



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Whitsunday – Pentecost – is nearly upon us, when we shall be celebrating again the wonderful gift of the Spirit of Jesus, bringing new life and new power to those who call themselves His friends. I thought I might share with you a little poem I wrote some time ago, reminding us what this means.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS ...

LOVE: Four-fold honoured, Doctor Schweitzer came
 To Lambarene, set aside his fame,
 Gave to her poor his skills, in Jesus Name,
 The Spirit's fruit is love.

JOY: In Carthage girls who mourned wore loose hair, so
Perpetua, martyr, torn by mad cow's throw,
Tied up her locks, her bliss, in death, to show,
The Spirit's fruit is joy.

PEACE:

When Martin Luther-King of freedom dreamed
For black and white, their bitter past redeemed,
Non-violence the Christian way he deemed.
The Spirit's fruit is peace.

PATIENCE: John Bunyon, outlawed from the broad highway,
Near twelve lone years in gaol was for forced to stay
Yet journeyed far along the pilgrim way,
The Spirit patience gives.

KINDNESS: Soldier-bishop Martin halved his cloak
With one poor beggar wracked by wintry croak.
(Then saw Christ wearing it – till he awoke!)
The Spirit kindness gives.

GOODNESS: Calcutta's slums are now familiar scene –
For Mother T'resa's smile, on TV screen,
Reminds the world where Christian care is seen.
The Spirit goodness gives.

FAITHFULNESS: When meek submission was the Beast's decree
Brave Bonhoeffer refused to bow the knee
To Hitler – though it meant the hangman's tree.
The fruit is faithfulness.

GENTLENESS: Well-born Florence ill-thought nurse became,
In mood determined to Scutari came.
But lamplit tenderness ensured her fame.
The fruit is gentleness.

SELF-CONTROL: Should Bishop Festo find a gun and stand
Before Amin. To him the gun he'd hand.
Say, "This is yours! By love, revenge is banned
The fruit is self-control

Albert Schweitzer, Martin of Tours, Mother Teresa, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Festo Kivengere and countless hosts of other Christians have been moved to a costly response to the love of Jesus Christ. The month of May brings us many specific opportunities, (perhaps, for instance, through Christian Aid Week) to make ours. May I encourage you to experience the blessing of responding to them, in the Spirit of Jesus.

With love in His Name,

David Gregg



COLTON CHRONICLES

Most churchgoers live in blissful ignorance of the rules and regulations of the Anglican Church and those that have some knowledge are often confused and perhaps do not realise that Church law is the law of the land and just as enforceable as traffic offences.

So when the Vicar says 'you cannot do that' he is on very firm ground, however there are publications to help those of us who need to know more. One is in the form of a dictionary and also gives advice; for example you should not put drawing pins or nails into church furniture or doors and goes on to recommend Blue-Tac.

Apparently yoga is good for Christians as it relaxes them and stops them fidgeting whilst sitting or kneeling. The vision of having a quick yoga session before a sermon is quite intriguing. There is also a section on parish magazines which are advised to be not too 'churchy'. That's alright then!

On a lighter note there has been comment in the National Press regarding the bullying of vicars. The odds on anyone trying that on in this benefice must be very long indeed and if they did one would not give them much of a chance for their survival.

The Fête

All is set fair for our Fête this year, which will be held on **Saturday 5 July** on the lawns of Colton Vicarage and will be opened by Mr. Adam Naylor of Lowick Hall.

Judy has the bit well and truly bitten and everybody organised, even this editor, who is in fear and trembling of getting the next section wrong.

Gate Nigel Priestley (Chief Bouncer)

Teas Barbara Watson, Pam Priestley & others

Tombola John King & team

Cake Stall Susan Dean & gang

Books Susan King

Plants etc Susan Lydon (what do you call 3 Susans?)

Big Raffle Wendy & Peter Smith + helpers

This is not a request, it is an instruction – NO jumble or second hand whatever!!! The marquee will be erected on **Thursday 3 July**. Strong persons of either sex are needed and should meet at **Whitestock Barn, 6.30pm**.

Please start looking for Tombola prizes and perhaps leave them with Susan King at Colton or bring them to 17 Churchfields Ave., Ulverston, with luck you might get a coffee. Tel: 588 684. *Judy, with a little help from Donald.*



FLOWER ROTA

4 May Mrs. Wendy Smith
11 May Mrs. Wendy Smith
18 May Mrs. Sally Pirnie
25 May Mrs. Sally Pirnie



COFFEE

Mrs. Barbara Watson & helpers



MOTHERS UNION

At the start of our April meeting we held a two minute silence in memory of Tiesy Teasdale whom we shall miss very much. (See Parish News)

We all enjoyed our speaker Dr. Edwina Davies who told us of the history of the Royal Family and the many unions of the Kings and Queens of Europe over the last three hundred years.

