



# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear friends and neighbours*

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### OUT OF THE BLUE

As a Brummie, I was brought up on Aynuch and Ayloi stories. On one occasion they were taking a short cut through the churchyard on a Saturday night, in their cups, and fell into a newly dug grave. Ayloi was awakened by the rays of the sun reaching into their overnight bunker, and hauled himself to the top. He dropped back in amazement and shook his pal's shoulder. He said, "Aynuch, Aynuch. Wek up! Wek up! It's the resurrection morn an' we'm fust up!"

We are just entering the season of Advent, and celebrate (more soberly than they?) the prospect that sooner or later, "out of the blue", Christ will come again, "with a cry of command, with the Archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet," and we shall all be summoned to appear before our maker.

What a blessing, then, that we have the festival of Christmas to follow. Most of us realize that we are not fit to face the LORD, and are so grateful that Jesus came, to do for us what we could never do for ourselves, and reconcile us to God, as "the Saviour of the World". That, too, came "out of the blue", with choirs of angels singing from the ultramarine sky:

"Glory to God in the highest

And peace to His people on earth".

And now we are looking forward to another dimension to "out of the blue". Do you remember "Walk Cumbria", with its blue-shirted walkers coming among us last May, and stirring us again to consider our relationship with God? Well, the Diocese has been organizing a follow-up, when Bishops Graham and James will be spearheading a local mission initiative in each of the deaneries. It is the turn of the Furness deanery

from 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February, and our local outreach group are working on a number of opportunities, when Bishop James and others will be coming to our benefice (- and we are also working in fellowship with Tottlebank Baptist Church in this) to share more of the good news about Jesus. It is to be called “Out of the Blue”. Watch this space!

*With warmest seasonal greetings,*

David Gregg



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

£ A reminder that your subscription for the Parish News is now due. The cost remains the same at £4 but it would be helpful, especially for those collecting your cash, just to hand over a fiver. £



At the beginning of the month Joanna led a special service, particularly for those who have been bereaved; it was both warming and comforting for those who attended and as you would expect Joanna was wonderful. The hope is that this will become an annual event.

Earlier Susan King had arranged a Communion at Colton House again led by Joanna and supported by Susan, Barbara and Christine. The residents had chosen their favourite hymns and it was a happy occasion with the staff joining in. A contribution was made to church funds and it was a rewarding experience for those involved. It is hoped to arrange a Carol Service prior to Christmas.

When church, any church, any denomination, affairs are discussed inevitable and sadly the question of finance raises its ugly head and, understandably, puts many people off. The hard fact is that all churches need money to survive, to pay the priests and to maintain buildings and churchyards.

The Anglican Church gets more than its fair share of criticism often in the belief that money collected locally goes to pay ‘them at Carlisle’ or even Church House, London. The truth is that that any monies received by our three churches in the Benefice only pay for the Vicar, the churches, the

churchyards, halls and the cost of the Parish News not met by the annual subscription. Just thought you would like to know.

## CHRISTMAS

The supermarkets are in full array and no doubt on Boxing Day Easter Eggs will appear, but we merely want to remind you of our Christmas Christian Services.

- **Benefice Carol Service, Colton, Sunday 23 December, 3.00pm. No morning service.**
- **Midnight Communion, Lowick, Saturday 24 December, 11.30pm.**
- **Communion, Egton, Christmas Day, 10.30 am.**

Our Friends at **Tottlebank** will be holding Advent Services **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. through to the **30<sup>th</sup>. 10.30am**. Songs, praise and ministry of the word. There will be a **Family Carol Service, Sunday, 23 December, 10.30am** and a **Christmas Day Service, 10-11am**. The Revd. Phil Gomersall welcomes you all.

\* Oh yes! The church needs to be decorated for our Christmas celebrations. Be there **Saturday, 22 December, 10.00am**. Strong men are needed, but be prepared to be directed by the alleged ‘weakest sex’. Donald.



**Notice: There will not be a service at Colton on Sunday 2 December; the only service in the benefice is a Confirmation Service, Egton, Penny Bridge, 10.30am.**



## FLOWER ROTA

As it is Advent the church will remain undecorated until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. December when there will be Christmas Flowers until the end of the year.



*“Money is like muck, not good except it be spread”*

Bacon.

## MOTHERS UNION

The October Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £235 for M U funds. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

At our November meeting at Haverthwaite we began with a prayer and silence in remembrance for Jean Wren who had died, suddenly. We shall miss Jean very much.

