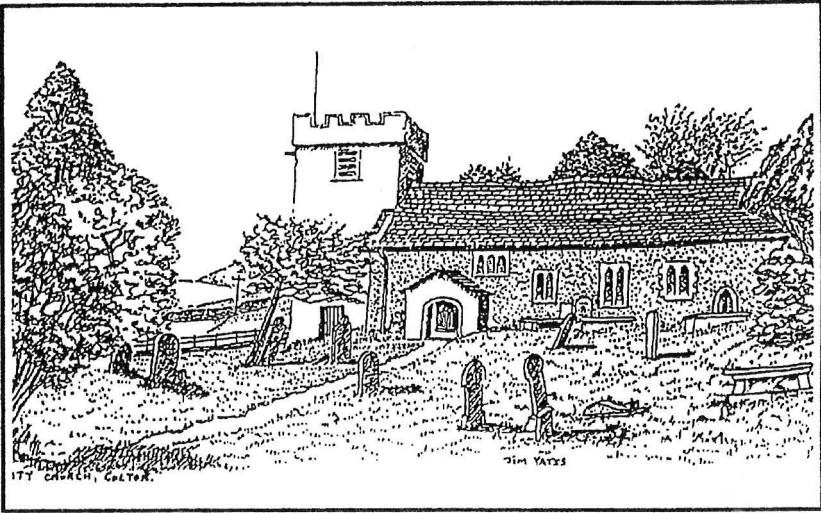




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Difficult Times

We have all been warned about the difficult times ahead. Irrespective of whose fault it is we are all “in it together” because the measures being taken by the Government will affect everybody. Perhaps this is most noticeable at the filling stations. One thing that becomes obvious at times of difficulty is our need of a friend who we can talk to and a face we can trust. The psalmist says *"Here my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me."* Psalm.27:7-8.

We need to know Jesus.

Many years ago a young man living in China wondered about the stories concerning Jesus. He heard missionaries speak of this man. They said he was the living God who came down to earth, born as a baby, died as a man. They said that after he was crucified he came to life again two days later and that now he is the ruler of the whole Universe. Even more amazing was the idea that it was possible to know him as a friend, not just for now, but for eternity. "Just ask", they said.

The young man was troubled. How wonderful it would be to know Jesus, to meet him, to see his face. But then, it could all be a fairy story, how could anyone know? The young man wasn't sure; it was all a mystery to him.

These may seem familiar thoughts to some of you reading this article. There are those who see the life of Jesus as a fairy story and there are those who know Jesus as a true friend who never lets them down but the majority of people are somewhere in between. Wanting to seek but perhaps afraid of finding. To find is glorious; to know Jesus is beyond words; to know his presence with us helps us through difficult times.

We very rarely see the hidden presence of the living God in life. Most of the time it seems like a meaningless pattern without purpose. Random shades devoid of meaning. We rarely see His face.

Yet he is there in the friendly smile, the helping hand, the word of comfort or encouragement and the being present when needed through a neighbour or even a stranger sometimes. However, the presence of the living God only ever becomes real to those who search for him - to those who seek meaning in the random shades of life.

His presence can be found in the quietness of worship, in reverence and awe. He can be found in the wonder of his Word, by simply reading the Bible. He can be experienced in the love of his people, in the gentle touch of compassion. He can be experienced in the keeping of his promises; like a good friend he does what he says he will do. He can be experienced in the gift of his inner peace. He can be seen in the glory of his creation.

As we journey through the next few months I hope and pray that some of you who read this article will want to know the presence of the living God more in your lives. You may drop in on one of the services in a church somewhere but it takes bravery to cross the doorway for the first time. It is perhaps better to come with a friend but come and do not be afraid.

If you want to know more about Jesus, without commitment, contact the Rev'd Joanna Henson, the Rev'd David Gregg or myself to have a chat. Equally if you just want to talk we are available.

Because Jesus has done so much for me I pray you may want to know more.

