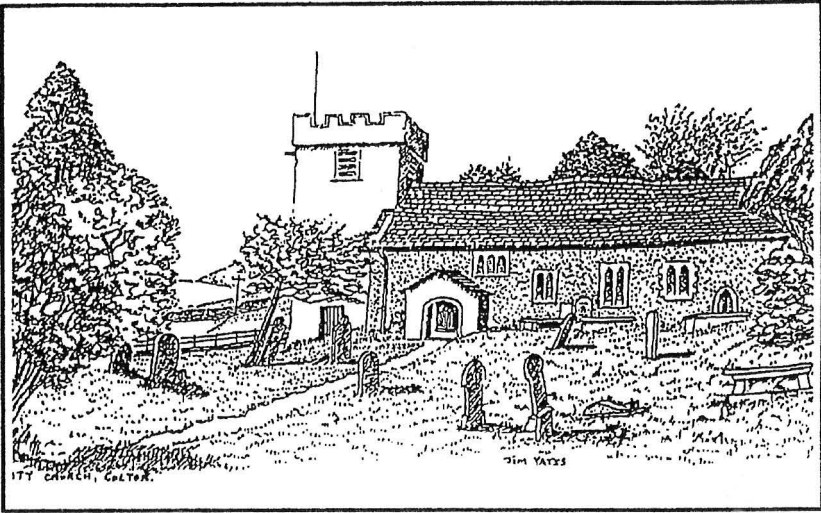




PARISH NEWS

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PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Easter is ahead of us – a time when we are reminded yet again of God's love for us.

I went to a training day about the way that we can help people who are in the middle of a financial nightmare with mounting debts that they cannot pay; and whilst reflecting on what I might write to you in this letter the day came back to me. Can you imagine the misery and fear that people who owe money for just about everything they own feel, or for or the services they have received, when the threatening letters arrive on the doormat, every time the phone rings it is a nasty call from a debt collection agency – or worst of all the ring of the door bell heralds the arrival of the bailiffs come to remove their most precious possessions – even their home.

What a dreadful life; and without skilled advice, which is available I hasten to add, they have no hope of living in confidence – free from the deep pangs of guilt and fear about their mounting debts and sure in the knowledge that the postman, the phone and the doorbell do not always bring bad news and fear.

When we turn to Christ it is exactly that sense of relief from the oppression of debt that Christians experience. Whether we like it or not, and whether we admit it to ourselves or not, we do live fallen lives – they are far from perfect and most days if we look back and do an audit, there is a long list of things that we did or did not do that we should have done which is what is called sin. Sin is an old fashioned word and has fallen out of favour – but the fact of the matter is that whatever name we give it, we do not live according to God's will for us, either personally or as a nation.

How, then, can God love us? I don't know – but what I do know is that He loved us so much that sent His Son Jesus to draw us back to Him – to be at one with Him – and even in spite of the fact that human wickedness did its

best to annihilate Jesus on the cross – God’s forgiving and redeeming love won the day. Can you imagine the misery and fear that people feel who owe money for just about everything they own, or for the services they have received, when the threatening letters arrive on the doormat, every time the phone rings it is a nasty call from a debt collection agency – or worst of all the ring of the door bell heralds the arrival of the bailiffs come to remove their most precious possessions – even their home.

Go to a church near you on Easter Sunday and share the Christian joy in the news of the risen Lord Jesus, you will be made most welcome and who knows – you may walk out of church a quite different person from the person who went in! No longer burdened with guilt and all that stuff but with the confidence of life which faith in God brings to all believers!

God bless you all at this special time,

Your sister in Christ

Joanna.

Farewell

I am going, but I am coming back - most of you will know that I am off to the Cartmel team for a short three month second curacy. I hope that it will be a real challenge for me. I think that life was getting far too comfortable for me in this benefice and that I was beginning to get more than a little complacent. So I am sure that discovering that there are alternative ways of doing things and that I may find myself a bit stretched intellectually will do me a power of good. I shall be back from the beginning of August and of course, meanwhile, I will still be doing my shopping in Booths – so I shall see you there as usual! JH



COLTON CHRONICLES

So, we are to lose Joanna for a few months and we will miss her but send her off with our best wishes that her hopes and dreams will be realised. All too often we take our priests, our faith mentors, too much for granted whilst they work extremely hard to take care of us; it is time to stop, think and pray for them.

Therein lies a problem that in taking care of us they fail to take care of themselves; Vicar Gary works more hours than he should and does not

understand the word delegate, worse still he charges about as if he is younger than he is resulting in a cracked rib(s) and torn muscle(s). Curate Joanna is far from well but that does not stop her working too hard and charging about either, but at least, so far, she has stayed on her feet.

All of us have some talent and we must put it to good use to help and protect them both. In the mean time commiserations to Elizabeth and Bob.

Recently there was a meeting of the three PCCs to reflect on progress or lack of it since the new benefice was formed. The result was quite encouraging in that the parishes singly and together have achieved about 80% of what they set out to do. It is clear that the strength lies within the Parishes, for the church is for the people and not just the faithful few who make the effort to attend church services. Few being the operative word.

