



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Dark November Days

A great deal of change takes place towards the end of October and November. The daylight hours grow shorter and the temperatures drop. This causes some people to feel a little “down in the dumps” and the routine daily work can become more of a chore to be worked through reluctantly.

Within the church community there is a lot going on to bring, in most cases, renewed brightness and light to what for many seems a dark world.

There is very little that brings more pain and suffering into a family than the death of a loved one. Their memory remains with us and with prayer we can work through that pain to be able to rejoice and celebrate their life and all that they meant to us. As a community we will be holding a special service in **Penny Bridge Church on Friday 31 October at 6:30pm**. I pray that we can gather together both the pain and the celebration of those we love but see no longer.

On the **9 November there is Remembrance Sunday** with some form of worship in all parts of the benefice. On a personal note I read with sadness of those who campaign for the abolition of the day from the calendar. Whilst understanding their opposition to all things connected with war I believe that the day reminds us of the human sacrifice made by people of many nations, often forced to fight, who lost their lives. This is a day we can remember them and indirectly the futility of war but the necessity to fight against evil.

On the same day (**9 November**) in the evening at **7:30pm** there is a concert in **Penny Bridge Church by the Allegri Singers**. As Cathy Styles, Jane Thedham, Elizabeth and I are in the small group of 20ish (Ed. Numbers not age) singers it is a conflict of interest to promote the evening but I will

do so. It may not be your “cup of tea” but I think you will enjoy it as a one off.

On Saturday 22 November the churches of Colton, Lowick and Penny Bridge are holding a Coffee Morning in Greenodd Village Hall (9:30 – 11:30am) to raise part of our contribution to the Church Urban Fund. I hope you will see this as an opportunity to help raise money for a good cause and also to share fellowship within the benefice communities.

Then at the end of the month we begin a new year in the church with **Advent Sunday**.

Some may feel we are approaching a time of darkness both physically and in the financial situation in the world but in Christ we have one who is described as the *Light of the World*. If we journey with him we journey in light and the darkness is dispelled.

His light will shine before us as we go about our lives and, if allowed into our lives, he will transform the mundane and routine into a new and valued feeling.

May the Light of Christ be your guide this winter and forever.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

The members of the PCC have been hard at work, of late, with working groups beavering away to ensure the future of our church, particularly to ensure that Colton Church has a future. To find forms of worship acceptable to all; this probably is an impossible task.

It is surprising that many people either go to church or do not go to church because they do or do not care for the form of service or the music or lack of it. It is a little like travelling either by bus, train or plane, the destination is the same.

It is important that the building is well maintained, heated, welcoming and fit for purpose; whilst there has not been any neglect in maintenance the church is old and requires tender loving care especially the boiler which is approaching antique status and is in much need of re-cycling. The churchyard paths are not only a mess, but unfit for purpose and badly need surfacing.

All the work will be costly, running into tens of thousands of pounds and so it is essential that our finances are sound and our investments safe whilst producing maximum income. Giving, generous as it is, does not cover our annual costs and it is only the income from our investments that enable the accounts to balance.

Although not an essential maintenance item, please look at the east window which is supposed to be stained glass. To say that the state of it is a disgrace, is no doubt, an exaggeration, but still, it does nothing to enhance the charm and holiness of the church.

The Harvest Service and Supper was well attended and our thanks are due to all who worked to make this evening a success. The food was excellent and it was noted that there was a change of menu in that the usual fruit cake and cheese was replaced with ginger pudding and ice-cream, and very good it was too.

The transition was not altogether smooth as there was some opposition but the female of the species won. This came as no surprise to the male members of the PCC who have always known that feminism was a mere pretence to flatter men's ego in order to cover up the fact that ever since Eve, women have been in charge.

On the **Wednesday 12 November, Penny Bridge Church, 7.30pm.** we will have an evening on **Leading Intercessions, Public Prayer and the use of sound equipment.** Then on the **26 of November**, probably at School but please check when we will look at the **Ministry of Welcome**, what stories do our churches tell and what place do they have in community? For those involved and indeed for anybody else these evenings are a must.

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

2 November Flowers for Barbara.

9 November Remembrance Sunday

16 November

23 November

20 November ADVENT



COFFEE

2 November Mrs Margaret Sanders + the usual.



MOTHERS UNION

Our October meeting was too close to Donald's deadline so you will have to wait until next month to hear the good news. But we can tell you that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4 November, Bouth Village Hall, 2.00pm.** when the speaker will be Verna Lowe, her subject, Volunteering at Haverigg.

Our **Advent Service** this year, will be held on **Thursday 11 December, St. Mary's Church, Windermere, 2.00pm.**

Wendy.



