



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

What Would Jesus Buy?

Do you care about the environment? Do you care about the world? Do you care about God's beautiful creation?

Answer yes to any of these questions and read on.

Everything we buy has an impact on the environment and other people. Living as we do in the developed world, we are amongst the 20% of the world's population that is consuming over 80% of the earth's dwindling natural resources. It is not fair and it is not sustainable!

Can you imagine taking Jesus shopping with you and asking him for advice on your purchases? Would you shop differently? Would you shop less? Would it make you question the products you buy and challenge the companies who produce them, ask whether your purchase harms the environment or people in developing countries? There are so many things to think about when shopping that a good place to start is to stop!

Buy Nothing Day on Saturday November 27th is a day where you challenge yourself, your family and friends to switch off from shopping and tune into life. The rules are simple, for 24 hours you will step back from shopping and anyone can take part provided they spend a day without spending! People around the world will make a pact with themselves to take a break from consumption as a personal experiment or public statement and the best thing is – IT'S FREE!

We talk a lot about protecting the environment so why not give it a go. Even if you only do it for novelty value you will be making a small change to the world around you.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good - Genesis 1:31a.

The Christmas Posada

Our little Holy Families will be starting out on their journeys round the parishes in the benefice again this year and soon you will be asked to put your name on a list if you would like to host the entourage for a night. The Posada is for adults as well as children and is a lovely reminder for us about the meaning of Christmas.

It involves very little effort on your part; you will receive the little family at some point in the evening of the night you have chosen, join in some simple prayers with the 'bringer' and then, perhaps, you might entertain them with a cup of tea or something more sustaining. The next day you take the little Family on to its next resting place. For those of you who don't like going out at night but who would still like to accommodate the Family for a night, there are special arrangements to collect and deliver on your behalf.

Watch out for the lists in the three churches and sign up early to ensure the Family stays a night with you!

And be sure to come to the "sending out" service in Greenodd Village Hall on **Sunday 28 November at 4:00pm.**

Children in Distress

Another year has nearly passed and it is time to start saving and handing in all your 5p coins you have been collecting during the year. Cornelia and Andrea are progressing well, pictures and information are in church and the post office. If you feel that you can support the girls financially for another year please leave your 5p coins or other donations at the post office or with Helen Courtman, High Rid, Penny Bridge. No amount is too small as we need to raise £288 to sponsor them for next year. Perhaps you could mention it to friends and family who may not know about this collection. I hope as a community we can support the girls in 2011 and for many years to come. Thanks for your support in advance, Helen Courtman.

Host UK - Home for Christmas

Are you spending Christmas at home this year? Would you consider including an international student from a university in the UK in your plans? There are so many students here from China, India, and many other countries, who are unable to go back at Christmas. They would love to

spend two or three days in a real home, rather than an empty hall of residence.

For many, Christmas will be an entirely new experience. Staying with you, they could find out what it is all about, as well as enjoying home-cooked food, joining in with your activities, and seeing a little of the country away from the campus. You do not need to live near a university, as many students are happy to travel to have this opportunity.

Your link with a student will be arranged by one of HOST's voluntary regional organisers, who do their best to match hosts and guests who will enjoy one another's company. HOST is a long-established national charity, founded by the British Council. Every HOST visit, whether for Christmas or for a weekend during the year, is a one-off, although sometimes lasting friendships are formed. The cultural exchange and the contribution to international goodwill are what make it all worthwhile.

If you would like to know more about volunteering as a host, please see www.hostuk.org or call regional organiser Alan Robson on 01946 822128.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

When the Parish News drops though your letterbox it may be read with a little pleasure, perhaps irritation and occasionally with anger which neatly sums up the feelings of your editor over the last fifteen years. As I scribble away at the 150th issue I am reminded of my good friend Birkett Cooper who has some slight intolerance to what he sees as my unseemly use of split infinitives. There is, however, one memorable and prophetic quote from the first issue - *"Mistakes and errors are bound to occur..."*, there was also a 'Final Thought' which is worth repeating - *"You learn that no matter how hard you try to please, some people in this world are not going to love you; a lesson that, is at first, troubling, but in the end quite relaxing."*

The congregation has aged and diminished and we no longer have a choir but we do have a better maintained church, the boiler apart, a sound system

and willing volunteers although, as you will see later there is a problem with decorating the church. Morning Prayer was said every Monday morning and all services were at 9:45am.

Back to the present, well almost, as the PCC has been debating forms of service; the Book of Common Prayer first saw the light of day in 1559 and after some bother with Queen Mary and Cromwell was resurrected in 1662 and remained as such until the reformers got to work and produced the Alternative Service Book in 1980. That, apparently, was not good enough so in 2000 the Book of Common Worship showed its face to the world.