Yours sincerely

Gary



Found

'On Sunday 10th January I found a pair of binoculars at Beacon Tarn. If you think they are yours then give me a description and I will return them to you. Nigel Coe Tel: 01594 41654'



FLOWER ROTA

Mrs. Susan Smith has kindly agreed to organise the Flower Rota but she needs your help. Any who wish to donate or arrange the flowers in church please contact Susie Tel: 01229 861 370. Email: roderick.smith2@btinternet.com

6 February Mrs. S Sanders

13 February Mrs. S Sanders

20 February Mrs. S Pirnie

27 February Mrs. S Pirnie



COTTON CHRONICLES

Epiphany has passed and we are on the way to Lent and, on the first of the February, it will be 327 days to Christmas. Isn't it strange that the secularists, many of whom condemn Christmas, are happy to see it as a commercial opportunity with their goodwill ending with the ringing of tills.

We in this parish are blessed, for the scenic snow however beautiful has like human nature a nasty side, happily this has brought the Christian premise of 'love your neighbour' to life. There is not enough space to record the many unstinting acts of kindness that have occurred and to pay tribute to the 'Good Samaritans'. Whoever you are, thank you.

Our congregation might be getting smaller and older but there is hope, shown by the magnificent work of the faithful few who slaved hard and long to clear the road and pathways to our church so ensuring that our Carol service went ahead in a beautiful decorated Church. And without nibbles, for which the 'Nibble Gnome' apologises, as he should; consequently he has enjoyed some good lunches. The good news is that the sherry will keep 'till Easter.

The Carol service was not only a delight but a truly community affair and shame on you who missed it; the scene and the mood was set with a delightful unaccompanied singing of the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' by young Daisy Ball. It brought a tear to this editor's eye as in the days of yore when the radio was the wireless and TV and 4x4s did not exist he sang the same words, but not nearly as well, in a little mission church where the organ was a harmonium (younger readers, ask your grand

parents). The icing on the cake was the generosity of Martin & Gayle Roscoe who provided Mulled wine, mince pies and other goodies in the hall after the service. Thank you.

Donald.

Bonzo

Bonzo Johnson's premature passing away has left a gap in all the lives of Colton parishioners and of his many other friends across South Lakeland for he was a most popular stalwart of Colton Church and the surrounding communities.

After a successful long career as a submariner in the Royal Navy and at VSEL, he retired to become a dedicated and conscientious Churchwarden and Treasurer of Colton Church for over 15 years.

He evoked genuine affection by his interest in others and by his mix of determination, quiet competence, unassuming modesty and puckish sense of humour. He bore nobody malice and his battle-scarred VW Polo merely reflected his enthusiastic driving over many years including many for the Volunteer Car Scheme, helping those less able. When his health eventually deteriorated he bore it with typical fortitude and impatience. He led a full and successful life and we shall all miss him sorely.

At this time of sadness our heartfelt sympathies are with Jane and the rest of his loving family.

Ian.



THE MOTHERS UNION

Going back some time we enjoyed a very festive meeting on Tuesday 30 November in Haverthwaite Church Hall when the Rev'd. Peter Calvert gave a very suitable Christmas talk. This was followed by 'Kecoe', three friends who entertained us with songs and carols; the afternoon was completed with cakes, mince pies and a welcome cup of tea.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8 February, Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2:00/2:30pm** when the Rev'd. Chris Jenkins will tell us about his trip to Uganda and the KASESE Street Kids.

Judy.



*"Like water, be gentle and strong. Be gentle enough to follow the natural paths of the earth,
and strong enough to rise up and reshape the world."*



PARISH NEWS

The arctic weather and monsoon conditions are taking their toll on the good people of this parish and so apart from practical help can we remember and pray for better things for those that we know, and perhaps those we do not know. Those we know include Giles Wingate-Saul, Tommy Woodburn, John Muncaster, Peter Ross and Mrs. Jean Sly; there may be others.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ross who have moved to Ulverston. They were great supporters of the Lunch Club and Bouth Village Hall and we wish them well in their new home.

On a happier note congratulations to Amy and Martin Hool on the birth of their second daughter Maise, born 10 November 2010.

