



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

A TALE OF TWO BROTHERS

With summer holidays upon us once again, I think back to our family camping holidays on the Continent with great affection. We always made it our practice to worship with the local church, and I particularly recall our experience on two successive Sundays in 1980 at Hourtin on the Medoc peninsula.

The 15th August is the great festival, in the Roman Catholic tradition, of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – one of the bones of contention with Protestants. On the 8th, a little apprehensively, we went to the pre-festival mass at the parish church. Our first impressions were very favourable, since it appeared that the ‘renewal’ inspired by the Second Vatican Council and the charismatic movement, was well underway, complete with a loose-leaf hymnbook, modern choruses etc., and a welcoming leaflet in English, German and Italian including the readings.

Our fears were further allayed with the sermon when the parish priest spoke of Mary as our example of humility, discipleship, obedience, devotion and patience. Not a contentious issue in sight! At the end of the service, full of fraternal goodwill, I greeted him eagerly with the news that we were members of the Church of England, and that I was working for the Board for Mission and Unity of the General Synod. His face clouded over, and he muttered a few neutral words, and passed as quickly as possible to the next visitors. What a rebuff!

The next Sunday we went again. This time the whole village was *en fête*, with stalls and sideshows and all the fun of the fair. The village band was playing full-pelt at the front end of the Church when we went in, and a long procession entered, with the visiting “Rural Dean” in gorgeous vestments bringing up the rear. We then got the full works – Mary,

“Queen of Heaven”, Immaculate Virgin, Co-Redemptrix, the lot! Again, at the end of the service, but much less enthusiastically, I informed the jolly “Friar Tuck” dignitary who we were. What a difference! His face broke into a beaming smile. He hugged me fondly, and greeted us all like long-lost relatives (which, in a sense, we were!) You can no doubt work out the “moral” of this for yourselves – but do read Matthew Ch. 21 verses 28-32 if you need a further clue!

With brotherly love, in Christ,

David Gregg.



COTTON CHRONICLES

Most organisations have meetings and pay their staff salaries but not the Church of England, which has synods and stipends. The mother of the synods is the General Synod which has almost as many members as there are MPs. and recently met in mid July amidst doom and gloom for, as with industry, the Pension Scheme is in a mess.

This is nothing new as during the previous recession the Church Commissioners lost not millions but billions of pounds resulting in parishes, for the first time, having to find additional cash to top up the pension fund and now parishes are being asked for more. This is odd as clergy stipends are modest and are funded entirely by parishes who also pay for expenses and housing, consequently pensions are of moderate proportions. This time round the Commissioners lost a mere £1.3 billion, 23% of the fund; kind of careless.

The number of clergy has fallen in the last 50 years by 41% - around 6000 or 10 per month. Senior clergy i.e. Bishops, Cathedrals Deans and Archdeacons have reduced by 7% - 30. The result is, pay more or have less priests even fewer Bishops, but a proposal do just that at the synod was met with outrage and one speaker, mind you he was a academic, suggested there be more senior appointments, not less.

As was to be expected, the resulting motion was a botch, asking for a report on the matter by November 2010. Hide it and it will go away, sadly it won't.

The situation in our own Diocese is hardly encouraging as the budget forecast for next year shows a deficit of £188,000. The background to this is that non-parish income in 2009 fell by £98,000 compared with 2008, whilst income from parishes rose by £261,000. This has resulted in some parishes offering less for 2010, but not in this benefice. The sad truth is that giving in the Carlisle Diocese is the second lowest in England.

There is some joy about, as we welcome back Joanna from her sojourn in the Cartmel Peninsula where, no doubt, she widened her experience and learnt more tricks of the trade. It will be lovely to have her back and a relief to our Vicar who has taken maladroitness to new levels.

This time, a broken ankle, adding to the long list of injuries due to falls, trips, stumbles and, no doubt, many other unrecorded misadventures that he has achieved over the years. Dear Sir, we sent you our commiserations and twice as many to Elizabeth who has coped with great fortitude and good humour, with the hope you will be throwing away your crutches 'ere long.

