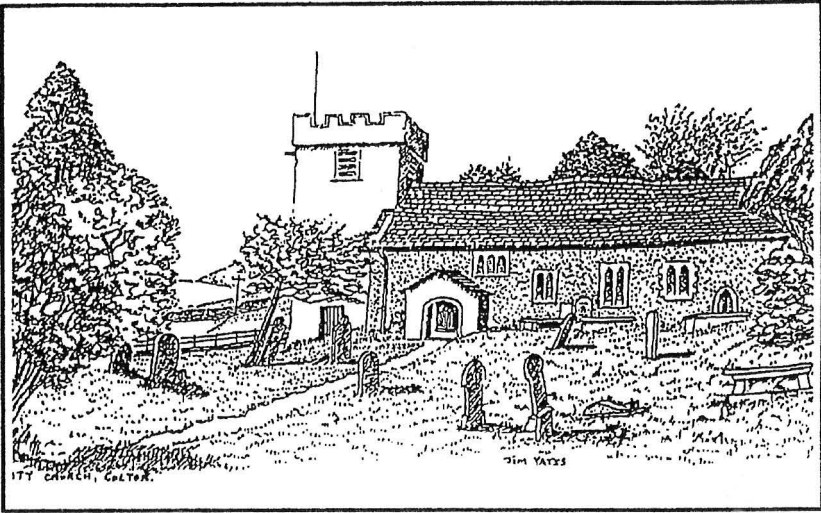




# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear friends*

Well – here we all go again – another Christmas looms and the number of shopping days available to us is inexorably falling even as I write and you read. In the inimitable words of Corporal Jones “Don’t panic!”

As we see parents busy planning Christmas for a younger generation, this time of year brings back to us all many kinds of memories, some of them may be happy, while for some of us sad and difficult thoughts come flooding, unbidden, back into our minds; because Christmas is not always what it is cracked up to be. We know that it is one of the most stressful events in the year; yet shouldn’t we be asking why? What is it about Christmas that makes it so hard to handle?

Is it the financial pressure?

- Is it the number of visitors who were welcome on day 1 but end up invading our personal space by day 4?
- Is it the indigestibility of too much unfamiliar food?
- Is it the loneliness?
- Is it the enforced idleness?

Mostly, you know, I think it may be the sadness of unfulfilled dreams that gets us down in the end. We have such high hopes, not least fuelled by women’s magazines that we try too hard to make everything perfect and consequently fail. I know that my Mum never managed to cook the turkey to my Dad’s satisfaction so there was always trouble when we sat down to eat!

Could we just for once, try to put all these ambitions to one side, and remember that we are actually celebrating a birthday, a very special birthday. **The birthday of Jesus.**

If we can just keep that in our minds as we celebrate maybe everything will be a little less fraught and we will manage to retain a sense of perspective on the whole occasion.

Being part of a Christian Christmas can make all the difference. After all, without Christ there would be no Christ-mass. Do, please, come to church on one of the days of the holiday– we have services to suit all tastes – and all of them will be enjoyable in their own way – the familiarity of the Carol Services, the fun of the Christmas Eve Crib service, the mystery of the Midnight Communion or the homely welcome of the Christmas Day Communion, they are all different but share the common thread of gathering us together as Christ’s children to celebrate his birth.

I hope to see you there!

*With love and prayers from your sister in Christ*

*Joanna*



## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Sunday 19 December – Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm.**

**Friday 24 December – Posada, Crib Service, Colton, 3:00pm.**

**Friday 24 December – Holy Communion. Lowick, 11:30pm.**

**Christmas, 25 December – Family Communion, Penny Bridge,  
10:30am.**

**Sunday 26 December – Family Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**



**Posada** – Las Posadas is a nine day celebration with origins in Spain and symbolizes the trials Mary & Joseph endured before finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born.

Typically, families in the community will take in a Nativity Scene for a night, acting as innkeepers, and will invite friends and neighbours to pay homage. The final inn is the church on Christmas Eve where a Crib Service will be held.



## COLTON CHRONICLES

Last month was supposed to be a celebration of 15 years hard toil and erudite prose, instead it was an unmitigated disaster bringing forthright and unflattering comments from all corners of the parish, and beyond; at least, it proved it was read.

Apologies, especially to Leven Valley School, for the eccentricities that appeared; the reasons are unclear but the aberrations of Microsoft Explorer and a touch of carelessness by this editor did play more than a minor part. We also say sorry to our young bell ringer, Jake Waller, for putting a k where the second l should have been; the explanation here is simpler: it is a constant problem, reading other persons' writing.