Despite the snow, ice and little publicity the 'Carols Round the Tree' in Bouth was well attended with lusty singing firmly led by Cathy Styles; the singers also dug deep and £202 was collected for St. Mary's Hospice. Much thanks to mine host of the White Hart, Nigel and wife Kath for providing very welcome mulled wine and mince pies.

The Quiz Night for funds for the Village Hall was not as well attended as usual, something to do with snow, but it is hoped that when the 'Brandy Board' is completed the Hall will be £212 better off. To help complete the 'Board' contact Alan Lovegrove Tel: 01229 861 091.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Christmas party was its usual success and we are indebted to Sue Lydon for accompanying our harmonious efforts on the keyboard. Sue stepped in after the retirement of Neville Stark who has not only played beautifully but has been our musical stalwart over many years; thank you Neville.

At our January meeting the planned speaker was unable to attend but will 'catch up' later in the year. Sue Lydon kindly stepped into the breach, at short notice, with a presentation of her travels in China, illustrated with a slideshow.

The ladies enjoyed views of Tiananmen Square, Beijing, the Yangse, the Three Gorges dams, the Terracotta Warriors and the Great Wall of China.

She also showed us slides of old China, behind the scenes, comparing it with the ultra modern Shanghai.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 February, 7:15pm Village Hall** when the speaker will be Colin Barr, his topic, 'Fat man on a Bicycle'. The competition will be 'A Tartan Item.' *Penny, more or less.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following intensive lobbying by your Parish and County Councillors, we are very pleased to hear that a temporary footbridge is to be installed this month at Bouthrey Bridge over the River Crake between Nibthwaite and Water Yeat, strong enough to support a farm quad-bike and trailer. Work to restore the bridge itself will begin in June next year.

Following the news that the government is considering the large-scale sale of Forestry Commission woodland, we invited a member of FC staff, Mr David Lowe, to speak at our meeting on 10th Jan. The government is due to announce its review on 24th Jan, following which there is expected to be a consultation period. You may be aware of local concern over the Forestry Commission's sale of Rigg Wood in Colton Parish on the east shore of Coniston. Despite Rigg Wood being dedicated CROW access land for walkers, it has now been fenced with padlocked gates.

Unfortunately, it seems that the legislation does not require the owner to provide for access. This has now drawn national interest, as it appears to illustrate one possible consequence of the sale of our woodlands. The Parish Council has expressed its concern, and has written to the local MP, Tim Farron, and to Jim Paice MP, Minister of State for Defra. A local website has been set up by a Satterthwaite-based community group which gives latest news and contact information if you wish to express your own opinion - see www.savelakelandsforests.org.uk .

A meeting to consult local councils about governance arrangements for the National Park was attended by Cllrs. Colin Barr and Vanessa Champion in December. The principle outcome was a preference to increase local representation at the expense of county or national appointees. The next Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 21 February, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm**. All welcome, as ever.

Mandy Lane (Clerk) - 01229 861408 - coltonpc@btinternet.com - www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

LEVEN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reflecting back on Christmas, Leven Valley Primary School presented two performances of "The First Christmas" to parents, friends and governors. Both performances were very well attended and everyone enjoyed them. The children sang very well and the audience really enjoyed the readings and the presentation of the Nativity Story, especially the long journey undertaken to Bethlehem.

The PTA provided tea, coffee and mulled wine, there were several Christmas stalls and a raffle. Pupils at the school were also thrilled by a visit from Father Christmas who had kindly brought early Christmas presents for each class. Children rushed to the windows to see him take off with his sledge and Rudolph and the other reindeers but unfortunately he had gone too quickly.

Year 6 have been extremely busy with their Enterprise Project organizing grocery orders for families in the village from an eco friendly company which operates as a co-operative. The first group order came to a total of over £1300. The group will be taking further orders in February 2011.

The new term began with burst pipes which flooded the kitchen and damaged the dining room putting both out of action. School dinners are currently being prepared at Flookburgh School and transported to Leven Valley where the children eat them in the hall. Gail, the school cook is doing an amazing job to keep the dinners being served as normal and our grateful thanks go to her.