Although surely not applicable to this parish, it is reported that the government is being urged to target older people as well as younger 'binge' drinkers when trying to tackle the nation's alcohol problem.

Nothing to do with Colton but apparently there is some mourning in France as one of their favourite warships, Jeanne d'Arc, is being sent to Britain to be broken up. 1431 all over again?

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

2 August Mrs. Margaret Sanders

9 August Mrs. Margaret Sanders

17 August Mrs. Wendy Smith

23 August Mrs. Wendy Smith

30 August Mrs. Wendy Smith

6 September Mrs. Wendy Smith

13 September Mrs. Wendy Smith

COFFEE

2 August Mrs. Margaret Sanders + Helpers

6 September Mrs. Sue Dean + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8 September in Colton Church Hall. 2:00pm.** when the speaker will be Mrs. Brenda Cole and her subject: Diocesan & Deanery Membership.

An important date to remember is **Wednesday 23 September** when we will be holding our Deanery Festival Service, with Banners, at **Holy Trinity Church, Colton, 2:00pm.** Light refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the service.

Margaret Campbell, who you will remember absconded to the warmer climes of Spain, clearly has missed the fellowship of the Mothers Union so Margaret, being Margaret, has been busy and no doubt bossy, by rounding up fellow Christian ladies and forming an overseas Branch of the Union.

The Branch was launched on Mothering Sunday with 9 members and Margaret as president. Well done that lady and we wish you and your Christian friends all the best for the future.

Wendy & Donald.



Bethecar Moor

The Bethacar Moor Commoners ESA Association has, in accordance with their Management Plan agreed with Natural England, made arrangements to carry out bracken control on the moor which will be effected by helicopter spraying sometime in August.

It is not possible to give exact dates as arrangements depend on aircraft availability and weather conditions, however, notices will be put up at all main access points prior to the spraying taking place. Anyone thinking of walking the moor in August **please check first.**

The Association regret any inconvenience but active management is essential to preserve the moor and its habitat. Contact: John Atkinson Tel: 01229 885 663.

Bobby Dobson.

PARISH NEWS

It could only happen in a rural village in England, when, on a beautiful summer's evening on the first of July, the good residents of Bouth gathered on the village green, all smartly dressed, to pay tribute to and to make a presentation to Roderick Smith for his work and dedication in respect of the said village green.

In making the presentation another 'ancient', in village green terms, Sue Dean gave a charming speech which was followed by words from the Clerk to the Parish Council, read word for word (as he dared do no other) by Colin Barr, the chairman. There are some who thought that Roderick had been chairman for those 34 years but this not so; there have been other chairmen and others who have worked hard and long for the same cause but none for so long.

The gift was a pair of binoculars and those who live in the west end of the village should be careful in future not to get up to anything unseemly in their back gardens when Roderick is scanning the scenery from his eerie at Rockside.

Our thanks are due to John Osborne, the new chairman, who with wife Barbara made this event happen; John presented Sue Smith with a much deserved bottle of champagne. Roderick responded by saying he wasn't going to make a speech.....

Sweet nightingale Cathy has had good reason to be not quite so sweet, as the information on the Croftlands Junior School in last month's issue was not altogether correct; the school has 180 not 120 pupils and the website is far from pretty. Clearly this editor needs to improve his IT skills.

We welcome into our Christian world Sasha Naomi grandchild of Pauline & Derek Parkin but more importantly daughter of Jane & Symon Parkin who was baptised on Sunday 14 June at St. Mary's church, Dalton in Furness. The 'wetting of the babes head' at Ulverston Golf Club was clearly a success, as since then, grandfather cannot remember the name of the vicar. For his information it is the Revd. Allan Mitchell.

Congratulations to Bob Henson, a mature student at Lancaster University studying Philosophy, Economics and Politics, in passing his Part I examination. Bob has not yet decided on whether to concentrate on

philosophy or politics. Considering the current state of politics it would perhaps be better, if less rewarding, to stick to philosophy.

Congratulations to Penny Lovegrove, who is clearly addicted to running, on completing the Inaugural BUPA 10k Run at Sunderland in a time of 1hr.10 mins. and came a creditable 11th. in the over sixties group.