There has been an increase in fellowship and our differences are more a strength than a weakness but we do need to develop, and in this respect the Mothers Union is seeking to expand to include Egton and Lowick. Incidentally, there were two members who seemed to have a lot to say and who were, not unsurprisingly, Cathy Styles and your editor.

There was one common feature – cold churches! This led one wag to suggest we hold a ‘Burn a Pew’ Sunday.

When life was more civilised it was always courteous to offer thanks when helped in any way but apparently culture has changed, at least in the electronic world. The Chief Executive of the New York Times Group of Newspapers has issued a Protocol for Blackberry and Email users: It includes – Be brief. Do not use emails for discussion. Very importantly, never, ever say thanks; someone has to delete it. That’s alright then!

EASTER

Please note that as Easter Day falls on a second Sunday (12 April) there will be no benefice service but individual services in each parish. These will be at 9:30am at COLTON and Lowick at 11:00am at Egton-cum-Newland as in 2007.

Decorating the Church will take place on Saturday 11 April, 10:00am onwards.

Every Year the Church holds its Annual Parochial Church Meeting where not only is a new PCC elected but parishioners can come along, and if they want, have a moan about anything to do with the church. Sadly very few ever do, if however you are so inclined, the meeting this year will be held on **Tuesday 7 April** after the Holy Week service, which starts at **7:30pm**.

For those wishing to be elected to the PCC a form will be placed at the back of the church and you will need a proposer and seconder. Donald.



CRAKE VALLEY AND COLTON MISSION GROUP

Since ‘Walk Cumbria’, the group has been responsible for seeking ways to promote the mission of the local churches. At a recent meeting of representatives from our three PCCs we gave an account of our recent activities and our proposed program for 2009, which was unanimously endorsed. It was suggested that we compose a leaflet for distribution with this magazine, to share more widely what we are proposing, which you will find enclosed.

All the activities are open to everyone, and we should love to see more of you joining us. God bless you.

Carolyn Dykes, Phil Gomersall, David Gregg, Joanna Henson & Barbara Watson



MOTHERS UNION

Our March meeting was held in Bouth Village Hall and began with prayers and readings. The Rev’d Joanna Henson gave us a most interesting talk with photographs on the life in Orkney. As we watched and listened we realized what a beautiful place it is even though there are so few trees; the land is very fertile and there are many sheep and cattle and there is a wealth of history. I am sure that many of us would love a holiday there and we thank Joanna for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 April, 2:00pm, Bouth Village Hall** when Mrs. Pam Priestley will be our speaker. Wendy.



“Music is the only noise for which one is obliged to pay.” Alexander Dumas

CHRISTIAN AID

An early date for your diary – The Christian Aid Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 13 May, Rusland Reading Room.**

FLOWER ROTA

5 April Lent

12 April Easter Flowers

19 April The Watson Family, Longmire

26 April The Watson Family, Longmire



COFFEE

5 April Mrs. Barbara Watson + Helpers

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to tell you of the unexpected and sudden death of Brian Jackson, son of Mollie and Bill, husband of Helen and father of Adam and Hannah. Our condolences and prayers go out to the family in this sorrowful time of their bereavement.

Our dear Bonzo has been troubling the NHS for some much needed attention but the good news is all is well he is back home and as perky as ever. Christine Holden has had some trouble with, we believe, her back and currently is housebound. We wish them both well and a quick return to good health.

Wasn't it good to see the church full and the singing reverberating in the rafters, all in aid of the Baptism of Eden Victoria Fleming of Bouth. It was a wonderful service and we pray that the young lady will grow up in better times that we are enduring. All of us are asked to continue to pray for Eden, her parents, sister and sponsors.

If there has been anything else happening in the parish then this editor has not been told. Do not complain, phone, write or email.

Donald.

BOUTH W I

In March we had a wonderful and fascinating evening when Mr Lambert of Kitridding Farm, Lupton not only gave a interesting talk but fed us as well. He and his wife Christine run a farm near Lupton which has been in the family for 50 years and like many others suffered the consequences of 'Foot & Mouth'. This resulted in them taking the decision to diversify and they now have a Farm Shop and recently added a Tea Room.

They have homebred beef, Swaledale lamb, pork, home cured bacon and ham but they specialise in sausages, all of which they sell, with other goodies, in their farm shop and farmers markets. For further information, try the Web.

Mr Lambert brought along an amazing variety of sausages explaining how they were produced but more importantly cooked them for the ladies to taste. They were, just superb, and no doubt there will be more than a few carbon footprints from Bouth to Lupton in the near future.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 8 April, Village Hall, 7:30pm**, when the speaker will be Mrs. J Shaw, her subject, 'Creating Stained Glass'. The competition will be 'A Coloured Glass Object.'