**Christmas:** The decoration of the Church for Christmas, this year, will be on **SATURDAY 18 December, 10:00am**. Manly help is particularly needed as is holly and other floral decorations. Mistletoe, however, might not be deemed appropriate, after all it is pagan.

£\* - Nothing that is good is free and so the cost of the Colton Parish News for 2011 is very reasonable, £6. Please give to your distributor, sooner rather than later.

*Donald.*



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Sad to relate our dear Bonzo has not been too well of late and had to endure an enforced visit to hospital but is now home. As he recovers he has been instructed to take some exercise and this is worrying his friends as Bonzo and exercise is not a natural coalition.

Confirmation of the details of Sue and Ken Deans' new grandson, Oscar Dean Wilock, born, 26 September, brother for Molly and son for proud parents Jane & John. Congratulations and a reminder of Birth Notice in a national newspaper – *Mother and baby doing well. Father drunk.*

For what at first, appears to be inexplicable, men throughout the world have been growing or attempting to grow moustaches. Apparently it is yet another dreadful American practice that has polluted our culture but it has a good end cause. Last year tonsorial growth worldwide raised £25 million to research charities; originally to raise the awareness of prostate cancer.

Perceived wisdom is that whilst a beard can sometimes add something to a man, a moustache can only detract.

**Bouth Village Hall** as always needs funds and to this end there will be an unserious **Quiz Night, Wednesday, 15 December, 7:30pm**. Bring your own booze!!! **£1.50 each** and donations of raffle prizes gratefully received by Penny or even Allan Lovegrove. *Donald.*



### **Colton and Leven Valley Mothers Union**

There is a meeting on **Tuesday 30 November** at **Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2:00pm**. After a short business meeting and service, at **2:30pm** there will be carols and guests are coming from Ulverston to help with the singing and music. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

On **Tuesday 7 December** it is the Deanery Advent Service starting at **2:00pm** at **Flookburgh**. *Edwina.*



### **BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE**

The Annual Meeting is perhaps best described a status quo but this year there have been some changes. The officers for the coming year are:-

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| President         | Elspeth Cooper  |
| Vice President    | Jane Chaloner   |
| Sick Visitor      | Kay Croasdale   |
| Secretary         | Susan Smith     |
| Vice Secretary    | Alison Whytell  |
| Treasurer         | Peggy Mather    |
| Vice Treasurer    | Linda Perkins   |
| Program Secretary | Sylvia Chadwick |
| Press Officer     | Penny Lovegrove |

A donation has been presented to the Federation Memorial Bursary Fund in memory of two of our well loved members, Hilary Brooks and Christine Holden.

The meeting heard a full review of the past year's with its joys and sadness's, one of which is our fragile financial state; this means that we will need to hold a fund raising event in 2011, so watch this space. President Elspeth was delighted to be presented with the Rose Bowl for the second year running for accumulating the most points in the monthly competition.

The 'Bouth Belles Quiz Team' gave an excellent account of themselves at the 'Coot' in early November and although not winning thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The 'Bouth Belles Troupe' is working hard in rehearsal for its acclaimed Christmas production which promises to be a show to end all shows. Our thanks are due to the tireless work of Debbie Perry and Judy Redhead, writers, producers and directors, especially the latter.

**Christmas Party:** This year it will be held on **Wednesday 8 December, 7:15pm**. Regrettably our funds are low, so we need to charge our guests **£7.50**: please note that the meal will be served **promptly** at **7:30**.

\* Guests will have their invitations by now and need to accept, **together** with the £7.50, at the latest, by **Wednesday, 1 December**.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 January, 7:15pm**. This will be an open meeting, meaning the men in the village will be receiving their orders; the subject 'Swallows and Amazons'.

*Penny.*



## **BOUTH VILLAGE GREEN PLAYGROUND**

At long last and after much debate and several changes of plan the work on the safety surface in Bouth Village Green playground is now finished.

One piece of climbing apparatus has been re sited away from the tree in the corner of the playground which was causing damage to the safety surface.

A drain has been laid to remove the surface water and the whole of the safety surface has been replaced.

I would like to thank all those who have helped raise the money for this project also the Parish council and the Neighbourhood Forum for their generosity.

*John Osborne.*

## LEVEN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school year began with a fully developed quadrangle providing outdoor provision for Early Years pupils and for other pupils to support specific curriculum areas. It has been a delight to visit school and see what pleasure pupils are deriving from it and how it is supporting curriculum work.