Bouth Village Hall. Under the relatively new management of Allan Lovegrove improvements to the hall are back on the agenda. At a recent committee meeting it was agreed to go ahead with double glazing and a disabled toilet. There may be some delay as the job worthies at the Lakeland District Planning Authority have decreed that the hall is a commercial building and as such double glazing requires planning approval.

Perhaps most annoying is that this costs money and as the hall has Charitable Status and has never ever made a profit any donations instead of being spent on the hall are going into the pockets of a Quango.

Lowick Show. This year the show will be held on **Saturday 5 September.** £5 for adults, £2.50 if under 16, and free if under 5. Parking is also free.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our July meeting congratulations were given to Sylvia Chadwick for raising the magnificent sum of £5,400, proceeds from the Haverthwaite Fair & Boot Sale, for the Hospice.

The talk, “Work of the NSPCC” given by Mr. A Cooper was thought provoking as few of us are fully aware of the unpleasant side of life where children are abused by neglect, physically, sexually and emotionally. That it happens in the tranquillity of rural areas is quite shocking.

The yearly costs in Cumbria alone are £3million, 94% raised by funding. The government has pledged £30 million nationally providing the NSPCC can match it. What sort of aid is that?

Mrs. Peggy Mather reported on her visit to the Royal Albert Hall for the National Womens Institute A G M. Peggy with other ladies of the WI visited the theatre to see “Calendar Girls” when the on stage rendering of Jerusalem lasted a mite longer than usual as the audience, mainly W I, joined in.

There will not be a meeting in August although a long walk is provisionally planned for the 10th. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 9 September, 7:30pm. Village Hall** when the speaker will be Commander A Hoskins, his subject 'Involvement with the Kursk Rescue'. This is an open meeting so any one may attend. The competition is 'A Nautical Item'. Perhaps Debbie should lock up Roger that week.

Penelope.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

We welcome our new Parish Councillor, John Taylor. John and his wife Joan came to Finsthwaite in 1977, following his retirement from the Royal Navy. He served in the RN for 30 years (Cmdr John Taylor OBE MA), teaching and then as a meteorologist in most parts of the world. John continues to keep daily meteorological records and is a member of local history societies, the Milestone Society, the Lake District Horticultural Society and the local branch of the Royal British Legion. He is keen advocate of alternative energy initiatives, particularly local generation of electrical power by water.

The Council held an 'additional Parish Council meeting' on the maintenance and use of its 8 unsealed Unclassified Country Roads (UCRs) on 6th July at Rusland. Colin Barr (Chairman) gave a presentation on the appalling state of some of these routes, some of which are now impassable for farmers needing to get to their stock, and expressed our concerns about the behaviour of some off-roaders. Representatives from the National Park (our local Ranger, Tony Hill), Cumbria Highways and the Cumbria Countryside Access Partnership 'Motor-propelled Vehicle sub-group' took part in useful discussions that identified previously unclear areas of responsibility. See the website or contact the Clerk to see minutes of this meeting.

Black Beck Caravan Park has requested that their opening times be extended from the end of November to the end of December, re-opening in March. Any comments, objections to Cllr. P Lovegrove: 01229 861 091.

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Thought for the day. *"Why is there only one Monopolies Commission?"* John Palmer.

CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

The year is coming to an end with a number of enjoyable events.

The Year 11 Dinner Dance at the end of June was a great success with pupils and staff enjoying the elegant atmosphere of the Netherwood Hotel. Pupils were immaculately turned out, as well as immaculately behaved and staff and pupils had a really enjoyable evening to mark the end of the pupils' time at Cartmel.

Mrs Houston and Mrs Sullivan organised a lovely summer music concert with the bonus of prose and poetry readings organised by Miss Williamson. As well as pupils from years 7 to 11 at Cartmel Priory a number of year 6 primary school children from across the peninsula to attend and contribute to the evening as well as the choir from Cartmel Primary. The evening was compèred by Head Girl, Rebeacca Wain and Head Boy Sam Tickle . The items performed ranged from Beyonce to Bach and provided entertainment for people of all musical tastes.

