



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

New Life in Christ

I always enjoy this time of the year and, without wanting to repeat words from this article last year, we have the joy of seeing new life, in the lambs and other young animals and birds, and renewal of old life dormant for the autumn and winter, in the plants and flowers and trees. Add to that the lighter mornings and evenings and life just gets brighter, or does it?

For many the answer will be yes but for others there will be a journey of darkness as they face trying and difficult times ahead.

Christians are not exempt from having to face difficulties and problems in life but if their faith is centred on a walk with Jesus then they face those problems with one who suffered death for others and who is able to share in the lives of those who believe in him.

This year, through the month of March, the readings in church make the journey towards the crucifixion; towards the painful death he suffered; towards the resurrection and the knowledge that we might have new life in Christ.

It is not just a promise for now. Recently in Bible readings at various events and in my own study I am being drawn to the fact that those who believe in Jesus will know eternal life, or everlasting life. *This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; John 6:40*

If we believe in Jesus and open our hearts to God's Holy Spirit we will be renewed each and every day. We will know and feel God's presence with us and our journey through life, whatever it brings, will not be faced alone. Even the journey to dying and death itself has a promise of everlasting life.

Through *Walk Cumbria* and the *Bishops Mission to the Deaneries* the church in Cumbria has tried to give openings to those outside, or on the fringe of the church to explore their faith and indirectly this promise of renewal. Some

people feel it is not “their way”, others may feel too embarrassed to take this approach and if that is you and you want to explore gently and quietly then contact one of the clergy listed in this magazine. There will be no pressure, no compulsion and no cost – unless you decide to take up the challenge of following Jesus.

This is the greatest offer that you will see anywhere this year because *all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life.*

Frank Inman – new life in Christ

Many will have heard with sadness about the recent death of Frank Inman.

Frank was one of the first people that Elizabeth and I met when we came to look at the benefice in 1990. At once his open happiness and joy of living came through as we sat and chatted together about the challenge here.

The other feature that showed clearly was his love of St Luke’s Church in Lowick. That love has shone through in his caring for the building, in doing as many jobs that he could himself and getting others to do those that he was unable to do.

His faithfulness brought him to study groups and study days not only in the benefice but also in the deanery and diocese. It enabled him to lead worship and the intercessions and to be recommended as one with permission to distribute the bread and wine at communion.

In the church he was the Lay Chairman of Lowick Parochial Council, has been a Deanery Synod representative for Lowick for all of the time I have been here and more, served on the Archdeaconry Pastoral Committee, the Archdeaconry Parsonages Board, the Diocesan Synod and the Diocesan Board of Finance. All of these he has served faithfully and to the best of his ability.

Frank has also been a friend and one who has encouraged my ministry during the time I have been here. You always knew where he was – no one else had a three wheeler quite like his – and of course Ivy was always by his side in so many places and on so many occasions.

Through his belief and faith Frank is one of those who will inherit the gift of eternal life. May he be at peace.

Rev'd Canon Gary Wemyss

Not quite yet although the Church Commissioners and Diocese seem to think so.

It has been an honour to be recognised by the Bishop and Dean in their offer to make me an honorary canon of Carlisle Cathedral but what does this mean?

Some have asked how much more extra work this will involve. The basic answer is one day a year – the day after Ascension Day.

The service of Collation and Installation at the Cathedral is on March 16th at 3:00pm and anyone is welcome to attend. The number attending is required by the Cathedral and I would ask people to sign the notice at the back of church if you are hoping to attend. If you cannot get to sign please telephone the Vicarage and let me know.

Finally, I write to report that the vacancy at Pennington, Lindal and Bardsea linked to the Deanery Youth Officer post is now filled. This means that from having some responsibility for five other churches than my own in September I will just have the three in our benefice from July. My thanks to all who have helped in the parishes whilst I have had extra deanery responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

The Church of England seems to have an obsession with 'Courses' usually attended by the more devoted of us. This Lent the emphasis has been on 'Generosity and Giving' although with little recognition, for example, of the wonderful work done by the members of our small congregation in Colton, where generosity & giving is the norm.

It is a sad fact of life that in the Anglican Church when the sordid subject of money is raised Christianity melts into the background. For many years our financial contribution to the Diocese, mainly to fund the provision

of stipendiary priests, has been by formulae, despite the fact that nobody really understood how it worked. A new system is now being put in place whereas, depending on the number of paid priests, a sum following inter-deanery negotiations, will be levied on each deanery. In turn the deanery will ask for a contribution from each benefice which in turn will ask each parish.

It is all voluntary, except if you do not pay up, you are likely to lose your priest; the foundation of this scheme is that the 'better off parishes' are expected to be more generous than the poorer. It is not seen and is not meant to be a direct subsidy to the poorer deaneries, benefices or parishes.