The next development for the school building is to continue to provide improved facilities in the dining room through installing a separate kitchenette and a new link corridor between the main school building and the dining room. This will benefit the children, the Parent and Toddler Group and also community groups who wish to use the facilities. Governors, staff and children are very grateful to the Parish Council for providing a grant which will be used to upgrade furniture and make it a more comfortable place for adults and children.

Leven Valley School was built in 1929 as a temporary building so it is wonderful to see the difference these developments have made, not only from becoming a safer environment in which to work but also in providing such a welcoming reception area to school and improved provision for the children.

Pupils have been busy with ordinary school work and special events. A Remembrance Day service was held in the school hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Class 1 visited a local theatre to see a performance of "The Stick Man" which was enjoyed by everyone. Year 6 have sent out a questionnaire designed to gauge interest in an Enterprise Project which they would like to run as part of their curriculum work. Work has also begun on Christmas performances.

If anyone is offered Morrison's "Let's Grow" vouchers these would be gratefully received by the school.

The school's PTA has worked very hard over the last year raising over £2000 for school, this was spent on: the quadrangle, Tudor Day workshop, blinds for classrooms, karate after school sessions and other activities and equipment. A big thanks goes to them for all their hard work. In such a small school as ours all this funding is vital to the running of the school. Thank you to everyone who has contributed either in funding or time.

*Sue Sanderson*



## CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

Mr Ward led an excellent WW1 visit to Belgium. 51 **students from Y10 and Y11 (over a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of KS4) took** part. The visit included time in Ypres with visits to St George's Church, The Flanders Field Museum and the Menin Gate (plus the chocolate shop). The students also visited the battlefield areas of Hill 62 Sanctuary Wood (the Ypres salient), Beaumont Hamel (the Somme) and the memorial and allied trenches at Vimy Ridge (part of the battle of Arras). Students also visited a number of commonwealth war cemeteries including Tyne Cot (the largest) and Essex Farm (where John McCrae worked in a field hospital). The last night students laid a wreath at the Menin Gate after hearing the last post.

After half term the school was involved in the WW2 week arranged by Grange Library through extended services. There were displays put up around school and on the screens, the school library also had a display and promoted books based around WW2. Angela and Frank (WW2 specialists) led a whole school assembly on WW2 and its effect on our community and individuals. 8.3 history visited Grange Library as part of the project and eight Y9 pupils were taught 1940s dances which they performed in Grange Library on Friday as part of the community coffee morning.

*Paul.*



## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We have another vacancy for a Councillor, this time in East Ward, following the retirement of Councillor John Taylor from Finsthwaite. We are very grateful to John for his hard work during his 18 months in office, particularly in connection with green energy initiatives. If you are interested in joining the Council and helping to achieve some of our plans for green energy and other ideas for 'Colton 2020' please contact the Clerk.

We are delighted to learn that Cumbria County Council has agreed to provide all 8 requested new grit bins, plus an additional 2 from funds allocated by the new High Furness Local Area Partnership of which we are a member. We hope to see these new bins in place at the locations we specified very soon, hopefully containing some grit!

We are not so delighted to learn that Bouthrey Bridge will not be repaired until next spring, since the Environment Agency 'window' for allowing

building work has now closed for the winter. This bridge is reportedly the only one in Cumbria that has not been repaired, one year on from the damaging floods in 2009. The Council has written a letter of complaint to the CCC Chief Executive asking why repair work has not begun and requesting that a temporary footbridge be constructed, strong enough to carry farm stock.

At its meeting in October, the Council approved its budget for 2011/2012. Savings made this year will enable us to fulfil our planned projects, including completing the Community Plan, without any increase in the precept next year.

The next Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 6 December Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm**. All welcome, as ever.

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### OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our next film, '*An Education*' will be shown on **Tuesday 7 December, 7:30pm at Rusland Reading Rooms**.

In the New Year on **15 January** we will be showing '*Kiki's Delivery Service*' at **4:00pm** and '*Frozen River*' at **7:30pm** both at **Rusland Reading Rooms**.

Also on **1 February**, '*The Secret in Their Eyes*' **7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms**.



### ULVERSTON CHORAL SOCIETY

The Society will be 'Singing Joyfully' on **Friday 17 December, 7:30pm, Ulverston Parish Church**. Tickets are £8 available at the door or from Mrs. J Wood Tel: 01229 861 372



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

At the back of our church there is a Book of Remembrance which records the names of loved ones who have departed this world. If you would like a name to be included just contact one of the Churchwardens. See front cover.

