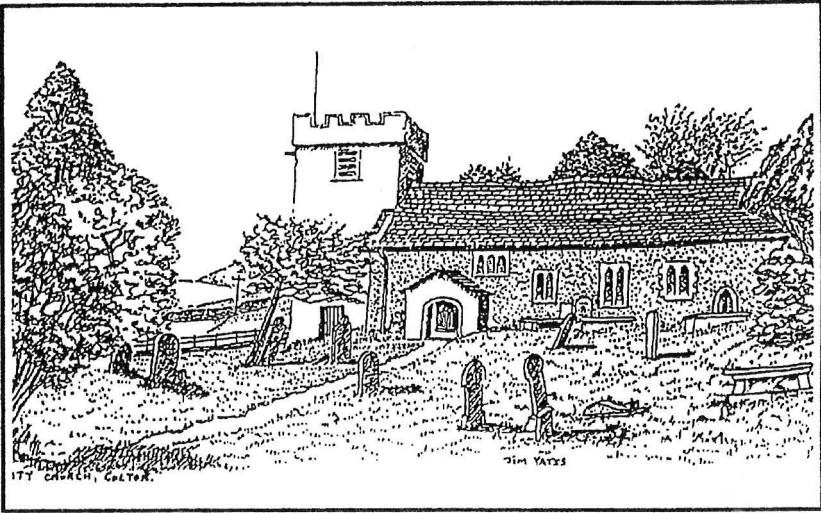




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Living with Jesus

To live with Jesus means to change. From the start, at baptism, we pass from darkness to light and from death to new life. These are not only themes strongly represented at baptism but are also part of the Easter story.

Jesus moved from the darkness of Good Friday and the crucifixion to the light of the resurrection - from death to life. Those who came to know Jesus during his life on earth, and opened their lives to him, were also changed. The old life was replaced by a new life in Christ.

But the death of Jesus did not bring an end to this changing of lives. After his resurrection Jesus continued to affect the lives of those he appeared to. The women at the tomb, the disciples, those on the road to Emmaus and those by the lakeside were all affected in one way, or another. Some probably had doubts but, like Thomas, when they met Jesus they came to believe.

Even this was not the end of the story because, throughout history, men and women and boys and girls from all over the world have come to know Jesus and their lives have been changed – some dramatically and others very simply. Knowing Jesus brings about a change.

This message continues today and will do so into the future. Every Christian who has come to know Jesus has been changed by him – and changed for the better. For some, lives which have been filled with darkness are given hope and meaning and brought to a new light. Even for those whose lives are alight to begin with there is a new dimension and a

new level of living with Christ. But none of this happens without an encounter with Jesus.

This can be made anywhere, anytime but let me encourage you to come to worship on Easter Day – the day of resurrection – the day of new life in Christ.

Yours sincerely
Gary Wemyss

Vicar.



Bible Focus

April - John 20:19-23

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Jesus says, "Peace be with you". Peace is far more than a greeting. It is a gift. The biblical word 'peace' comes from the verb which means to bind. The peace of Jesus means the binding of human lives to God in reconciliation, the binding of them to one another in fellowship and the binding up of lives which are torn and divided in themselves. This is the peace which Jesus, risen and once crucified, brings to the disciples on the evening of Easter Day. May we be receiving this peace in each of its aspects.

There is a cost. As he says the words Jesus shows them his hands and his side, the wounds of Calvary. Calvary is the cost of the giving of this peace, and it is the cost of the receiving of it by the disciples. Some of the disciples were to realize this in their subsequent history.

Jesus breathes upon them, giving to them the Holy Spirit as the breath of a new divine creation. As the Father had sent him so he sends the disciples; and as the Father was with him throughout his own mission so he will be with the disciples throughout theirs. Binding and loosing; that means bringing to human lives the compassion and the judgement embodied in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like Jesus we are sent to bring peace to the lives of those who find little true peace but it can be truly found in knowing Jesus.

Lord, come to us this Easter so that we may know your peace. Amen.

