing out as they will be visiting Flookburgh School to share a film on one day and Leighton Hall on another.

Already this term Years 2, 3 and 4 have visited Grizedale, with Hawkshead School, to become involved in a long term project helping to design musical instruments for the Sculpture Trail. The children worked with artists, enjoyed having lunch outside and had a chance to play. The older children have also had the opportunity to participate in orienteering events and tag Rugby. Parents and friends of the school raised £74 for the PTA by sending in unwanted clothes and other items.

Pupils won several prizes at the Rusland Spring Show, all of which will be presented at Celebration Assembly.

*Sue Sanderson.*



## **ST. MARY'S HOSPICE**

**The Leven Valley Support Group** will be holding their **Annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale** on **Sunday 19 June 9:00am, Haverthwaite Playing Fields.**

There will be the usual attractions which will include a magician, donkey rides and not forgetting 'Fifi the Flea'. All the proceeds will go to the Hospice. Entrance £2, under 16 free: Car Boot – advance bookings £7, on the day £8.

Booking contacts: Sylvia Tel: 015395 31685, Marian Tel: 015395 31779. For further information Dot Tel: 015395 30132.



## **GROWING WELL**

'Growing Well' is a social enterprise growing and selling organic vegetables and based at Low Sizergh Farm, but importantly, provides supported work opportunities for people recovering from mental health issues and runs training courses in horticulture for the wider community. Schools are welcome to visit the farm and learn more from where their food comes from. Although we do not have a name for the contact we understand they are available on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Tel: 015395 61777 and their Email: [info@growingwell.co.uk](mailto:info@growingwell.co.uk)

*Donald.*

## DIARY DATES

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



- 1 June P C C. Meeting, Church Hall, 7:30pm.  
2 June **Ascension Day**  
5 June **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.**  
7 June Bouth W I Annual Outing, Village Hall 6:00pm.  
11 June **Barnabas Apostle.**  
12 June **Whit Sunday, Pentecost. Benefice Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30am.**  
13 June Parish Council Meeting, Colton Church Hall, 7:30pm.  
15 June M U Deanery Lunch, Holker Hall, Noon.  
Forestry Commission Talk, Old Hut by Old Hall Farm, Bouth, 1:30pm.  
19 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**  
Annual Summer Fair & Car Boot Sale for St. Mary's Hospice,  
Haverthwaite Playing Fields, 9:00am.  
21 June M U Branch Trip, Garden Centre, Grasmere, 2:00pm.  
24 June **Birth of John the Baptist.**  
26 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**  
29 June **Peter & Paul Apostles.**



### Coming Soon for Summer

***“Coffee and the Bible”*** – a short series looking at a book of the Bible informally over coffee on alternate **Wednesday** mornings in **July** and **August** from **10:00am to 11:30am**. Starts **13 July** and all are welcome.

Please let the Vicar know if you would like to join this “book reading group” – purely for numbers. More details next month.



*“A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.”*

Proverbs

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