## Services and Rotas for December

|                        |                                             |              |                                   |           |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</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                   |           |
| Readings:              | First Reading                               | Isaiah       | 11: 1-10                          |           |
|                        | Second Reading                              | Romans       | 15: 4-13                          |           |
|                        | Gospel                                      | Matthew      | 3: 1-12                           |           |
| Readers:               | Colton                                      | R Smith      | S Lydon                           | M Sanders |
|                        | Lowick                                      | A Naylor     | & W Keegan                        |           |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                | E Wemyss     | C Styles                          | C Sadler  |
| Sidesmen:              | Colton                                      | TBA          |                                   |           |
|                        | Lowick                                      | S Wood       |                                   |           |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                | W Greateorex | & A Greateorex                    |           |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>               |              |                                   |           |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                | 10:30am      | Benefice Eucharist                |           |
| Readings:              | First Reading                               | Isaiah       | 35: 1-10                          |           |
|                        | Second Reading                              | James        | 5: 7-10                           |           |
|                        | Gospel                                      | Matthew      | 11: 2-11                          |           |
| Readers                |                                             | M Calvert    | J Tarr                            | G Wemyss  |
| Sidesmen               |                                             | C Line       | & E Line                          |           |
|                        | <b>No service at Lowick and Colton</b>      |              |                                   |           |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>              |              |                                   |           |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                | 11:00am      | Communion                         |           |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                      | 3:00pm       | Carol Service                     |           |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                      | 3:00pm       | Carol Service                     |           |
| Readings:              | First Reading                               | Isaiah       | 7:10-16                           |           |
|                        | Second Reading                              | Romans       | 1: 1-7                            |           |
|                        | Gospel                                      | Matthew      | 1:18-25                           |           |
| Readers:               | Colton                                      | TBA          |                                   |           |
|                        | Lowick                                      | TBA          |                                   |           |
| Sidesmen:              | Colton                                      | TBA          |                                   |           |
|                        | Lowick                                      | A Wood       |                                   |           |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                | R Long       | & T Long                          |           |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Christmas Eve</b>                        |              |                                   |           |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                      | 3:00pm       | Posada with Carols                |           |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                      | 11:30pm      | First Communion of Christmas      |           |
| Readings:              | First Reading                               | Isaiah       | 52: 7-10                          |           |
|                        | Second Reading                              | Hebrews      | 1: 1-4                            |           |
|                        | Gospel                                      | John         | 1: 1-14                           |           |
| Readers                | Lowick                                      | J Henson     | A Naylor                          | G Wemyss  |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Christmas Day</b>                        |              |                                   |           |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                | 10:30am      | Family Communion on Christmas Day |           |
| Readings:              | First Reading                               | Isaiah       | 9: 2-7                            |           |
|                        | Second Reading                              | Titus        | 2:11-14                           |           |
|                        | Gospel                                      | Luke         | 2: 1-14                           |           |
| Readers                |                                             | D Wroe       | J Lancaster                       | G Wemyss  |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>St Stephen</b>                           |              |                                   |           |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                      | 10:30am      | Benefice Eucharist                |           |
| Readings:              | First Reading                               | Acts         | 7:51-end                          |           |
|                        | Second Reading                              | Galatians    | 2:16b-20                          |           |
|                        | Gospel                                      | Matthew      | 10:17-22                          |           |
| Readers                |                                             | B Watson     | J Gregg                           | D Gregg   |
|                        | <b>No service at Penny Bridge or Colton</b> |              |                                   |           |

**Please note the service times and places are different from usual.**

## DIARY DATES

2010

- 5 December **Family Morning Worship, Colton, 10:30am.**
- 6 December Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
- 7 December Cinema Club, Film, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
- 8 December Bouth W I, Christmas Party, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 12 December **Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 15 December Bouth Village Hall, Quiz Night, 7:30pm.
- 17 December Ulverston Choral Society, Concert, Ulverston Parish Church, 7:30pm.
- 18 December **Decorating the Church for Christmas, 10:00am.**
- 19 December **Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm.**
- 24 December **Crib Service, Colton, 3:00pm**  
**Midnight Communion, Penny Bridge, 11:30pm.**
- 25 December Christmas Day, Family Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 26 December **St. Stephen, Family Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**
- 27 December **John, the Apostle.**
- 28 December **Holy Innocents.**

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- 2 January **Family Morning Worship, Colton, 10:30am.**
- 6 January **Epiphany & Twelfth Night**
- 10 January Parish Council Meeting,, Water Yeat Hall, 7:30pm.
- 12 January Bouth W I Open Meeting, 7:15pm
- 15 January Cinema Club, Films, Rusland Reading Rooms, 4:00 & 7:30pm.



### **A reminder of last December:**

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind may moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow has fallen, snow on snow  
Snow on snow  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

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