COLTON CHRONICLES

The March Diocesan Synod concentrated on reform, with the presentations aimed at almost frightening the assembly into making the decisions that the hierarchy wanted, by the base use of statistics.

Apparently at the present rate of decline there will be no clergy left by 2050 but that does not matter as by 2045 there will be no congregations. On the more positive side there is an avowed intention not only to formulate a realistic budget but to have a balanced budget.

Currently there is an annual deficit, which strangely, equates to the amount of Parish Share NOT PAID! So, central costs are to be cut and we all must work harder to pay our dues. Bishop James led a short 'Bible Study'; he talked, we listened but there was one passage from Paul that is worthy of thought. *"the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."*

Other than that it was all a touch boring as despite the fact that dissension is endemic in Anglican Church today the proceedings were uncomfortably cosy. Happily the decisions taken should be a positive step forward.

Wendy quite rightly pointed out that the amount collected by Robert Alty was £2000 not £ 12,000, as printed last month, but the error was NOT typographical it was optical. A misreading of Wendy's writing!

Your editor is well aware mistakes and errors in this esteemed publication are pounced on with glee, especially by a vintage gentleman in Bouth who has an obsession with split infinities, but as this is a solo effort they will continue to happen and perhaps continue to give amusement.

On more serious matters the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is to be held in the **Church Hall, Tuesday, 11 April, 7.30pm.** We know you never attend but you should, especially if you think there ought to be changes particularly in the format of the Services. It is no good going home or even to the pub and grumbling when you have a chance to change or even improve our worship.

Judy tells us that **Christian Aid** time is with us again and that by now you should have taken your full boxes, either to church or to Judy and taken an empty one home. If you have failed in this simple task please take to Burn Knott, ASAP. Not too difficult, is it?

The **Annual Soup & Cheese** shindig is to held, as usual, in the **Rusland Reading Room** (note that this is the official title) on **Wednesday 17 May 12 – 2.00pm**. The cost is miserly £4.00 (reduction for children) but fill your purses and wallets as there will be plenty to spend your money on.

Not only to you get a cracking good lunch but donate to a very worthwhile Charity where all proceeds, less minimal admin. costs, go directly to Christian Aid projects where it is most needed. Do not hesitate – get there!!

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

16 April Easter Day

23 April Easter Flowers

30 April Easter Flowers

Unfortunately the flowers do not arrange themselves and so help is needed on **Easter Saturday 15 April at 10.00am**. Usually only the faithful turn up but this year numbers are depleted as some flower ladies have emigrated. Wendy is really desperate for help. Do not let her down!



COFFEE

2 April Mrs S Dean + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

In February our meeting was held in Haverthwaite when Canon & Mrs. Ellis described their journey to Jordan & Syria and illustrated it with slides. It was both interesting and enjoyable.

In March we met in Bouth Village Hall when Mrs Joan Jeffreys spoke about her stay in southern India, where a group of people are giving help and financial support to the villages. Her photographs made us realise how well the villages are now managing. We all appreciated her visit.

Our next meeting will be held on **5 April, Colton Church Hall, 2.00pm**.

Wendy.

PARISH NEWS

Nothing much seems to have happened in the parish this month and if it has nobody has told this struggling editor. Mind you, what has become clear, is not to upset Penelope (aka Penny Lovegrove) as she is now in a position of power in the community having been elected to the Parish Council. We wish Penny well and know that she will serve us all with dignity and diligence.

Bouth welcomes back Hilary & Noel Brooks from their winter sojourn in Australia; their welcome has been a touch wintry, the weather not the people, and it is a small wonder they have not gone back. We also welcome Roger Perry, back from his duties with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary. Wife Debbie has recently become a sidesperson (a dreadful word); it is comforting that we have someone new to help at our church.

We need all the help we can get especially anyone who would like to read the lessons and/or lead the prayers. Help can be given if you are unsure or shy! If you feel that you might like to have a go please contact this editor.

