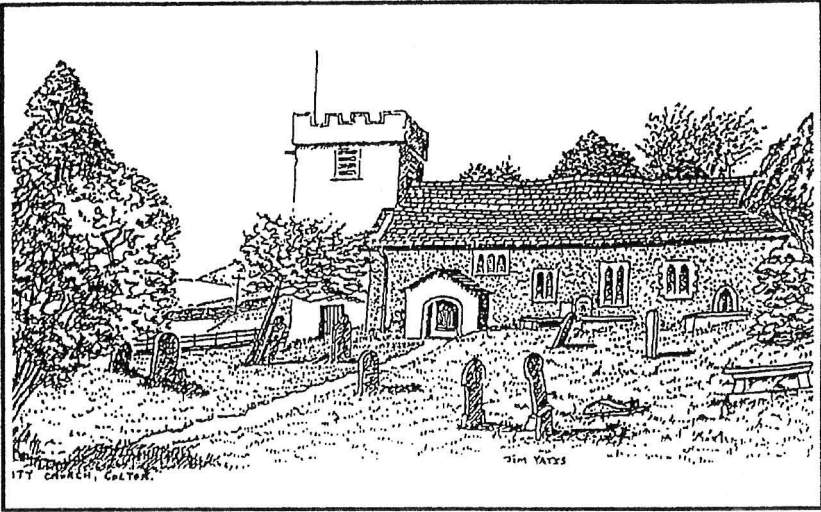




# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage  
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*Dear friends*

### **Take a Break**

*By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Genesis 2:2*

In the story of creation in Genesis God created for six days and then he rested on the seventh – he was at peace, calm and recharging his batteries – as if they needed recharging.

Rest, refreshment, peace, calm and holidays are important to all of us. It may be the seventh day – although this can feel as if it is a day of work. But we need more than a day – we need to take a break from routine and daily life. For many this would be a holiday but with the credit crunch and growing unemployment a lot of people are likely to miss out on a “proper holiday” this year. However, everyone needs to distance themselves from the normal routine. Perhaps this can be a local walk, or bicycle ride; a visit to a local attraction; or just time in the garden, or by the estuary.

As we move towards the holiday season I hope that many of you are able to enjoy a holiday away from work – a time of rest and refreshment. For some it will be an opportunity to visit new places, or to revisit favourite destinations. Others will be able to catch up on things around the house, or garden, which need doing and the change may be “as good as a rest!”

Lives today are busy and are filled with many activities as well as work so we need to be at peace, to be quiet, to stand back and to reflect.

Many people tell me how important it is that some churches are still left open during the day. It is important because they are places of calm, quiet and peacefulness. Unfortunately Lowick Church is kept locked but Colton and Penny Bridge are open. If you feel you need a quiet place to sit, drop in and experience the peace which the Lord offers in his house when we cross

through the porch. More importantly, that same peace can be found when we have a real knowledge of God's presence with us day by day.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus said, *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*

Peace, rest, and refreshment come from meeting with Jesus, knowing Jesus and walking with Jesus. A challenge, but one which brings fulfilment and a lifting of burdens. Try it!

*Yours sincerely*

*Gary*

Vicar.



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

It was a delight to see so many at our Family Morning Worship on Trinity Sunday, the Patronal Festival of our Church and also those who stayed for the celebrations in the Church Hall that followed.

It was also a pleasure to be able to pay tribute to long standing and hard working members of the Church; Peter Smith, who was a Churchwarden for many years and a member of the PCC for even more years and supported all that time by Wendy who has been responsible for decorating the Church with flowers and the Children in Need boxes.

And Bonzo Johnson who has also been a Churchwarden for more years that neither him nor anyone else can remember, who at the same time, has also been the Treasurer and looked after our money with an almost miserly fervour.

What is typical of these lovely people is that that they think of other people rather than themselves as the following is a perfect example.

*Wendy writes* "Peter and I would like to say a big thank you for the lovely gifts presented to us on Trinity Sunday. My beautiful flowers have taken pride of place in my lounge and Peter is already getting ideas of what he would like to buy with his Garden Token vouchers.

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have so many good friends at Colton Church and although old age may be creeping up on us, we hope, God willing, to be able to continue to serve our church and community.”

Many of you will know that Bonzo has also taken much trouble by writing notes of thanks to everybody who contributed to his gift. One can only presume, that based on past experience, he had little trust in this editor accurately portraying his wishes. How wise! Thank you both.