*GREENODD AND PENNY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2008—6.30pm*

GRAND CHARITY AUCTION

**GOODS COMPRISING:-
CONFECTIONARY*BOTTLES*GROCERIES
FANCY GOODS*CLOTHING*ETC**
*(Items for the auction may be left at the hall
from 4.00pm onwards ON THE DAY)*

Auctioneer
W Dennis Noall, D.F.M.

ADMISSION FREE—REFRESHMENTS FREE
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
BARROW BLIND SOCIETY ON 01229 820698

PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to tell you of the death of Mrs. Marjorie Edmondson who was born at Beckside Farm, attended Colton School and was a hardworking farmer's wife. She was a moral upstanding lady and the epitome of a Christian whose type are fast disappearing; not only was she a regular church goer but an active member of both the Mothers Union and the Womens Institute for many years.

We also have to report the death of another hardworking and cheerful lady, Muriel Young from Lowick, the stepmother of Margaret Sanders.

We offer our condolences to Margaret and all the families of these remarkable ladies.

The Redheads are in the news again as there grandson Samuel Benjamin Redhead was Baptised on the 14 September at Osmotherly Church.

Congratulations and best wishes to Bob Henson who has enrolled as a mature student at Lancaster University on a degree course reading Politics, Philosophy and Economics and is aiming to major in Philosophy. Woodside Cottage is all set to become a fearsomely intellectual household.

Judy writes: 'That at Harvest we had lovely services, decorations and supper and that flowers & produce were taken to the not so well elderly in the parish. It gave us an opportunity to visit our friends who are no longer about so much. It was good to see Mrs. Sly looking so well and Wils Procter has also got his brightness about him.

It was lovely to see Janet Mulcaster at the Harvest Supper and it reminds us of those we tend to forget in our busy healthy lives.'

Although we have not seen very much of Christine Holden in recent weeks, although she did manage to get to the M U meeting, the news is that she is recovering well and we hope to see her back in church shortly.

After twelve months of hard work and not a little stress Charlotte, Alex and children Joe and Alfie have now moved in to Old Hall Farm together with a talkative donkey and somewhat large shire horse with a liking for flowers especially in the Barnside garden.

On a recent visit the house is looking magnificent having been restored with both love and care.

Congratulations to Penny Lovegrove who not only has celebrated her sixtieth birthday and with a party and what a party but also has completed the Great North Run. Penny has asked us to thank all those kind hearted people who sponsored her for the run and have handed over cash and cheques raising money for Cancer Research. Although pledged to raise £400 that sum has already been exceeded.

Judith/Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Bouth W I met on Wednesday 12 October but unfortunately the speaker had to cancel but has promised to present his talk another time. Never-the-less the ladies had an enjoyable evening, voting for the next committee (results next month), taking part in a short quiz and trying not to look too bored when Penny told them briefly about her experiences taking part in the Great North Run. It was pleasant to have a little more time than usual to socialise.

The next meeting is full of serious intent for it is our Annual Meeting, without a speaker, and no competition. **Wednesday 12 November, Bouth Village Hall, 7.15pm.**

Penny.



CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

On 4 November a group of pupils are hoping to plant 500 – 700 daffodil bulbs in the school grounds as part of a fund raising project for the Marie Curie Charity. The aim is to create a ‘Field of Hope’ with the daffodils in remembrance of someone known to us who have lost their lives to cancer or someone who has survived. Our minimum target is £500 but we hope to achieve much more. If you would like us to plant a daffodil for your ‘someone’ we will gladly do it but would be grateful for a donation with perhaps a message to put in our special thoughts book.

If you add your address we will also send you a picture of the field when it blooms in spring and you are more than welcome to come and visit and see the beauty for yourself.

For more information on our project or the Marie Curie Charity please contact Miss Gemma Brown at school or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk Paul.

Your editor was privileged to be invited to the Prize Night at the school on the occasion of their 50th. Anniversary. It was a wonderful and uplifting evening and one was left with the thought that, especially in these days of doom and gloom, the future is in safe hands.

Lord Cavendish who presented the prizes gave a very thoughtful and inspiring address which encapsulated the whole spirit of the evening. He also charmingly thanked the talented pianist siblings, Charlotte and Oliver Dell, who so beautifully entertained us with some exceptional playing.

Closer to home, congratulations to Miss Hannah Cooper, of Bouth, who was awarded a prize for progress in Drama and also an Environmental Award. Well done Hannah.

Donald.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting was held on 20 October which was too late for this issue but the next meeting will be held in the Church Hall on 1 December at 7.30pm. The Council would be delighted if more parishioners would attend, and the meetings do have an adjournment early on in the proceedings for members of the public to speak.

If you are interested and you should be try their web site; all you have to do is go to Google type in 'Colton Parish Council' and press enter. You will be amazed at the wealth of information available.

Donald.



CHRISTMAS ?