Sadly this year's M U Calendar is to be the last and there will be no more as it is time to make a change. A change also in the date of our next meeting, which will be the first Tuesday in the month: **Tuesday 6 May, 2.00pm. St. St. Anne's Church, Haverthwaite**. The service will be taken by the Revd. Joanna Henson.



CHILDRENS SOCIETY

Will people with Children's Society Boxes please return them to Wendy during May.

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

It is with sadness, great sadness that we have to tell you of the death, on 29 March, of Tiesy Teasdale at the grand age of 94. Daughter Zella produced a moving tribute to Tiesy for those who attended the funeral service, which is too long to print, but there were two sentences which said it all.

"Tiesy did not have a middle name, but if she had, it should have been loving." She was a wonderful, loving and gracious lady as ever lived in this parish and to say she will be missed is an understatement. For those of us who knew her – it was a privilege. The second and last sentence is not only a tribute but a message to us all – *"She lived life to the full, and did not ever waste it."* !!!!!!!

Also sadly, Mrs. Ella Phizackerlea died in April and although not of this parish was a stalwart and a tireless worker for decades at St. Luke's, Lowick where she was Treasurer for many years.

We send our prayers and condolences to both families.

We also pray for those who are not well remembering this month Julia Crowe, Hannah Wilson, Barbara Armistead and any others, wishing them all a good recovery.

Last month we told you about two grumpy old men who objected to the award of £5,000 to the Hoad Project. The charming Area Support Manager for the County has taken them gently to task pointing out that the project was of such a scale of importance to the community that it warranted such a grant. It was also pointed out that over the years most grants have gone to rural projects. On reflection the parish of Colton has not done too badly. The sackcloth has been donned.

The British Legion is holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 10 May, 10.00am, Staveley Church Hall**. Proceeds to the Legion and Staveley Church.

Donald with a little help from Judy.

CHRISTIAN AID

Do not forget that the **Annual Soup & Cheese Lunch** will be held this year on **Wednesday 14 May, 12 noon – 2.00pm, Rusland Reading Room**. This a good cause where, unlike some charities, the bulk of the money actually goes to those in need.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Cathy Styles and Penny Lovegrove took part in 'Furness Area Reading Aloud Competition', and despite a valiant effort, did not win. This result was clearly a case of, and believed by the Bouth WI's 'Support Team' that "We wuz robbed!" But thanks girls.

Thirteen members attended the Group Meeting at Greenodd, entertainment provided by 'Stanza' - a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The Speaker in April was Mrs. Jennifer Buxton, who was an absolute delight! She presented a talk about tigers in the Game Parks of India, illustrated by her own paintings, the proceeds of which go to support a school in the area. A fascinating and enjoyable evening.

The next Meeting will be on **Wednesday 14 May, 7.15pm, Bouth Village Hall** when Mike Maher (yes, that Mikel!) will be presenting 'On the Steam Trains' and it is an 'Open Meeting', so chaps are welcome. The competition is 'Railway Memorabilia'.

The **Annual Outing** this year will be on **11 June** when we will again attempt to walk around historic Ulverston with Jennifer Snell, unless the heavens open again - supper in the 'Farmer's', same as last time (which was jolly good!) Times and details next month.

Penny.



GREENODD POST OFFICE

As you will know, the decision has been made to close Greenodd Post Office and the so called consultation period is underway until the end of May. It is essential, if we are to retain this vital community service, to have ALL your support. Not only to use it but to protest in any way you feel able.

Letters of support from all of us are crucial to survival and should be sent to:- **Alan Cook, Managing Direct, Post Office Ltd, 80-86 Old Street, LONDON EC1V 9HQ**

Adam Crozier, Chief Executive, Royal mail Group, 148 Old Street LONDON EC1V 9HQ

National Consultation Team, Post Office Ltd, FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM. Email consultation@postoffice.co.uk

You can also write to Tim Farron MP, FREEPOST LA9 8BR.

Donald.



SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley

With Easter over, we have an opportunity to look back over the spring term, which was short but busy. The year 6 children took part in a series of climbing sessions at Kendal Climbing Wall with other schools from the Cartmel Consortium, thoroughly enjoying the sessions and improving their climbing skills no end.

Earlier in the term, Class 2 visited a Hindu Temple in Preston as part of their RE studies. The children learnt a great deal about the Hindu religion and benefited greatly from the first hand experience of visiting the temple and meeting people.

The whole school celebrated World Book Day on 6th March. The School Council organised the day: children were invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book, costumes included, Oliver Twist, the Fat Controller and Frodo. Even the teachers dressed up! Melanie from the Tinner's Rabbit Book Shop kindly came and talked to us about World Book Day and read extracts to the children.