Our grateful thanks are also due to Susan King for organising the celebrations and to those who worked on the day and those who produced such delectable ‘eats.’ No doubt the same people!

Our little nudge last month has clearly paid dividends as the Church Yard is looking so much better having been cut and strimmed. One problem is that many graves are raised which makes it difficult for the grass to be maintained properly. It is quite in order, if you so wish, to flatten a grave for which you are responsible and anyone else’s as long as you have the family’s’ permission.

### **Ministry**

We hear that Joanna is enjoying her placement in the Cartmel team and is benefitting from the experience, which will end shortly, when in August, we will be able to give her a warm welcome back. During her absence yours truly has been privileged to take Morning Worship and I would like to thank Gary for trusting me and all of you for unstinted support and kind words. There is a note from Joanna on a later page.

### **The Fête**

The Garden Party draws closer and donations of tombola prizes and books would be gratefully appreciated! Tombola prizes can be left with Susan Lydon at Lees Cottage, Main Street, Greenodd, but please telephone first: **01229 861 511**. Books can be left at the church for John Tarr to deal with.

Cakes, scones and other edible goodies for both the teas and the cake stall would be most welcome on the morning of the fete at The Old Vicarage.

As previously mentioned the marquee will be erected on **Thursday 23 July** at approximately **6:30-7:00pm, Whitestock Hall**, for the able bodied amongst us!

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

We are hoping for a fine day! Any queries please contact Johnny Tarr Tel:  
**01229 586 174.**

*Donald.*



### FLOWER ROTA

5 July Mrs. Wendy Smith  
 12 July Mrs. Wendy Smith  
 19 July Mrs. Pauline Parkin  
 26 July Mrs. Pauline Parkin



### COFFEE

Mrs. Wendy Smith + Helpers



### MOTHERS UNION

Our Annual Outing in June was a visit to the Ruskin Museum in Coniston where ten of us enjoyed a leisurely look round followed by afternoon tea at the Blue Bell Café by the lake.

We do not hold meetings in July or August so our next gathering will be on **Tuesday 8 September, Colton Church Hall, 2:00pm** when Mrs. Brenda Cole will be speaking about Diocesan Deanery membership. *Wendy.*



## PARISH NEWS

There are many ways of irritating people but one of the best is to edit a Church magazine for not only does one occasionally get things wrong, but extracting information from people who clearly have better things to do is almost guaranteed to cause a sharp rise in their blood pressure. So apologies to all those who, over the last decade or so, have been badgered.

But if you really want to cause displeasure of nuclear proportions simply do not include the birth of a grandchild. The fact that the grandparents had little to do with the event and had casually failed to report it seems to have little relevance.

To set the record straight belated congratulations to ace flower arranger Pauline Parkin and husband Derek on the birth of granddaughter Sasha Naomi on 12 December 2008, to parents Jane & Symon Parkin. Also to the Revd. Joanna Henson and husband Bob, on the birth of their granddaughter Faye on 21 December 2008, to parents Danielle & Christopher Henson. Happy babysitting!

It is celebrations all the way as we congratulate Millie & George Young on achieving their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 6 June. And more congratulations, to our sweet nightingale Cathy Styles of this parish, although she worships at Penny Bridge, on her appointment as Headteacher of Croftlands Junior School.

It is a non-denominational school with 120 pupils and Cathy takes up her post in September. We wish her good luck and when she has time, which she will not have, she might take a look at their web site which currently tells you absolutely nothing. It is pretty though!

More good news in that Ruth Tinsley, daughter of Dr. the Revd. Derek and Hilary Tinsley married Simon Harrison at St. Paul's, Rusland on 20 June. Derek was the Vicar of our previous Benefice and retired about 15 years ago. Clearly still spritely as he not only gave the bride away but conducted the service. The only surprise is that he did not play the organ as well; for those of who do not know the good priest, he is a superb and talented organist. The happy couple will be spending their honeymoon in Norway.

Everyone this year seems to be taking activity holidays, skiing, walking, sailing although there are those less inclined to exercise who have been

enjoying the delight of narrow boats. One such is the retired mariner of Bouth (see previous issue) who for the first time in many years had to work at it instead of instructing others. There is, as yet, no comment from the Master and Commander.