Holy Week

- **Monday 10 April – Holy Communion - Lowick – 7.30pm.**
- **Tuesday 11 April – Holy Communion – Colton – 7.30pm**
- **Wednesday 12 April – Holy Communion – Penny Bridge 7.30pm**
- **Thursday 13 April – Maundy Thursday Service – Lowick 7.30pm.**
- **Friday 14 April – Good Friday Service – Colton – 10.30am.**



EASTER DAY SERVICES

Sunday 16 April

Colton Church – 9.30am.

Lowick Church – 9.30am.

Penny Bridge Church – 11.00am

Donald



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The talk in March was given by Susan Winters, who represents the national WI committee and is a National Trustee for Denman College. Susan is a great supporter of the College and in her presentation explained how she intends to cycle 250 miles (400Kms.) in five days round Cuba, as a sponsored exercise to raise funds for the College.

Unfortunately the Scrabble Evening was a non-event as only 5 members turned up, and they were all on the committee, plus 2 husbands. A third husband kindly brought his wife's spectacles along. We blame the inclement weather.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 April – Bouth Village Hall – 7.15pm.** The talk will be given by Mr. N Crossland on "First Aid Revision" and as this is an **Open Evening** guests, including men, are welcome.

Penny.

This contribution was signed thus:- 'Councillor Penelope Lovegrove ! Penny to you !'



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

The gremlin has struck again and we were let down by our speaker but were saved, at the last moment, by Alan McDougall who gave a fascinating talk on 'Walking Sticks' Alan makes them as a hobby and brought along some examples. It was most interesting evening and we are grateful to Alan for his timely intervention.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25 April – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.** The talk will be given by Mr. Adam Naylor on 'His Year as High Sheriff'. As this is being typed Mr Naylor is still High Sheriff but won't be by the time this reaches you.

Barbara.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

During the school year the pupils take part in various events or non-uniform days (Mufti Days) to encourage them to help others. From May to November last year over £2000 was collected for a variety of charities.

Anyone with sensitive hearing might be as well to keep away from the school as drum lessons are now on offer as they are already for piano, voice, guitar, brass and woodwind instruments.

Currently there is a debate on whether to allow mobile phones in school on the basis of health and safety; one would have thought that on that basis they should not.

We have a growing number of much valued volunteers who are cleared for working with children but can also help with a number of activities. Age is no barrier and for further details contact the School office.

Tel: 015395 362 02. E-mail admin@cartmelpriory.cumbria.sch.uk

Loosely from the School News.



LEVEN VALLEY

Thank you to all who supported our production, just before half term. We received donations amounting to £150, to be shared between the hospice at Ulverston, and Hope Hospital.

We thought you might like to read this review of our performance of “Charlie and the Chocolate factory”, by Elizabeth Buckle in Year 6. I am sure you will agree with us that Elizabeth has a marvellous way with words!

“On Friday 17th February, Leven Valley School performed the book based play of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. Written by Mrs Jones, the play was full of laughter. The children in Class three were playing the main parts, and class two were the umpah lumpahs. It all started before Christmas at the first rehearsal.

We actually found out about our parts on our second rehearsal. I was really excited, but also nervous. I really wanted the part of Violet Beauregarde, and so did Sarah Jane

Me and Natalie saw just a tiny bit before, because we got a glimpse of the sheet. I was so happy I had got the part I wanted, though I had to keep it secret until everyone else heard!

Many rehearsals passed by and soon it was time for the real performance! Chewing gum and costume intact, I made my way down to the hall with a couple of butterflies fluttering in my stomach.

The first performance was a great success. Nothing went hugely wrong, and I was very pleased with myself. The evening though, was a very different story When I arrived at school everyone was buzzing. Connor, the leading part

had been taken ill, and he was Willy . The first half of the play was good, but the second half was better.

When Connor was actually due, instead of Johnny Depp out came Mrs Holohan !!!

I was laughing my socks off (well actually I wasn't wearing any socks and had blisters). I tell you it was one of the best days of my life!

