



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

For some people the month of September has a tinge of sadness – the summer is over and it seems as if the only thing left to “look forward” to are the shortening days and dark nights. However for some people it is the start of good things – drawing the curtains against the dark night, lighting the fire and “having it cosy”.

For me it is going to be the start of something really new because I am about to be ordained deacon on September 24th and will be starting my training “in harness” with Gary in the benefice. It will be an exciting time and I hope that I will get to meet a lot of new faces as my ministry as deacon begins. It has been, and continues to be, a long journey and none of it has been or will be possible without the goodwill and prayers of so many of you in the benefice for which I am especially grateful. I am so looking forward to celebrating the big day in Carlisle with some of you.

We have been entertaining our grandchildren for a week this Summer and it has been nigh on impossible to find a quiet space in the day; and yet finding time in the middle of our busy lives to read our Bibles, pray and listen to what God wants us to do is absolutely vital if we are to keep energised as Christians, however difficult it may prove to be. This is why, like Harrods and Selfridges, we are already thinking about Christmas! (but in rather a different kind of way).

You will have seen that there is a call out to those of you who can knit – this is for something new and special that will help the whole benefice to escape from the commercial business of the preparation for Christmas and help us to turn our attention to the true meaning of Christmas; but it will

not happen unless we all join in. Even if you can't knit there will be a role for you later so watch out for more news!

With love and prayers

Joanna



Favourite Bible Passage

There will be no favourite Bible Passage for September but a return will be made in October.

Because of the Stewardship Campaign in Egton-cum-Newland there will be weekly Bible Study notes at the back of church each week from August 27th to September 17th. Copies of these will be available to members of the other churches in the benefice if they want them.

“WALK CUMBRIA 2007” – Update

Following our joint PCC meeting in June, the Churches of the Benefice and Tottlebank Baptist Church have invited a team of ten walkers to join us from **Friday 11 May to Sunday 13 May** for our part in “Walk Cumbria”. A small planning group, consisting of Phil Gommersall, Carolyn Dykes, Barbara Watson and David Gregg has been set up to begin our preparations.

There is to be a **Mission Briefing Session** at Kendal on **16 Saturday September from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** to which anyone interested may come. If you would like further details, please contact David Gregg (Tel: 885258).

There is also a regular **monthly Prayer Meeting** focussing on our local mission, on the **second Saturday** of each month, from **9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** to which all are welcome. Again David Gregg will be glad to give details.

Gary.



“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.”

Jeremiah.

COLTON CHRONICLES

You will recall, though most of you won't, that in the July issue the question of changing Deaneries was mentioned, well, things have moved on. The PCC held an extraordinary meeting on Sunday 20 August and discussed an admirable and well reasoned paper by Ian Pirnie. The upshot being that they unanimously approved to set in motion a transfer from the Windermere Deanery to the Furness Deanery.

This transfer is not a big deal, nor, like footballers will money change hands and do we have an agent although we do have the Vicar. The Anglican Church does not move quickly so there is plenty of time for you all to comment. A copy of Ian's paper is available from your editor either by telephone or E-mail, details on the inside of the cover sheet.

For many years the Patrons of our church have outnumbered the congregation which was a ridiculous state of affairs but this situation has now been rationalised thanks again to the sterling work of Ian over a long number of years. It really has been a labour of love though I doubt that Ian would see it that way. Again details are available from the editor.

You may well ask 'what do patrons do?' and the answer is not a lot. Together with Archdeacon they interview prospective candidates when a new Vicar is required and then send a nomination to the Bishop, who alone, makes the appointment

It really is Ian Pirnie month, although he will not thank me for saying so, as he has now taken on the responsibility for the Church Electoral Roll from Judy Redhead who has carried out this duty for many years in her normal efficient way and we must thank her for her efforts.

Not only in this respect but for the organisation of the Fête, for her unappreciated playing of the organ every week and for a host of other jobs e.g. the distribution of this rag, and many more for which there is no room to list. Judy a big thank you! And I forgot, valiantly trying to keep this editor in order and out of trouble.

The **Farmers Harvest Service & Supper** is on **Friday 6 October**; as usual there will be a list at the back of the church for those who want to attend the supper. Not sure of the cost but probably around the £5 mark.

Donald.

YOUR CHURCH

It may come as a surprise to many of you but we are now in the second year of the Bishop's Plan towards a 'Mission Shaped Church.'

To explain: In the past most churches had their own priest who took the services and looked after the pastoral care of the parishioners but that was before the Church Commissioners lost an inordinate amount of money on the Stock Exchange. These priests were poorly paid and had even worse pensions so, understandably, their numbers declined.

Salaries and pensions were improved but their cost was transferred from central funds to the Diocese. This has resulted in a reduction of salaried ordained ministers who now have the responsibility of three or more parishes and clearly cannot carry the wide range of activities as they did previously.

The Mission Shaped Church implies that all practising Christians now have a roll to play in day to day activities and worship. From taking services, helping with the Eucharist to pastoral care such as sick visiting and bereavement counselling. Where you have the gifts, and we all have them, use them.

In our case the Vicar has three extensive parishes and is also a Rural Dean responsible for another twenty one. He regularly puts in a 12 to 14 hour day and his salary for this equates to little more than the national minimum wage. In a week in June after starting work at 8.00am he drove on two successive days 120 miles in the evening to attend meetings getting home at 10.00 & 11.00pm. Your editor was with him, and both also attended another local evening meeting a couple of days later.

What is needed is your support not gripes about not seeing him or not visiting. If you need a visit you only have to ask.

If you want a church then you have to work for it and pay for it!

Editor.



FLOWER ROTA

3 September Mrs. Joanna Henson

10 September Mrs. Tiesy Teasdale

17 September Mrs. Tiesy Teasdale

24 September Mrs. Sue Smith

1 October Mrs. Sue Smith



COFFEE ROTA

3 September Mesdames Sue Smith & Hilary Brooks.



MOTHERS UNION

A service will be held in **Rusland Church** on **Wednesday 6 September** at **2.00pm**. The service will be followed by a meeting in the Reading Room.

On **Wednesday 4 October** there will be an Open meeting in **Bouth Village Hall** at **2.00pm**. There will be a presentation on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme followed by afternoon tea and the inevitable Bring & Buy and Cake stalls to raise money towards the work of the Mothers Union. Everyone is welcome so do come and support us.

Wendy.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

During the last year the Children's Society boxes have raised £321. 28 and the sponsorship from the marathon run by Robert Alty raised another £310. A big thank you to all of you contributed to the Society which is a very worthwhile cause and needs all the support it can get.

Wendy.



Out in the Fields with God

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the sea
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds
The rustling of trees
Among the singing of the birds
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might pass
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass
Among the new mown hay,
Among the rustling of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die, and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.

Anon.

PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to report the death of George Ridley from Penny Bridge whose funeral service was held at Colton. He was a countryman to his fingertips, a keen gardener and for many years Master of the Hunt of the North Lonsdale Foxhounds.

A month earlier we lost Betty Hall from Bouth. Betty was a talented and strong minded lady, a staunch member of the W I who delighted in her craft of weaving. For some years she helped in school assisting Fran Cornthwaite (ex Old Hall Farm). She was a regular worshiper at our Family Services. The collection at the Funeral Service was donated to the church and amounted to £270.30.

Both will be missed and we offer our condolences and prayers to their respective families.

In July we said a fond farewell to Connie & Paul Rushworth but apparently this was a little premature as they are still with us and likely to be so for some months to come, which is our gain.

With sadness there is always the balance of joy and Zella and Frank Slater are proud to announce the birth of yet another grandchild. Anna Isabel came into this world on 26 June, daughter of Judith and Craig Slater, formerly of Oxen Park. Congratulations!

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At the July meeting we were well entertained with ex postie Bill Mortimer. Bill was never short of a word or two and with his reminiscences he was a class act.

There was no formal meeting in August but we had two excellent outings. The first was a canal trip on the Lancaster Canal from Hest Bank to Lancaster with the inevitable and compulsory stop for victuals which supplied the energy to walk back; and nobody faltered.

We also were delighted to join the Egton branch on a trip, first to Orton or rather the chocolate factory at Orton. Then on to Appleby for the nosebag

stop. It was cracking day out, thank you Egton members and Caroline Lambert in particular.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 September, 7.15pm, Bouth Village Hall**, when the speaker will be Mrs. E Belshaw, her subject, 'It shouldn't happen to a nurse.'

Penny & Judy, cobbled together by Donald.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

News is so scarce that one wonders whether this branch still exists; apparently it does as there will be a meeting on **Tuesday 26 September, 7.30pm. Lowick Sunday School.**

Donald.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

After decades of putting efficiency before quality of service and relying on machines the County Council looks as though it has come to its sense, in that, as a pilot scheme, it is intending to re-introduce lengthsmen. Colton Parish Council has volunteered to be part of this scheme. We can only hope.

The Audit of Accounts has been completed and if you have got nothing better to do you can inspect by contacting the Clerk: 01229 885 647.