If there any omissions don't moan, let us know and we will include in the next issue.

*Donald.*



## BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our Annual Outing this year was to the oldest Baptist Church in Lancashire, or what used to be Lancashire, Tottlebank, "the church beyond the sands" which was founded in 1669 although originally not as a Baptist Chapel.

It started life as a centre for organised dissent encompassing the ideas and principles of Cromwell during a period of repression and hardship for those who did not conform to the rites and practices of the Church of England. It took some 50 years to move gradually into the mainstream of Baptist life.

There were over thirty of us gathered in the charming Church Hall where the Revd. Phil Gomersall entertained us with history of the church and himself after which we spent some time in the equally charming Chapel. If the good reverend is ever out of a job he could make a good living as a stand up comedian.

Our grateful thanks Revd. Phil for the warm welcome and entertaining presentation.

We retired to the White Hart for a delightful meal, good food, good service and good company. A deserved thank you to Nigel and his staff.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8 July, 7:30pm.** when Mr. A Cooper will give a talk on the 'Work of the NSPCC'. *Donald, in the absence of anything from the W I.*



*"The three most important events of human life are equally devoid of reason: birth, marriage and death."*

Austin O'Malley

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

A brief report this month as there has not been a meeting since last month's newsletter:

We are very pleased to see that re-surfacing work has at last been carried out on large sections of the worst roads in our parish - Colton Hill and Finsthwaite to Backbarrow, in particular.

There is to be an 'Additional Parish Council' meeting on **Monday 6 July, 7:30 at Rusland Reading Rooms** specifically to address issues concerning our eight Unclassified Country Roads (or 'green lanes'), their maintenance and the poor behaviour of some off-road vehicle users. This is planned to be a forward-looking and constructive meeting to determine what can be done to improve the situation by the various parties involved.

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## LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

The School took part in a memorable concert, “Vivaldi’s Four Seasons for Children” in May, in a packed Rusland Church. The storyline was adapted by Julia Jones who also formed a volunteer choir, practising after school, which resulted in a delightful musical performance, and it was good to see three former pupils acting as narrators.

Thanks go to the children their parents and Headteacher for supporting Satterthwaite & Rusland churches, for whose benefit the performance was given.

The Annual Fair was a great success despite competing with the ‘Secret Gardens of Finsthwaite’. Balloon races, pony rides, games, livestock, craft activities, competitions, BBQ, dressing up and a scrumptious cake stall, which didn’t last long. A wonderful day blessed by wonderful weather. Thank you everyone.

*Susan King.*



*“It is astonishing how articulate one can become when alone and raving at the radio. Arguments and counter arguments, rhetoric and bombast flow from one’s lips like scurf from the hair of a bank manager.”*

Stephen Fry

## *A Message from Joanna*

It seems a long time since I left the benefice to go on my travels to the Cartmel peninsular and yet in only a few weeks I will be back with you all. (D.V.!) This is just a few lines to let you know about some of the things that I have been doing and the thoughts that I have had while I have been away.

One of the best things about the placement is that the clergy meet to celebrate the Eucharist every Tuesday morning at 7.30 in the Priory; I have found that that has really set me up for the week ahead in so many ways. I have also really enjoyed sharing worship with the Team's Priests and Readers. But the highlight possibly has to be leading the collective worship in the Priory School with Year 7. I am to be involved in their end of term retreat as well and feel very honoured that I have been made so welcome.

I have been round all the churches in the team and am very pleasantly surprised by the breadth of worship styles. Worship in the Priory is very different from the worship in Allithwaite – but they are both great places to be in the presence of God. On the other hand, I have to admit that I have found the Priory a bit intimidating and have made at the very least, one or two mistakes while leading Evening Prayer and presiding at the 8 a.m. Eucharist, through sheer nerves. Has the experience changed me? Well – yes of course it has – but more about that when I return. For now it is enough to say that the world is full of opportunities and we all have to decide what to do with them. See you soon!

*With love and prayers for you all,*

*Joanna*



## **Age Concern**

Age Concern, South Lakeland estimates that something like 5000 retired people in the district are entitled to **Pension Credit** but are not claiming it. The average amount unclaimed is £26 per week. Even higher numbers are missing out on **Council Tax Benefit**, losing an average of £624 per year. There are also others missing out on help with rent payments through **Housing Benefit**.