The pupils taking the John Muir Award had a successful expedition in Upper Eskdale. Year 7, 8 and 9 have also taken part in cross-curricular science days in school, at Leighton Moss and at the South Lakes Animal Park respectively. Finally, we all look forward to the end of year service at the Priory.

Dr. P Williams.



AGE CONCERN

A Warning !

Age Concern has become aware that in South Lakeland unscrupulous and aggressive companies are targeting older people in an attempt to sell them all manner of 'aids'. If you should receive a telesales call remember;-

1) Do not agree to a home visit, if they persist, put the phone down. 2) If interested ask for literature. 3) If you have never heard of them, mistrust them. 4) Bona fide organisations seldom call without prior contact or arrangement. Ask for a call back number, if not given put the phone down. 5) If at all worried call a family member, Age Concern **Helpline 01539 728 180** or Trading Standards on **01539 713 577**.



Services and Rotas for August

2nd	Eighth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 13
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Communion + Baptism
Holy Trinity	Colton 10:30am Morning Worship
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Morning Worship
Readings:	First Reading 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
	Second Reading Ephesians 4: 1-16
	Gospel John 6:24-35
Readers:	Colton J Tarr C Holden S Lydon
	Lowick A Naylor & W Keegan
	Penny Bridge E Wemyss R Atkinson D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton S King & C Holden
	Lowick S Wood
	Penny Bridge R Atkinson & J Atkinson
9th	Ninth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 14
St Luke	Lowick 10:30am Benefice Communion
Readings:	First Reading 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
	Second Reading Ephesians 4:25-5:2
	Gospel John 6:35, 41-51
Readers:	C Holden C Styles J Gregg
Sidesmen:	A Wood & S Wood
	No service at Penny Bridge and Colton
16th	Tenth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 15
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton 9:30am Communion
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
	Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20
	Gospel John 6:51-58
Readers:	Colton M Sanders R Smith B Watson
	Lowick G Mitchell & M Bullock
	Penny Bridge J Lancaster R Long E Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton M Sanders & S Dean
	Lowick A Wood
	Penny Bridge J Law & B Law
23rd	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity – Proper 16
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton 9:30am Communion
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
	Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20
	Gospel John 6:56-69
Readers:	Colton W Smith R Tarr I Pirnie
	Lowick G Jagar & J Davis
	Penny Bridge C Styles E Wemyss G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton C Holden & B Watson
	Lowick G Mitchell
	Penny Bridge C Line & E Line
30th	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – Proper 17
Holy Trinity	Colton 10:30am Ecumenical and Benefice Service
Readings:	First Reading Song of Songs 2: 8-13
	Second Reading James 1:17-27
	Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Readers:	B Mitchell P Ashton C Holden
Sidesmen:	S Dean & M Sanders
	No service at Penny Bridge and Lowick

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.**

6 August	Transfiguration of our Lord
10 August	Bouth W I. Provisional date for Keswick Walk.
15 August	The Blessed Virgin Mary
24 August	Bartholomew the Apostle
30 August	Ecumenical and Benefice Communion.



1 September	Oxen Park Cinema Club – ‘Slum Dog Millionaire’ – Rusland- 7:30pm.
5 September	Lowick Show
8 September	M U Meeting – Colton Church Hall – 2:00pm.
9 September	Bouth W I Meeting – Village Hall – 7:30pm.
14 September	Holy Cross Day.
21 September	Matthew the Apostle
23 September	M U Deanery Festival Service – Holy Trinity, Colton – 2:00pm.
29 September	Michael and All Angels



Oxen Park Cinema Club.

Look out for our new program of films which starts with ‘Slum Dog Millionaire’ on **Tuesday 1 September, Rusland Reading Room – 7:30pm.**

Do come and renew your membership and enjoy some great films in a social atmosphere.

Carol.



Note: John Palmer is the platform announcer at Leicester station who mixes train times with philosophy.



Many people will have heard more than enough of the late Michael Jackson but many of his writings were thoughtful. This is his epitaph which he composed.

“If you enter this world knowing you are loved and you leave this world knowing the same then everything that happens in between can be dealt with.”

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