Superficially it is a very Christian scheme and has, apparently worked elsewhere but one wonders whether individual parishes will see it that way.

Whilst on the subject of money new **Contribution Envelopes** will be provided, as usual, before **1 April**. Any additional person requiring envelopes should let Gordon Pickles know at any time; many parishioners find this a way of remembering to make a weekly contribution. You can also arrange to be generous with a Direct Debit.

Contact: G Pickles, Gift Aid Secretary, Bouth House, Tel: 01229 861 159 or email gordon@bouth.fsnet.co.uk

Barbara Watson writes "First I must apologise for not thanking people for their good wishes and kindnesses when I was commissioned last October. My remit will be a Pastoral role with Bereavement which encompasses not just death but losing a job, being disabled or just plain lonely and need somebody to talk to.

I feel that there is a great need in the benefice for this ministry and I believe that this what I am called to do; I hope that you will be able to get in touch. Tel:01229 861 638.

God Bless you all."

Barbara.

††† Easter. The church will be decorated for Easter on **Saturday 22 March, 10.00am.** onwards.

Donald.



"If women didn't exist, all the money in the world would have no meaning."

Aristotle Onassis.

COFFEE

2 March Mrs Margaret Sanders + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

The last meeting was too close to publication date and will be included in next month's magazine.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 March, 2.00pm, Rusland Reading Room.**

**Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 7 March, 2.00pm.
Haverthwaite Parish Church.**

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

Warmest congratulations to Nicola and Mark Maddox, of Bouth, on the birth of baby James Arthur (Jamie) in late January. All three are doing well. At the other end of the scale we extend our best wishes to Birkett Cooper who notched up 90 years on 2 February; Birkett is remarkable as he has a broad range of knowledge and a formidable memory, which allows him to quote widely on complicated technical matters to poetry. He has a fault however, in that he is well informed on matters of punctuation and mischievously likes to point out errors in this distinguished journal.

Best wishes too, to Cynthia Burns on her 88th.? Birthday on 1 February. Cynthia is now in Staveley House, Dalton and would welcome visitors. We wish her every contentment and comfort.

A very warm welcome to Maureen and David, who have moved into the Bungalow, Burn Knott, home of the late Miles Newton. It is a wonderful parish and we hope you will settle down and be happy with us.

We are a little bereft of bodies at the moment, for Christine Holden, Debbie Perry and Hilary and Noel Brooks are soaking up the sun and atmosphere in Australia.

Judy sends her thanks to everyone who gave donations to Cancer Research on the occasion of her 60th. Birthday and party. The magnificent sum of £505 was raised. Thank you Judy, it was 'a reet good do'.

Your Local Post Office

There is concern that our Post Office at Greenodd might be in danger from closure and the Parish Council is aware of the situation and is actively supporting this vital community service, but it needs your support. A little like the church – use it or lose it.

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



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

By now Colton residents should have received the Parish Council Winter 07/08 Newsletter and accompanying short questionnaire asking for views on priority issues. Many thanks to those who have already responded – keep them coming in! You can also access the newsletter and download the questionnaire from the website (details below).

In May, Colton Parish Council will be holding elections and we are aware that some Councillors may not be standing for re-election. If you are over 18 and would like to play your part in the local community, you might like to think about becoming a Councillor. Contact the Clerk for details.

We are awaiting a decision on the continuation of the popular Lengthsman Scheme – watch this space.

The next meeting is a Parish Open Meeting on **Thursday 27 March 7.30pm. Rusland Reading Room.**

Clerk: Mandy Lane – Tel: 861408, email coltonpc@btinternet.com, web www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



“If it is not true, it is a happy invention” Anon.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The Forum is a chance to meet local councillors, to have an opportunity to express your views and to hear presentations on local matters of interest.

The meetings are held in halls in and around Ulverston and the last one was held in St. Mary's School, Ulverston where the main topic was 'Compassion in World farming'. For information Tel: 01730 264 208 or their website www.ciwf.org.

There was also an update on the County Square Improvement Scheme which would be quite funny if it were not serious. The preferred option, following public consultation, was found to be unworkable. One might ask why it was put forward in the first place?

So, it is back to the drawing board and a new scheme will be on show in the summer but there is not even a hint as to when work might take place.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 11 March, 7.30pm. Leven Valley School.**

Loosely put together from a Cumbria County Council Newsletter.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The speaker at our February meeting was the indomitable Ronnie Mein whose deep love and knowledge of local history shines forth like the brightest sun. His fascinating talk had one fault- it finished !

Ronnie spoke entertainingly and with great humour about the history of Bouth, starting at the Ice Age (10,000 years ago doesn't seem that long), and working through the Middle Ages until almost the present day. How many people realise that there used to be a fairly large tarn in the middle of Bouth. (ed. There are those who wish it were still there.)