I declare and admit that our production of Charlie and the Chocolate factory" was the best day yet! My highlight was when I got to stick my tongue out at Mrs Holohan: I never thought I'd get to do that !"

As I write this, I am snowed in at Windermere, and spring seems a long way away. All the same, Easter greetings from all of us at Leven Valley School.

Susan.



PARISH NEWS

Two new Parish Councillors have been elected and as they were the only two valid candidates there was no need for a ballot. So welcome Mrs. Sally Baxter, East Ward & Mrs Penny Lovegrove, Central Ward.

The Annual Meeting was unfortunately held on Monday 13 March when the weather was atrocious resulting in a poor attendance. The next meeting is on **Monday 3 April – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm.**

Judith.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Congratulations to the club for winning another award, this time a 'Distinction' at the British Federation of Film Societies Annual Awards for the best Community Film Society. The Club runs a variety of workshops and special events; to find out more check our website : oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Our next show is on **Tuesday 4 April – Finsthwaite Village Hall - 7.30pm.** when we will be showing a classic oldie about a cinema, *The Smallest Show on Earth,* starring the inimical Peter Sellers. ‘

For a starter we have the **Premiere** of the OPCC Film Making Unit **‘Lost Industries of the Leven Valley 1 – The Low Wood Gunpowder Works’.** Starring Ronnie Mein and John Walton. Not to be missed.

Carol.



“Even God cannot change the past”

Aristotle

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 2 April **Family Worship – 10.30am.** Coffee to follow.
5 April *Night Prayers – 7.30pm.*
11 April *Holy Communion – 7.30pm*
14 April *Good Friday Service – 10.30am*
16 April **Easter Day – Holy Communion – 9.30am.**
23 April **Holy Communion – 9.30am.**
30 April **Methodist Benefice Communion – 10.30am.** Coffee to follow.



Other dates

- 3 April Parish Council Meeting – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm.
4 April Cinema Club – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm.
5 April Mothers Union – Colton Church Hall – 2.00pm.
9 April **Benefice Communion – Penny Bridge – 10.30pm.**
11 April **Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Church Hall – 7.30pm.**
12 April Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
15 April **Decorating the Church for Easter – 10.00am. > Be there!**
23 April **George – Patron Saint of England.**
25 April **Mark, the Evangelist.**
Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.

Next Month

- 17 May **Annual Soup & Cheese Lunch – Rusland Reading Room Noon >**



“The Bach Choir gave a concert on the 16th. I was not present. There are some sacrifices which should not be demanded twice from any man. One of them is listening to Brahms’ Requiem.”

Bernard Shaw.



Services and Rotas for April

2nd	Fifth Sunday of Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	31:31-34	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	5: 5-10	
	Gospel	John	12:20-33	
Readers:	Colton	J Redhead	J Pickles	G Pickles
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	C Dykes	J Lambton
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	J Lambton	& N Lord	
9th	Palm Sunday			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am Benefice Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	50: 4-9a	
	Second Reading	Philippians	2: 5-11	
	Gospel	Mark	11: 1-11	
Readers:		V Lambton	R Long	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:		R Long	& D Lancaster	
	No service at Colton and Lowick			
10th	Monday in Holy Week	7:30pm Communion at Lowick		
11th	Tuesday in Holy Week	7:30pm Communion at Colton		
12th	Wednesday in Holy Week	7:30pm Communion at Penny Bridge		
13th	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm Communion at Lowick		
14th	Good Friday	10:30am Service at Colton		
16th	Easter Day			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	10:34-43	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	15: 1-11	
	Gospel	Mark	16: 1-8	
Readers:	Colton	J Tarr	M Campbell	D Wroe
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	S James	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	S James	& R Atkinson	
23rd	Second Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	4:32-35	
	Second Reading	1 John	1:1-2:2	
	Gospel	John	20:19-31	
Readers:	Colton	B Johnson	M Sanders	R Smith
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	C Sadler	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
30th	Third Sunday of Easter			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Ecumenical Benefice Communion Service		
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge			