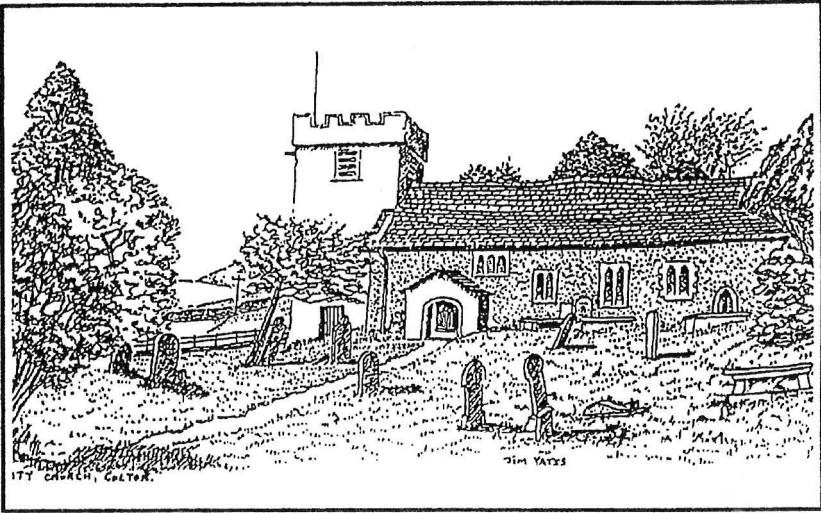




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

We Believe and Trust in Him

Words spoken at a Baptism, Confirmation or any other service which takes place in church week by week.

I wonder, however, how much notice we take of the words, which go before the affirmation. *Do you believe and trust in:*

- *God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?*
- *God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?*
- *God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?*

In responding to those words we acknowledge the creator, our reason for looking to and following the example of Jesus as well as our duty to tell others about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

One group in the parish is looking at this very question. What is our faith about? How do we respond to Jesus our Saviour? Have we responsibilities as part of God's creation?and many more questions could follow. The *Emmans* course is going well and is an opportunity to explore our faith with others who want to know more. Each unit is independent and you are welcome to go along to Colton Church Hall most Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30pm. (You do not have to attend church regularly!).

Further to this, there is to be a High Furness Group **Confirmation** on the morning of the 14th of March 2004. This is an opportunity for those who are not Confirmed to take that next step of *Belief and Trust in God* and of committing themselves to serving Jesus in all they do.

Anyone considering Confirmation should let me know on 01229 861285 by the end of November. (Please note that there will be a separate group for adults).

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss, Vicar

COLTON CHRONICLES

In September 1995 Mrs Christine Dobson very wisely decided enough was enough and a new editor for the Parish Magazine was sought. The memory is a little hazy but I must have nodded my head at the wrong time and got the job.

This is now the eightieth edition covering a period of eight years and still on the fifteenth of every month when the contributions are supposed to in but very rarely are I still wonder why I continue to do it. Perhaps it is because people do read it. I know this, for one of the pleasures of parish life seems to be reminding me of the mistakes I continue to make.

Or gently remonstrating with me when I have one of my rushes of blood to the head and have a little rant. On the whole it has been quietly pleasurable and I would like to express my thanks to you the readers for your occasional words of praise but particularly for your tolerance.

There was a PCC in September, which unusually was a touch unstructured probably because there was not anything of great moment to discuss. One item though, has some importance in that it was suggested, nothing more, that perhaps we should revert back to 9.30am. for our Family Service. This is possible as it is what somebody very unkindly described as a 'Do it yourself Service'.

We often ask for your views and very rarely get them so please, for once, make an effort. If it helps then I am all for it!

The progress for the 'Loop System' is well advanced but one cannot help thinking that it more people sat at the front of the church it might be a cheaper option. But there again this is the Anglican Church and old habits die hard.

Donald

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above"

And so it was, as the Friday night Harvest celebrations both in church and at the supper afterwards were enjoyable occasions. There was a cracking sing and the supper superb. It is difficult to know who to thank, especially as the result of a communication difficulty the arrangements for the supper were in limbo until after the PCC on 29 September. The 'Rapid Response Team' were alerted and you all know the result. Whoever you are thank you.

The Sunday Joint Harvest service included a baptism and we congratulate young Harvey William Fairer on becoming a member of the Christian church. We also gathered in the Christian Aid Boxes and please will those who still have their boxes which you should not have by now, bring them to church.

The service was not without its drama, as the organ motor fused, however normal service was resumed as Bonzo turned out to be an excellent alternative as he valiantly used the hand pump as in days of yore, which was no mean feat for a gentleman of mature years.