The Furness Reading aloud Competition is to be held on 31 March and our entrants are once again the redoubtable (and loud?) Cathy Styles and Penny Lovegrove, who has promised not to wave her arms about this year. Even if they do not win one thing is certain, that those at the back will be able to hear quite clearly.

As mentioned last month our ever popular 'Spring Walk & Cream Tea' is now back on the agenda and will be held on Saturday 19 April starting at

1.00pm. from the Village Hall. The price is £4 for all with children under school age (whatever that is these days) free. Everyone is welcome and there will be walks for all fitness levels and booking is not necessary but please, dogs on leads and children under control (or possibly the other way round!)

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 March 7.15pm. Village Hall**, when the speaker will be Mrs. I Cooper and her subject, 'Knitting'. Now there is a surprise as is the Competition – 'A Knitted Item'. Penny.



SCHOOL NEWS

Regrettably there is no news this month from either school, most probably because the request for information coincided with half term.



CINEMA CLUB

Our Book & Film event at the 'Coro' in conjunction with the Wordmarket Festival attracted over 70 and on this basis it looks as though it might become an annual event. Let us know if you think of a good book/film link.

The Leven Valley School Film Club has started again – watch out for the results of these young film makers.

Showing on **Tuesday 4 March, 7.30pm. Finsthwaite Village Hall** – '*Amazing Grace*' together with Tim Fleming's innovative work, '*Slavelabel*'



Annual Parochial Church Meetings

These take place after the Eucharist Service during Holy Week as below:

Monday 17th March

Lowick Church

Tuesday 18th March

Colton Church

Wednesday 19th March

Egton-cum-Newland Church

Notices for nominations for election, etc. will be in the appropriate churches at least two Sundays and fourteen days before the meetings.



Services and Rotas for March

2nd	Mothering Sunday				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship		
Readings:	First Reading	Exodus	2:	1-10	
	Second Reading	Colossians	3:12-17		
	Gospel	Luke	2:33-35		
Readers:	Colton	E Fleming	S Smith	M Sanders	
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor		
	Penny Bridge	School			
Sidespersons:	Colton	S King	& M Sanders		
	Lowick	E Phizacklea			
	Penny Bridge	School			
9th	Fifth Sunday of Lent				
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Benefice Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Ezekiel	37:	1-14	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:	6-11	
	Gospel	John	11:	1-45	
Readers:		C Holden	W Smith	J Henson	
Sidespersons:		TBA			
	No service at Lowick and Penny Bridge				
16th	Palm Sunday				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	50:	4-9a	
	Second Reading	Philippians	2:	5-11	
	Gospel	Matthew	21:	1-11	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	C Holden	R Smith	
	Lowick	M Bullock	& G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	S James	C Dykes	J Lancaster	
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	A Wood			
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex		
17th	Monday in Holy Week		7:30pm	Communion at Lowick	
18th	Tuesday in Holy Week		7:30pm	Communion at Colton	
19th	Wednesday in Holy Week		7:30pm	Communion at Penny Bridge	
20th	Maundy Thursday		7:30pm	Communion at Lowick	
21st	Good Friday		10:30am	Service at Colton	
23rd	Easter Day				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Anglican & Methodist Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	10:34-43		
	Second Reading	Colossians	3:	1-4	
	Gospel	Matthew	28:	1-10	

Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	B Johnson	B Watson
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	R Long	D Lancaster
	Colton	TBA		
Sidespersons:	Lowick	J Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
30 th	Second Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am Ecumenical Methodist Service		
	No service at Colton or Penny Bridge			

DIARY DATES

- 1 March **St. David**
Ulverston Choral Society – Victoria Hall, Broughton -7.30pm
- 2 March Mothering Sunday
- 4 March Cinema Club - Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- 7 March Womens World Day of Prayer – Haverthwaite – 2.00pm.
- 11 March M U – Rusland Reading Room – 2.00pm
Neighbourhood Forum – Leven Valley School – 7.30pm.
- 12 March Bouth W I – Village Hall- 7.15pm.
- 18 March APCM - 7.30pm. after Holy Communion
- 21 March **Good Friday**
- 22 March Decorating the Church – 10.00am. onwards.
- 27 March Benefice PCC – Penny Bridge School – 7.30pm
Parish Council – Rusland Reading Room – 7.30pm.
- 30 March Summertime – Clocks forward 1 hour – 1 hour less in bed!



Notice

The Ulverston Choral Society are holding their Spring Concert on **Saturday 1 March, 7.30pm. Victoria Hall, Broughton.** Edward German's 'Merrie England' and selected Opera choruses. £6 at the door or
The contact 01229 829 939.



“The nature of God is a circle of which the centre is everywhere and the circumference is nowhere.”

Anon.