I wonder if you will have already heard your first Christmas Carol by the time you read this? Probably! Yet the Child we hear sung about seems to be so easily forgotten amongst the glitter, excitement (and worry) about the cost of the Big Day.

On **Sunday 30 November at 4:00 p.m.** there will be another "**Village Hall**" at **Greenodd**, cafe style event with tea and cakes. We will have a short service including some of the children from the school singing with

us, when we will be sending the Holy Family out to start on their journey round the Benefice (the Posada we enjoyed two years ago) and putting Jesus back in His rightful place - at the centre of things. This is an event for you and your neighbours so be sure to invite them!

Come and put the X back in your XMAS! Remember - Jesus is the reason for the season!

Joanna.



CIMEMA CLUB

We were delighted to win two awards at the recent gathering of British Film Societies. We won top honours for Best Community Film Society and Distinction for Best Website. Thank you everyone who supports us.

We are running a **Coro Coffee Morning on Thursday 13 November** so if you have books, bric a brac, DVD's, tombola prizes or could do some baking please give Carol a ring 861507 and arrange for collection. Funds go towards running the Family films which we keep down to £1 entry even though the films cost £100 to show.

Our November Films are all at Rusland. *Happy Go Lucky* on **Tuesday 4 November 7:30pm**, A **Saturday Supper Special on 22nd** when we have food before the film which will be *Blade Runner Final Cut* and at **4:00pm on 22nd** we are showing the family film *Five Children and It*. All welcome.
Carol.



16th Century Masters

Spanish Music by Victoria & Guerrero

&

English Music by Tallis, Parsons & Gibbons

Allegri Singers

St. Mary the Virgin, Egton- cum- Newland

(Penny Bridge)

Sunday 9 November 7:30pm.

Retiring Collection

Services and Rotas for November

2nd	All Saints			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	Revelation	7: 9-17	
	Second Reading	1 John	3: 1-3	
	Gospel	Matthew	5: 1-12	
Readers:	Colton	S Lydon	R Johnson	G Pickles
	Lowick	W Keegan & A Naylor		
	Penny Bridge	C Sadler	C Styles	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
9th	Remembrance Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Said Service of Remembrance	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday	
Readings:	First Reading	Wisdom	6:12-16	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	4:13-18	
	Gospel	Matthew	25: 1-13	
Readers:	Colton	H Brooks	I Pirnie	M Sanders
	Penny Bridge	Royal British Legion	D Lancaster	R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton	C Holden	& S Dean	
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& R Long	
16th	Second Sunday before Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Zephaniah	1:7, 12-18	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	5: 1-11	
	Gospel	Matthew	25:14-30	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	W Smith	R Smith
	Lowick	M Bullock & G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	P Ashton	E Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& B Watson	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex	
23rd	Christ the King			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Ezekiel	34:11-16, 20-24	
	Second Reading	Ephesians	1:15-23	
	Gospel	Matthew	25:31-46	
Readers:	Colton	B Watson	J Pickles	D Wroe
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	E Wemyss	C Styles	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& C Holden	
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	N Lord	& D Lancaster	
30th	Advent Sunday			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Ecumenical and Benefice Service	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	64: 1-9	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	1: 3-9	
	Gospel	Mark	13:24-37	
Readers:		J Redhead	R Johnson	M Sanders
Sidesmen:		B Watson	& C Holden	

DIARY DATES

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

- 31 October Service for the Bereaved – Penny Bridge – 6:30pm.
1 November **All Saints**
4 November Mothers Union – Bouth Village Hall – 2:00pm.
Cinema Club – Rusland – 7:30pm.
9 November **Remembrance Sunday**
Concert – Penny Bridge Church – 7:30pm.
12 November Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7:15pm.
Leading Intercessions & Public Prayer – Penny Bridge Church – 7:30pm.
13 November Cinema Club – Coffee Morning at the Coro.
22 November Benefice Coffee Morning – Greenodd Village Hall – 9:30 – 11:30am.
Cinema Club – Family Film – 4:00pm. Supper Special – Rusland
26 November Ministry of Welcome – Penny Bridge School ? – 7:30pm.
28 November Charity Auction – Greenodd Village Hall – 6:30pm.
30 November **Andrew the Apostle**
Advent Sunday
‘Village Hall’ Service + Tea & Cakes – Greenodd – 4:00pm.



Neighbourhood Forum

Apologies for there being no news of our Forum but this is due to sickness of staff and the unfortunate fact that your editor did not attend the last meeting. He forgot! The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2 December, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm.**



Wishes of an Elderly Man

I wish I loved the human race;
I wish I loved its silly face;
I wish I liked the way it walks;
I wish I like the way it talks;
And when I am introduced to one
I wish I thought, *What Jolly Fun!*

Walter Raleigh

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