Most Christian Denominations seem to manage with a standard form of liturgy but not the Anglican Church which delights in a pick and mix approach, all of which has left the PCC scratching its corporate head. The problem is that it does not know what the congregation want, and whether a different service, perhaps a more 'modern' one, will or will not attract more churchgoers. Please have your say.

Grateful thanks to the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest and for organising the Supper which was a great success; there might have been some chaps involved, but they probably only got in the way.

Surprisingly, as the church gets more complaints than praise, there have been many complementary comments about the state of the Churchyard so we say thank you to young Ed Holden who got the maintenance contract this year and has been diligent in his efforts. He is not the only one as Susan King has asked us to thank an even younger Jake Walker who has quickly mastered the skill of ringing the Church Bell, which he does voluntarily. Relax John! You are not yet redundant as Jake is not always available.

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

Over the years many people have made donations in order to have flowers in the church on a particular Sunday. Unfortunately the records of the dates and donations have been misplaced. If any of you or any that you know wish to continue with this tradition, which, in truth, is needed to keep our

church decorated could you please contact Susan Smith, Tel: 01229 861 370, Email: roderick.smith2@btinternet.com .

Note: You do not have to have a reason to donate.

It is not yet possible to form a Rota mainly due to the lack of volunteers so please, men as well, offer your services to Susan, as above, or Barbara Watson Tel:01229 861 638.



Colton and Leven Valley Mothers Union

There will be a change from the normal get together and speaker in both November and December.

Our next meeting is 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.



PARISH NEWS

A wonderful and fitting tribute, accompanied by a stunning photograph, was paid to Mrs. May Lambert in the Evening Mail when she was awarded the Bouquet of the Week. Those of us who have known May for many years and the exceptional contribution she has made to the community and the Church over a lifetime thank Jacqui Clarke for not only nominating May but also for her marvellous words of praise and thanks.

Jane Chaloner has asked us to say thank you to everyone who made her sister-in-law, Jane, so welcome to Bouth and Rusland over the past few weeks. Jane came over from Canada for the funeral of her brother and stayed with us, off the beaten track, and far away from home; this was particularly difficult as she does not drive. Take a bow, as she felt that she could not have been made more welcome and could not believe the depth of friendliness she was shown.

Jane (C) adds “I thought I had come from a remarkable village in the south, but nothing beats this community's generosity of spirit”. *Donald.*



WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our October meeting Marion Hamer gave a talk entitled ‘How to say what you mean and get what you want.’ This editor thought this a little odd as in his experience the female of species always get what they want. But all was not what it seemed.

Marion had undertaken a course ‘Neural Linguistic Pathways’ and explained to us how to get a rapport with people you do not really like by using body language and literal or influential styles. We all have a preference for taking in information – visual, auditory and feelings; a quiz was given to each of us to discover which one was most representative to ourselves.

Our next meeting, our **A G M** is on **Wednesday 10 November, 7:15pm Bouth Village Hall**. On a less serious note we understand that the ‘Bouth Belles’ are getting their act together for the Christmas party and rehearsals are well underway. *Mainly Susan Smith.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Many thanks to all who attended the very sociable Community Plan event at Finsthwaite with a roaring fire, hot supper and local knowledge quiz! Thanks also to all those who helped with the organisation and the food. Final results from the questionnaire survey and a list of your ideas for future initiatives will be published on the website and autumn newsletter shortly.

Your Council responds to an increasing number of consultations on your behalf. The Community Right to Build was one of these during the summer: the Council gave a cautious welcome to greater local input to the planning process, but expressed strong concerns about the lack of detail on how the system would work within the local democratic process, what controls would be put in place to ensure housing remained ‘affordable’ in

perpetuity, and how development would be balanced with the need to protect environmentally sensitive areas like National Parks.

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

The Cartmel Priory School Prize Distribution and speech night was an excellent opportunity to celebrate many of the students' outstanding achievements this year. With 35% of students achieving 3 or more A/A* grades and 20% of students achieving 5 or more A/A* grades and all students gaining qualifications there was much to celebrate for students of all abilities, but just as importantly there were prizes for effort, attendance, sport, outdoor activities, music and a range of other awards for contributions to the school and wider community.

The MacMillan Coffee morning at the end of September raised a fantastic £433, a brilliant achievement and thanks go to the students (and parents) who baked and all those who organised activities and served drinks, cakes and biscuits. We would also like to thank the parents/carers and friends of the school who came and shared part of their morning with us over a cup of coffee.

Dr Paul Williams.