Do not be shy or proud and contact Age Concern on the free national helpline number; **0800 009966** or to speak to Age Concern South Lakeland Tel: **015397 728 180**.

## Services and Rotas for July

|                        |                                                 |                                 |                                  |             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 9</b>   |                                 |                                  |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                          | 9:30am                          | Communion                        |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                          | 10:30am                         | Morning Worship                  |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                    | 11:00am                         | Morning Worship (School Leavers) |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                   | 2 Samuel                        | 5:1-5, 9-10                      |             |
|                        | Second Reading                                  | 2 Corinthians                   | 12: 2-10                         |             |
|                        | Gospel                                          | Mark                            | 6: 1-13                          |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                          | H Brooks                        | E Fleming                        | D Wroe      |
|                        | Lowick                                          | W Keegan                        | & A Naylor                       |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                    | School                          |                                  |             |
| Sidesmen:              | Colton                                          | S King                          | & B Watson                       |             |
|                        | Lowick                                          | S Wood                          |                                  |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                    | School with R Long and P Ashton |                                  |             |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 10</b>   |                                 |                                  |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                    | 10:30am                         | Benefice Communion               |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                   | 2 Samuel                        | 6:1-5, 12b-19                    |             |
|                        | Second Reading                                  | Ephesians                       | 1: 3-14                          |             |
|                        | Gospel                                          | Mark                            | 6:14-29                          |             |
| Readers:               |                                                 | J Gregg                         | C Holden                         | D Lancaster |
| Sidesmen:              |                                                 | A Greatorex                     | & W Greatorex                    |             |
|                        | <b>No service at Lowick and Colton</b>          |                                 |                                  |             |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 11</b>   |                                 |                                  |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                          | 9:30am                          | Communion                        |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                          | 9:30am                          | Communion                        |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                    | 11:00am                         | Communion                        |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                   | 2 Samuel                        | 7: 1-14a                         |             |
|                        | Second Reading                                  | Ephesians                       | 2:11-22                          |             |
|                        | Gospel                                          | Mark                            | 6:30-34, 53-56                   |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                          | J Redhead                       | M Sanders                        | R Smith     |
|                        | Lowick                                          | M Bullock                       | & G Mitchell                     |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                    | R Atkinson                      | C Styles                         | G Wemyss    |
| Sidesmen:              | Colton                                          | S Dean                          | & C Holden                       |             |
|                        | Lowick                                          | A Wood                          |                                  |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                    | R Long                          | & D Lancaster                    |             |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity – Proper 12</b> |                                 |                                  |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                          | 9:30am                          | Methodist Service                |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                          | 9:30am                          | Communion                        |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                    | 11:00am                         | Communion                        |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                   | 2 Samuel                        | 11: 1-15                         |             |
|                        | Second Reading                                  | Ephesians                       | 3:14-21                          |             |
|                        | Gospel                                          | John                            | 6: 1-21                          |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                          | W Smith                         | R Tarr                           | I Pimie     |
|                        | Lowick                                          | G Jagar                         | & J Davis                        |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                    | C Sadler                        | J Lancaster                      | P Ashton    |
| Sidesmen:              | Colton                                          | M Sanders                       | & B Watson                       |             |
|                        | Lowick                                          | G Mitchell                      |                                  |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                    | C Line                          | & E Line                         |             |

## DIARY DATES

**\*A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30am as does the second Sunday whilst the third and fourth are at 9.30am.**

3 July **Thomas the Apostle**

6 July Colton Parish Council Extra Meeting, Rusland Reading Room, 7:30pm.

8 July Bouth W I, Village hall, 7:30pm.

22 July **Mary Magdalene**

24 July Erecting Marquee for Fête, Whitestock Hall, 6:30pm.

25 July **James the Apostle**

GARDEN FÊTE – OLD VICARAGE – 2:00pm.



Recently Jean Sly celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup>. birthday and as a small tribute here is one of her poems.

### In Colton Church Yard

Visit this place  
Upon a summer afternoon  
And feel the quiet  
Of the hallowed space.

And look up high  
Where planes that pass  
Draw faint chalk lines  
Across the sky.

Hear the thrush sing  
Up in the highest tree  
And the soft breeze  
Refreshing everything.

The swallow and the small blue tit,  
The unseen mouse that creeps  
Are God's creation  
Cherish it!



And always remember

*That life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away.*

George Carlin.

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