We all enjoyed the talk by Penny Lovegrove about her experiences in taking part in the London Marathon. Thank you Penny, well done, a great achievement.

Our **Advent Deanery Service** will be held on **Thursday 6 December, 2.00pm. Flookburgh Parish Church.**

Wendy.



## PARISH NEWS

Halloween used to be a joyful occasion until the appalling American habit of 'Trick or Treat' invaded these isles. Happily due to the efforts of Kath Barton civility has returned to Bouth. Wonderfully, if somewhat scarily attired, the children of the village went from door to door, gently frightening us, but not to ask but to give. Each householder received sweets and a lovely handcrafted book mark. Thank you Kath and all the children; I am still shaking.

Sadly, Doreen and Sam Dixon of Bouth have left after living the parish for 21 years. They are now living in Bentham and wish to say thank you to everyone and to tell you that they have enjoyed their stay here.

A Mr. & Mrs. P Longman from Manchester will be moving up shortly and apparently Mrs Longman cannot wait to join the W I.

A very warm and sincere thank you, from all those in the parish who came to the Bouth Bonfire, to Alex, father Mark, fiancée Charlotte and the host of willing helpers. It was superb night with a great fire, wonderful fireworks and generous hospitality; the whole evening enhanced by Alex and friends playing with their big boy's toys. Steam Road Rollers and the like.

*"A foolish thing was but a toy"*

Shakespeare

**Hospital Parking.** There has been a lot of publicity about parking charges at our hospitals, however what you may not know is that there are concessionary weekly parking permits. £7 for seven days available from the general office at the hospitals.

## EVENTS

- **The Ulverston Choral Society, Christmas Concert, Ulverston Methodist Church, Friday, 21 December, 7.30pm.** Charpentier – Messe de Minuit and a selection of Carols. £7 at the door or contact 01229 829 939.
- **The Gyll Singers, Concert of Christmas Music, Lakeside YMCA Chapel, Saturday 8 December, 7.30pm. £6** – Tickets from 015395 31685 – 015395 31779 – 015395 31040. In aid of the Hospice.



Congratulations to two of our parishioners who have reached the magnificent age of **90**. Mrs. Nancy Watson of Longmire Farm got there first on the 9<sup>th</sup> October followed by Jack Burns, our Emeritus Churchwarden, on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Church Urban Fund** – The Evening of Entertainment was, just that, but importantly, the target sum of £250 was surpassed and more importantly the fellowship was good. Shame on those who stayed away.

There were some good ‘acts’: Joanna and Judy were at their mischievous best, Elizabeth, Cathy and Fiona sang beautifully ‘ably assisted’ on the keyboard by some verbose fellow with a dog collar. For this editor the class act of the evening was the duet on flute and violin by Naomi and Ruth Tarr; their playing was sublime.

Our thanks are due to all those who organised, worked, gave and performed. A truly beneficial benefice evening.

Donald.



## Womens Institute

The Bouth W I ladies met for their 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Wednesday 14 November when the committee were re-elected en masse, excluding >>>

Christine Holden, who has decided to take a year off. Our sincere thank, for all her sterling work in the past year.

Elsbeth Cooper retains her position as President, Sue Smith, Secretary and the redoubtable Peggy Mather, Treasurer. The rest of the team are Hilary Brooks, Brenda Patton, Sylvia Chadwick, Kaye Croasdale and Penny Lovegrove.

Penny was the guest speaker and hopes she did not bore everyone too much with her experiences in completing the London Marathon and about her chosen charity, Derian House.

We shall be having our usual **Christmas Party, Wednesday 12 December, 7.15pm.** Invitations are imminent – please reply promptly.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 January, 7.15pm.** when Jennifer Snell will give a presentation - ‘Hearts of Oak’ – the last wooden ship to be built at Greenodd. This will be an open meeting so the chaps will be welcome.

As an afterthought, the Bouth W I team took part in a W I quiz at Torver and came a creditable third out of nineteen teams. ‘Clever clogs!’ Penny.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Cumbria Rural Housing Trust’s report on the Colton Housing Needs Survey conducted last spring has been received and, at a special meeting on Monday 19 November, convened to discuss the report, the council decided to set up an Affordable Housing working group, consisting of a mixture of parish councillors and parishioners. This group will try to identify possible sites for building one or two houses for members of the community who have been identified as being in need of local, affordable housing. If you are interested in reading the full report, ask your local councillor or contact the clerk for a copy.