Children will be participating in a football tournament along with other pupils from the Cartmel Consortium. Other pupils have been chosen to represent the Consortium netball team. Class One will be visiting Abbot Hall Museum as part of their Toys topic.

Sue Sanderson.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

We have a regular schedule of evening showings on the first Tuesday of each month, September to April, 7:30pm at Village Hall venues. Short locally made film may be shown first. New members are welcome - £12.50 p.a. (£18 for couples): Life £100. Seats at shows are – members £3.00, non-members £4.50, under 16 £1.00

Our next film *'The Secret in Their Eyes'* will be shown on **Tuesday 1 February, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.** On **Thursday 17 February** there will be a showing at **Leven Valley School** but details are not yet available.

The classic film *'The Third Man'* will be shown on **19 February, 7:45pm, Coronation Hall.**

Contact - carol@mcneillcfreeserve.co.uk 01229 861507



LENT COURSE 2011

It is proposed to run at least one Lent Study Group this year, using the diocesan material called Disciples Together.

As Christians, we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and the course looks for “marks” of discipleship in five areas:

Maturity in Faith
Prayer and Worship
Quality of Relationships
Community Service and Engagement
Evangelism

Details of times and places are not yet known and will be determined by how many people join the group(s) and in which part of the benefice most signing up live.

We hope that some people interested in coming will be of other Christian denominations or just people interested in finding out more about discipleship.

Please contact the vicar (details in the front of the magazine) to show your interest, or to find out more.



ADVICE TO YOUNG CHILDREN

Children who paddle where the ocean bed shelves steeply
Must take great care they do not, paddle too deeply.

Thus spoke the awful ageing couple
Whose heart the years had turned to rubble.

But the little children, to save any bother,
Let it in one ear and out at the other.

Stevie Smith.

Services and Rotas for February

6th	Fifth Sunday before Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Christingle Service		
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	58:	1-9a
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	2:	1-12
	Gospel	Matthew	5:13-20	
Readers:	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Colton	S Lydon	M Sanders	S King
	Penny Bridge	School		
Sidesmen:	Lowick	S Wood		
	Colton	S King	& S Dean	
	Penny Bridge	School	B Law	J Law
13th	Fourth Sunday before Lent			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am Benefice Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Deuteronomy	30:15-20	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	3:	1-9
	Gospel	Matthew	5:21-37	
Readers:		D Wroe	M Calvert	R Long
Sidesmen:		R Long	& T Long	
	No service at Colton or Lowick			
20th	Third Sunday before Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Leviticus	19:1-2, 9-18	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	3:10-11, 16-23	
	Gospel	Matthew	5:38-48	
Readers:	Lowick	B Mitchell	& G Mitchell	
	Colton	S Smith	J Tarr	J Pickles
	Penny Bridge	C Sadler	M Henderson	P Ashton
Sidesmen:	Lowick	A Wood		
	Colton	S Smith	& P Priestley	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	& D Lancaster	
27th	Second Sunday before Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Communion Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	1:1-2:3	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:18-25	
	Gospel	Matthew	6:25-34	
Readers:	Lowick	M Calvert	& J Davis	
	Colton	R Tarr	R Smith	I Pirmie
	Penny Bridge	D Gregg	J Lancaster	R Atkinson
Sidesmen:	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Colton	R Smith	& M Sanders	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	& R Atkinson	

DIARY DATES

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



- 1 February Cinema Club, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
2 February **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Candelmas.**
6 February **Family Morning Worship, Colton, 10:30am.**
8 February Mothers Union, Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2:00/2:30pm.
9 February Bouth Womens Institute, Village hall, 7:15pm.
13 February **Benefice Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
14 February **St. Valentine.**
19 February Cinema Club, Coronation Hall, 7:45pm.
20 February **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30pm.**
21 February Colton Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.
27 February **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30pm.**
9 March **Ash Wednesday.**



A Memory

“For someone who used to enjoy smoking a pipe and still enjoys a glass, or two, of wine I have a very fond memory of Bonzo; pipe in one hand, glass of wine in the other and a look of sheer contentment on his face”. *Donald.*



This space is for your memories.

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