Leven Valley

Leven Valley Primary School held their annual Harvest Service led by Rev'd Canon Peter Calvert which was well supported by parents, friends and governors. The audience was entertained by Class 1 giving a wonderful performance of "The Little Red Hen". Classes 2 and 3 explained the difficulties children face in Afghanistan and how gardens provide an important source of food whereas we were more used to them being places of relaxation. £105 was raised for the Bishop's Appeal.

Curriculum work continues at the school with an emphasis on firsthand experience. In collaboration with other schools in the Cartmel consortium, Years 5 and 6 having been investigating the Leven Valley during World

War Two. They were taken up to the observatory tower at the top of Brow Edge by Mr Robert Hutton from the British Legion who was a member of the Royal Observatory Corps for many years. A newspaper based on a copy printed in 1944 will be produced by the group of schools. All of Key Stage 2 worked with Coniston Primary School comparing our forests with the tropical rainforest. Members of Wetheriggs Animal Rescue Centre provided tropical creatures such as a python, a tarantula and some stick insects to aid authenticity. All of Class 3 spent a day at Cartmel Priory participating in an activity session based on the story of "The Man who built his house on Sand and the Man who built his house on Rock". A short service was held at the end of the session.

Sue Sanderson.



Oxen Park Cinema Club

Next film, *‘Welcome’*, **Tuesday 2 November, 7:30pm, Rusland**, and on **Thursday 11 November a Coffee Morning, Coronation Hall**. All the usual stalls which will require donations, either to Carol Tel: 861 507 or Jane Chaloner Tel: 861 283.

Carol.

Services and Rotas for November

7th	Third Sunday before Advent
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton 10:30am Morning Worship
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Morning Worship
Readings:	First Reading Job 19:23-27a
	Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
	Gospel Luke 20:27-38
Readers:	Colton J Redhead E Fleming S King
	Lowick W Keegan & A Naylor
	Penny Bridge C Sadler E Wemyss C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton S King & M Sanders
	Lowick S Wood
	Penny Bridge J Law & B Law
14th	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 Micah 4: 1-2a
	Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
	Gospel Luke 21: 5-19
Readers:	Colton M Sanders R Smith I Pirnie
	Penny Bridge J Jackson D Lancaster G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton R Smith & S Smith
	Penny Bridge R Atkinson & P Ashton
21st	Christ the King
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Communion
Holy Trinity	Colton 9:30am Communion
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Jeremiah 23: 1-6
	Second Reading Colossians 1:11-20
	Gospel Luke 23:33-43
Readers:	Colton R Tarr G Pickles B Watson
	Lowick B Mitchell & G Mitchell
	Penny Bridge P Ashton M Henderson R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton S Dean & M Sanders
	Lowick A Wood
	Penny Bridge R Long & T Long
28th	Advent Sunday
St Luke	Lowick 9:30am Methodist Service
Holy Trinity	Colton 9:30am Communion
St Mary	Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5
	Second Reading Romans 13:11-14
	Gospel Matthew 24:36-44
Readers:	Colton J Tarr S Smith S Lydon
	Lowick D Gregg & J Davis
	Penny Bridge R Atkinson S James J Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton P Priestley & B Johnson
	Lowick G Mitchell
	Penny Bridge J Lancaster & D Lancaster
28th- Advent Sunday	
Greenodd Village Hall	4:00pm Advent Tea with the Outset of Posada Processions

DIARY DATES

Service Times: 1st. & 2nd. Sundays – 10:30 am. 3rd. & 4th. Sundays - 9:30 am.



- 1 November **All Saints.**
- 2 November Cinema Club, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm
- 7 November **Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
- 10 November Bouth W I - A G M, Bouth Village Hall 7:15pm.
- 11 November Cinema Club, Coffee Morning, Coronation Hall.
- 14 November **Remembrance Service, 10:30am.**
- 21 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 27 November “Buy Nothing Day”.
- 28 November **Advent Sunday, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
Posada Service, Greenodd Village Hall, 4:00pm.
- 30 November **Andrew, Apostle.**
Mothers Union, Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2:00pm.



MORE NEWS

Neville Stark has not been too well of late but is recovering and is appreciative of all the kind thoughts, help and cards he has received over recent times.

We remember with sadness the death of Ken Lomas & Joe Jackson; both were true country men and very decent old fashioned people who enjoyed the simple things of life; a sad loss, to their families, friends and the community.

Congratulations to Sue & Ken Dean who have new grandson; at this time, information is a little frugal, but a response to an email might bring forth something for next month.

✝ **Book of Remembrance** – There is a Book of Remembrance at the back of the church that records the names of loved ones who have departed this life. Please, will anyone who wishes a name to be entered in this Book contact either the Vicar, Curate, Churchwardens or, as a last resort, this editor. Contact information is on the inside front cover page. *Donald.*



“Praising what is lost, makes the remembrance dear.”

Shakespeare

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