Our thanks are also due to those who brought gifts and to those who decorated the church. We may be small in number but the will to give and the hearts of our congregation are enormous.

Money, money, money!

Just a gentle reminder that magazine payments are due next month so please have your £4 ready; you will not get better value anywhere.

Judy/Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

- 2 November Flowers for Barbara
- 9 November Remembrance Sunday
- 16 November From last Sunday
- 23 November Mrs Wendy Smith
- 30 November Advent Sunday



Just an after thought, we now have an ecological friendly oil tank at church which is double skinned to prevent a potential leakage. We are sometimes

hard on Bonzo who protects our funds as if they were his own but he organised this project brilliantly and he has our grateful thanks.

I have full and frank discussion

You kick up a fuss

He rants



MOTHERS UNION

It was a disappointing turn out for the Annual Coffee Evening on Tuesday 7th October, seemingly we had clashed with the new Valley Cinema Club evening. So we made up for shortage of numbers with enthusiasm, and the stallholders were kept busy selling home baked cakes, bric-a-brac and Mothers Union cards.

Carol Campbell gave a lovely talk on the workings of St. Mary's Hospice, and how it is funded, a truly lovely place where people can find help and solace in traumatic circumstances.

£50, which were the proceeds from the raffle, were given to Carol towards the Hospice funds. The evening also raised £88.34 for our funds.

On **Wednesday 5th November at 2.00pm.** we meet in **Rusland Reading Room**, when a member from the Barrow Lions Club will be giving a talk. We welcome all ladies to come and join us in Christian fellowship.

On **Friday 5th. December also at 2.00pm.** we will be holding our **Deanery Advent Service at Satterthwaite.**

Margaret.



THE PAST

People who are always praising the past
And especially the times of faith as best
Ought to go and live in the Middle Ages
And be burnt at the stake as witches and sages

PARISH NEWS

The miracle of the sunrise and the sunset continue, this must be one of the best autumns ever but nothing much seems to be stirring in Colton parish and if it is, nobody has told this editor who has another four pages to fill.

It was good to see Jack Burns back at church he is a credit and an example to us all and we wish him continued good health. But we must not forget Cynthia who has looked after Jack and nursed him through all his traumas. They are a remarkable couple and we wish them well for the future.

Alma Pennington has, after many hiccups, finally left Bouth and the new owners have moved in but have not introduced themselves. We gather they are from the south. Regrettably and sadly the house will become another holiday home, yet another blow to our rural community.

I have been on the receiving end of a nasty bug, which is not of interest to anyone, except me, but the loving care that has come my way has been a very humbling experience. This parish is special and may I say thank you to you all.

**There will be a 'High Furness Group' Carol Service
in
Holy Trinity Church Colton on Sunday,
30th. November at 6.30pm.**

Well, the Vicar did say, advertise it with zeal.



*I'm thankful that the sun and moon
Are both hung up so high
That no pretentious hand can stretch
And pull them from the sky.
If they were not, I have no doubt
But some reforming ass
Would recommend to take them down
And light the world with gas.*

Oxen Park Cinema Club

There was a good turnout of over 20 people at Rusland for the showing of *Rabbit Proof Fence* and Robert Ashley's film of this year's Rusland Show. There will be two films in November:

- 1) A romantic comedy – *About a Boy* - will be shown on **Tuesday 4 November** at **Oxen Park Reading Room**. There will be a **MATINEE** at **2.00pm.** and an evening show at the usual **7.30pm.**
- 2) An under 16 show on **Saturday 15 November** at **4.00pm.** at **Colton Church Hall**. We do not, as yet, have the name of the film. Schools will be kept informed of the children's films.

The prices are £1 for the under 16 films (not sure whether that is just for the children), £3 for members and £4 for non-members. At the matinee, a cup of tea will be provided. And.....don't forget your cushion!

Please book beforehand, if possible, by 'phoning Carol McNeill – 01229 861 507.

Donald



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our October meeting Alison Whytwell, known locally as microbe Ali, spoke of her work as a microbiologist with the Morecambe Bay Health Trust and more particularly of the work of her department during the outbreak of Legionnaires Disease at Furness General. Her reward for her unstinting attention to duty was a trip to No. 10, which Alison described with great humour. Alison is a resident of Bouth, but a word of warning do not let her near your fridge, she will empty it.....in the bin. Her standards of hygiene would reduce a grown man to tears.

Our next meeting, at which we will be celebrating our **60th. Anniversary** and will also be our **Annual Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 12 November, Bouth Village Hall at 7.15pm.** Sheila Parkinson, Federation Chairman will be attending.

On **Tuesday 18 November** we shall be celebrating our Diamond Jubilee with a lunch at Clarence House, Dalton.