Date of next meeting – **Monday 18 September, Colton Church Hall.**



Recycling Service

The District Council is reviewing the provision of recycling centres and want to hear your views on what is currently provided potential & new sites. Contact: Recycling Dept. SLDC, Canal Head North, Kendal LA9 7BY. Tel: 08450504434. E-mail: recycling@southlakeland.gov.uk.



Fire!!

Your Fire Brigade send the following advice for Autumn. 1) Make sure your chimney is swept and ensure your logs are not green. 2) Check electric blankets. They need inspecting every 3 years and Local Trading Standards

provide this service free or at a nominal cost. 3) Never use an over blanket under or an under over and switch off before getting into bed unless instructions advise otherwise. 4) Check your smoke alarms; every household can get a free visit and a fitted alarm if needed. Contact 01229 615 735 or free phone 0800 358 4777. Tom Shankland



Cinema Club.

A new season, a new programme of monthly film shows. Heading the list is ***Brokeback Mountain*** on **5 September at Rusland 7.30pm**. Have a look at the website for the full programme or ring Carol McNeill on 01229 861 507 to be sent one in the post. Membership gives you reduced entry and a chance to influence which films are shown (as well as other things); why not join us.

A programme of films for family and under 12's is also being put together starting with ***March Of The Penguins*** on Saturday 14th October. Carol.



Snippets

St Mary's Hospice

The Leven Valley Summer Fair raised the record breaking amount of £3,506 for the Hospice.

British Legion

The Crake Valley/Backbarrow Branch are holding a Musical Evening with "STANZA" on **Saturday 16 September, 7.30pm., Greenodd Village Hall**. Tickets £5 inc. Pie & Pea Supper. Contact D Wood 01229 584 892 or R Hutton 01229 585 888 or J Jackson 0774 231 3607.

Cartmel Priory

The Maia Singers are presenting 'Music for a September Evening' at the **Priory on Saturday 9 September, 8.00pm**. Tickets at the door £6.50 and £3.50 students and children, including refreshments. Repertoire of Bach - Byrd - Bardos - Schubert Faure - Arlen and Cole Porter.



DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 3 September **Family Service – 10.30am.** (Donald). Coffee to follow.
17 September **Extended Communion – 9.30am.** (Joanna).
24 September **Ordination of Joanna at Carlisle Cathedral.**



Other Dates

- 3 September **Gregory the Great of Rome.**
5 September Cinema Club – ‘Brokeback Mountain’ – Rusland – 7.30pm.
6 September M U – Rusland – 2.00pm.
8 September **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
9 September Prayer Meeting – 9.30am. – Various.
‘Music for September Evening’ – Cartmel Priory – 8.00pm.
10 September **Benefice Communion – Penny Bridge – 10.30am.** (David).
13 September Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
14 September **Holy Cross Day.**
16 September ‘Walk Cumbria’ – Mission Briefing – Kendal ? – 10.00am>3.30pm.
British Legion Concert – ‘Stanza’ – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.30pm.
18 September Colton Parish Council Meeting – Church Hall – 7.30pm.
21 September **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.**
24 September **Joanna’s Ordination – Carlisle Cathedral – 10.30am.**
26 September Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
29 September **Michael and All Angels.**



Comment

From a Naval Commander to an Army Major:

“There are only two types of vessels; one is a submarine, the other is a target.”



Services and Rotas for September

3rd	12 after Trinity – Proper 17				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship			
Readings:	First Reading	Deuteronomy	4:1-2, 6-9		
	Second Reading	James	1:17-27		
	Gospel	Mark	7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23		
Readers:	Colton	E Fleming	M Sanders	R Smith	
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor		
	Penny Bridge	C Sadler	V Lambton	C Dykes	
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	E Phizacklea			
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line		
10th	13 after Trinity – Proper 18				
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am Benefice Communion			
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	35: 4-7a		
	Second Reading	James	2:1-10, 14-17		
	Gospel	Mark	7:24-37		
Readers:		P Ashton	S James	J Lambton	
Sidesmen:		D Lancaster	& J Lambton		
No service at Lowick and Colton					
17th	14 after Trinity – Proper 19				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Extended Communion			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion			
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	50: 4-9a		
	Second Reading	James	3: 1-12		
	Gospel	Mark	8:27-38		
Readers:	Colton	B Johnson	D Wroe	M Campbell	
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	R Long	R Atkinson	D Lancaster	
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	A Wood			
	Penny Bridge	S James	& N Lord		
24th	15 after Trinity – Proper 20				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service			
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	11:18-20		
	Second Reading	James	3:13-4:3, 7-8a		
	Gospel	Mark	9:30-37		
Readers:	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis		
Sidesmen:	Lowick	F Inman			
No service at Colton or Penny Bridge – J Henson’s Ordination in Carlisle Cathedral					
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	J Law			