As part of the Community Board membership, the council is formulating a Community Statement partly based on the 2003 Parish Plan. Since then however, you may feel that new priorities have emerged. What are your priorities for Colton Parish over the next few years? Let the clerk know at [coltonpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:coltonpc@tiscali.co.uk), or 01229 885647. Judith.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Cartmel Priory

The School has enjoyed a busy and successful Autumn Term the highlights being our Open Evening and the Prize Night when pupils and their families celebrate their success from throughout the previous academic year.

Also successful was the 'Dracula Spectacular' held over two evenings in November with a matinee for our local primary schools. There were some impressive performances by all the cast and the show was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

This is the School's Fiftieth Anniversary with a Quiz Night and the show being part of our celebrations. Probably too late for this issue, but the Anniversary Committee have organised "*What the Dickens*" **Christmas Fair on Friday 30 November, School, 6.00.pm**

You are also warmly invited to an **Evening of Christmas Music, Thursday 13 December, 7.30pm, School** and entrance is free. Lynda.

*"The staff and pupils at Cartmel Priory School wish you and your families all the very best for the rest of the term and the holiday ahead."*



### Leven Valley

Regrettably, little news has been forthcoming this month but fortunately we do have the information about the **Annual Kristindle Christmas Fair**, which this year will be held **Sunday 9 December, School, 2.00 – 5.00pm.**

Stalls will include Arts & Crafts, locally produced goods, handmade gifts, books etc.

School stalls will include cake stalls, the inevitable raffle, tombola, Childrens games and Father Christmas will be paying a visit. Mainly Sarah.



The wonderful thing about the school news is there is no bowing down to the false idol of 'Political Correctness' especially with regard to the celebration of the Birth of our Lord. But then, they are both Church of England schools.

## CINEMA CLUB

If you are unable to come to our Tuesday films why not try a **Saturday Supper Special**. Our next one is on **Saturday 19 January 2008, Rusland, 7.30pm** when we will be showing “Children of Men”.

Do not forget our Afternoon Family Film Shows; the next is on **Saturday 15 December, Colton Church Hall, 4.00pm**. Showing ‘Cars’ – The famous Lightening McQueen, travelling to California for the final race of the Piston Cup against The King and Chick Hocks. Not to be missed.

On **Saturday 19 January, Rusland Reading Room, 4.00pm.**, also not to be missed, ‘Wallace & Gromit; The Wrong Trousers’.

Book a seat with Carol 01229 861 507, bring your own drinks and do not forget a cushion.

Carol.



### Alone in Colton Church Yard

*Over four hundred years ago  
They came and went  
Over the hills  
Footsteps sounded,  
Boots scraped the steps  
To the familiar doorway.  
Large and small,  
Rich and poor,  
Old and young  
Came to this church.  
There was laughter, shouting,  
There was weeping too,  
Sadness and sobbing.  
Can you still hear it?  
Voices whisper and plead,  
Skirts swish in the breeze,  
Tears fall gently  
In the damp air.  
Faint echoes of words  
Sound above the trees.  
I am alone –  
No churchgoing today.  
Are they beseeching me  
Or is it only the wind?*

*Jean Sly*

## DIARY DATES

- 2 December First Sunday in Advent.
- 6 December Mothers Union Deanery Advent Service, Flookburgh, 2.00pm.
- 8 December **The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**  
The Ghyll Singers- Christmas Concert, YMCA Chapel, 7.30pm.
- 9 December Leven Valley School, Kristkindle Christmas Fair, 2.00pm – 5.00pm.
- 12 December Bouth W I Christmas Party, Village Hall, 7.15pm.
- 13 December Cartmel Priory School, Evening of Christmas Music, 7.30pm.
- 15 December Cinema Club, Childrens Show – ‘Cars’ – Colton Church hall, 4.00pm.
- 21 December **Thomas, Apostle.**
- 22 December *Decorating the Church, 10.00am.*
- 24 December Carols Round the Tree, Bouth Village Green, 6.00pm.
- 25 December Christmas Day, **The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 26 December **St. Stephen, Martyr.**
- 27 December **John, Apostle.**
- 28 December **Holy Innocents.**
- 30 December Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr.



*“In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty winds made 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.”*



Some things never change; the following is from December 2005

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| <b>Nearly Forgot – Christmas Eve – 6.00pm – Carols Round the Tree – Bouth Village Green – 6.00pm.</b> Wrap up warm and bring a torch and some money. |
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