A bit of everybody

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

It seemed as though disaster had struck again at our September meeting which was also our Open meeting, when with the room filled with members and visitors the speaker who was to talk on Herdwick sheep and wool, failed to turn up. However in true WI spirit, while members served early tea and biscuits, drew the raffle, and voted for the best competition, our lovely Liz Goyder raced home and brought back her spinning wheel, along with a fleece and samples.

Liz then gave an impromptu talk on how she had become interested as a child, growing up in Yorkshire countryside, in first using scraps of wool found on barbed wire fences, to obtaining whole fleeces and spinning, dyeing and knitting garments. The outcome of this wonderful talk? Members and visitors happily going home, from a really interesting evening enjoyed by all.

On **Tuesday 25 November** we will be holding our **Annual Meeting** at **Lowick Sunday School** at **7.30pm.** followed by our traditional Festive Jacobs Join Supper, and exchange of Presents, Ladies, don't miss it!!

margaret



SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

We reported last month on an unwanted deluge in the school and Lo' and behold two days later it happened all over again. The building and contents are still drying out and the staff recovering from their superhuman efforts to return the school to normality. Administration is the heart of any organisation and it is a credit to them all for maintaining the smooth running of the school, especially with the run up to speech night.

It goes without saying that Speech Night was a huge success not only because the speeches were short but because it is a celebration of all round achievement. For the students for their hard work and success, for the parents for their tolerance and forbearance and for the teachers and staff for their wisdom, skill and patience. The star of the night, other than the students, was Juliet Barker a widely acclaimed biographer and author. Her work on the Brontës is a classic as is her work on Wordsworth.

On **Friday 14 November** the School will be holding a ‘**Children in Need Event**’ and on **Thursday 20 November** the Friends will be holding their **Annual Christmas Fair**.

Donald



POSTSCRIPT

Recently Gary, our Vicar, distributed a paper on an *Introduction to Leading Intercessions in Church* and coincidentally Bishop Graham read a paper to the clergy entitled *Vision, What is Possible in Worship, Mission & Ministry*. These two events are inextricably linked.

The Bishop clearly wants to offer clergy, parishes and the diocese a vision and part of this vision is the involvement of the laity. Not the chosen few but ALL of us.

‘The Church’s future ministry in Cumbria will be primarily in the hands of the laity.’

“The answer to our current difficulties does not lie with spreading the ordained ministry more and more thinly. It lies with lay people rising up to do works of Christian ministry.”

Bishop Graham goes on to say “We must move from lay people thinking ‘my role is to help the vicar’. Rather, ‘the church’s ministry, the ministry of Jesus Christ, is our ministry. The vicar is there to support and train us’...we need a major shift in our perspective to the Church’s being as *a whole body*”.

We at Colton have come a long way in the last few years and especially the last twelve months. More and more of us are now taking an active part in our services but there is much to be done and we need training.

Opportunities for training are now becoming available and we need to look at our skills and talents and see how we can make a contribution God’s Church on earth. It is up to you.



Marriage Guidance

A man was talking to his four year-old , inquisitive and bright daughter when out of the blue she asked him to explain what marriage meant.

He explained as best he could but the young girl could not grasp the concept. He then got out the wedding album and went through it very patiently and finally said ‘Now do you understand?’ ‘I think so’ she said. ‘Is this when Mummy came to work for us?’

DIARY DATES

- 2 November Family Service – 10.30am. – Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 4 November Cinema Club – 2.00 & 7.30pm. – Oxen Park Reading Room.
- 5 November M U – 2.00pm. – Rusland Reading Room.
- 9 November Remembrance Sunday Service – 10.30am.
- 12 November Bouth W I Annual Meeting – 7.15pm – Village Hall
- 15 November Children's Cinema Club – 4.00pm – Colton Church Hall.
- 16 November Extended Communion – 9.30am.
- 18 November Bouth W I Diamond Celebration Lunch – Clarence House.
- 20 November Cartmel School – Friends Christmas Fair – Evening.
- 23 November **Christ the King** – Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 25 November Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Annual Meeting – 7.30pm – Lowick Sunday School.
- 20 November **Advent Sunday** – Joint Ecumenical Holy Communion – 10.30am.
Lowick
Advent Carol Service – 6.30pm – Colton.
- 5 December M U Advent Service – 2.00pm- Satterthwaite.



I knew it was a mistake to congratulate contributors last month as this month apart from one notable exception nobody but nobody got their stuff in on time which has made life very difficult and worse has led to self imposed problems. Please do try as the 15th. is just as good as the 16th. or 17th. It is just a question of self discipline.