Our Easter celebrations in the final week of term included an Easter Egg Hunt, organised by the oldest children and an Easter Service at St Anne's Church, Haverthwaite. The children were involved in planning and preparing the prayers, drama and songs for this service, which was well supported by families and friends. We are now looking forward to the summer term.

Ian Nicol.

In the weeks prior to the Rusland Spring Show held at Rusland Reading Room over the weekend of 15th/16th March, Mhari Elkington Crabtree, Hannah Fox and Susan King ran workshops to help children from Leven Valley School prepare entries for the Show. The children produced between them over 210 entries which created a fantastic display and helped make the Show a great success with a record number of visitors. *Giles.*



Rusland Church

There is a first time for everything but, Magic in a church? However, as an act of good faith towards our neighbours we have to tell you of an event to take place in June.

The **North West Society of Magicians** is holding an event in **Rusland Church on Saturday 28 June – “Magic for All Ages.”** The first wave of the wand will be at **2.30pm.**

Tickets (including tea) - Adults £5, Children (12 years and under) £1.50. Can be obtained from Nigel Buckley Tel: 01229 860 212 – Sue Brooke 860 250 – Elsie Wilkinson 860 253 – Giles Wingate-Saul 860 300 and Susan King 861 173.

To be fair, the event is in aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches and we are reliably informed that ‘Mudbloods’ will be welcome.



Out with the Fields of God

*The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the sea
Among the winds at play
Among the lowing of the herds
The rustling of the trees
Among the singing of the birds
The humming of the bees*

*The foolish fears of what might pass
I cast them all away
Among the clover scented grass
Among the new mown hay
Among the rustling of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die and good are
born
Out in the fields with God.*



Services & Rotas for May

4th	Seventh Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	BCP Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	1: 6-14	
	Second Reading	1 Peter	4:12-14, 5:6-11	
	Gospel	John	17: 1-11	
Readers:	Colton	S Smith	E Fleming	R
Henson				
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	S James	C Styles	E
Wemyss				
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& C Holden	
	Lowick	J Wood		
	Penny Bridge	S James	& N Lord	
11th	Day of Pentecost			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	2: 1-21	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	12:3b-13	
	Gospel	John	20:19-23	
Readers:		M Sanders	J Redhead	J Tarr
Sidespersons:		B Watson	& M Sanders	
	No service at Penny Bridge and Lowick			
18th	Trinity Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	40:12-17, 27-31	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	13:11-13	
	Gospel	Matthew	28:16-20	
Readers:	Colton	J Pickles	B Johnson	W Smith
	Lowick	M Bullock	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Long	J Lancaster	J Henson
Sidesmen:	Colton	C Holden	& S Dean	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
25th	First Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Leviticus	19:1-2, 9-18	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	3:10-11, 16-23	
	Gospel	Matthew	5:38-48	
Readers:	Colton	D Wroe	C Holden	M
Sanders				
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	S James	C Sadler	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& S Dean	
	Lowick	J Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	

DIARY DATES

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

- 1 May **Ascension Day**
 Philip & James, Apostles
- 4 May Crake Valley Outreach Walk, Tottlebank, 3.00pm.
- 6 May Mothers Union Service, St. Anne's, Haverthwaite, 2.00pm.
- 10 May British Legion Coffee Morning, Staveley Church Hall, 10.00am.
- 11 may **Pentecost, Whit Sunday**
- 14 May **Mathias, Apostle**
 Christian Aid Soup & Cheese Lunch, Rusland Reading Room, Noon – 2.00pm.
 Bouth W I, Bouth Village Hall, 7.15pm.
- 18 May **Trinity Sunday, Colton's Patronal Festival**
- 31 May **The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**



The Crake Valley Outreach Group

As a follow up to 'Walk Cumbria' there will be 'Prayer Walks' through the benefice on Sundays throughout the summer from 3.00 to 5.00pm. The next will be through Spark Bridge, Colton and Tottlebank starting at Tottlebank at 3.00pm.



If you are lucky with your delivery, some April dates.

The Ghyll Singers (Judy's Choir) are holding a Concert at **St. Mary's Catholic Church, Barrow, Friday 25 April, 7.30pm.** If in doubt phone Judy Tel: 588 684.



The final 'show' of this session for the Cinema Club. **Fish & Chip Quiz Night Saturday 26 April, Rusland 7.30pm.** Phone Carol Tel: 861507 to book in and give your order. You don't have to be a film-goer to come to the quiz!



*"The baby sardine saw her first submarine,
She was scared and watched through a peephole,
'Come come, come' said the sardine's mum,
It's only a tin full of people."*

Spike Milligan.

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