Mainly Donald, with help.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our reporting of flooding trouble-spots via our Highway Steward to Cumbria Highways is bearing fruit. They are to carry out engineering work below Rusland Tannery (Skowbarrow Beck), which we designated as the highest priority in the parish. The 'Rusland Beeches' road will be closed for a week from Monday 20th April whilst this takes place. Our website now has a Highways page with information on who to contact about different issues.

The Council has been considering ways to encourage 'greener living' in the Parish and will be putting information on the website soon about green initiatives like recycling, car-sharing, alternative energy, and insulation of our old houses! If anyone has ideas or is keen to help us with this venture, please get in touch with the Clerk (see below).

The Forestry Commission invited us to attend a meeting at Bessy Bank to discuss the local forest development plan. The aim is to gradually fell the conifers and restore the area to mixed broadleaves. However, some of the larches will now be retained to provide a more diverse habitat for wildlife and to preserve a mix of trees in the landscape.

Our Annual Parish Open Meeting will be held on **Monday 30 March, 7:30pm, Finsthwaite Village Hall**, followed by a Parish Council meeting.

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



CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

Thanks to all the children and parents who supported comic relief on Friday 13 March; it was certainly not an unlucky day for the children with lots of fun activities and a real commitment to raising funds for charity. There were cake stalls and sponge throwing as well as lots of sponsored events including 24h fasts, sponsored silences (my favourite) and sponsored haircuts – we have not counted up all the money yet.

Congratulations go to all the students involved in the ski course in Pila, it was once again very successful and there was the usual positive feedback on the behaviour and attitude of the young people involved.

Other activities this term have included a year 10 graphics trip to the Lanternhouse to further develop work on animation. A small group of students took part in the top of the form quiz at Chetwynde and group also took part in a science and technology competition.

There have also been a variety of sports fixtures, including a recent weekend visit to the Isle of Man and Year 9 students have taken part in the “Mock Trial Competition” as well as an African drumming performance at the Brewery Arts Centre. The science and engineering club have been building cars and are currently making rockets (small ones).

The students completing the John Muir Award have been helping with the local environment clearing rhododendrons from around the Coniston area over the weekend of the 7 and 8 March.

Finally, the school’s excellent exam results in 2008 were further recognised in March when Mrs Ashcroft (Deputy Head) represented the school at the Royal College of Physicians, at the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust

“celebration of high performance”. Mrs Ashcroft was presented on stage with a certificate recognising Cartmel as one of the top 20 specialist schools and academies in the country for the % of students achieving 5 or more A*-C grades with English and maths.

Dr. Paul Williams.



OXENPARK CINEMA CLUB

Roll up, roll up for the last film of the season: “*Seachd: The Inaccessible Pinnacle*”, **Tuesday 6 April, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Room.** This is the first Gaelic feature film; it is set in the Hebrides and full of ancient stories, related by a grandfather of two children whose parents lost their lives in a climbing accident on Skye. Not to be missed.



Clichés

To throw one’s hat into the ring. To enter a contest or to become a candidate in an election. This expression comes from boxing, where in the early nineteenth century the practice of throwing one’s hat into the ring indicated a challenge. Later the term was transferred to other kinds of challenge, particularly political ones. It was used by Theodore Roosevelt in 1912 when he told a journalist, ‘My hat’s in the ring,’ indicating his candidacy.

Rock of ages. An unfailing source of strength. The term originates from the Hebrew Old Testament, Isaiah 26:4 which was translated in the King James Version as ‘everlasting strength’. The term became widely known through a hymn by Augustus Montague Toplady, published in 1775, “Rock of Ages, cleft to me, let me hide myself in Thee.”

Subsequently the term was used more lightly to describe any reliable source of support.



“We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.”

Charles Kingsley.

Services and Rotas for April

5th	Palm Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	50: 4-9a	
	Second Reading	Philippians	2: 5-11	
	Gospel	Mark	11: 1-11	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	I Pirnie	S Lydon
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	P Ashton	C Styles
Sidespersons:	Colton	S King	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& R Long	
6th	Monday in Holy Week	7:30pm	Communion at Lowick	
7th	Tuesday in Holy Week	7:30pm	Communion at Colton	
8th	Wednesday in Holy Week	7:30pm	Communion at Penny Bridge	
9th	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	Communion at Lowick	
10th	Good Friday	10:30am	Service at Penny Bridge	
12th	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 Redhead	W Smith	J Pickles
	Lowick	J Gregg	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	C Sadler	C Styles
Sidespersons:	Colton	S Dean	& C Holden	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex	
19th	Second Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
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	M Sanders	C Holden	J Tarr
	Lowick	B Mitchell	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	D Lancaster	E Wemyss
Sidespersons:	Colton	B Watson	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	J Atkinson	& R Atkinson	

26th	Third 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	3:12-19	
	Second Reading	1 John	3: 1-7	
	Gospel	Luke	24:36b-48	
Readers:	Colton	B Watson	R Tarr	W Smith
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	R Long	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& C Holden	
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	

DIARY DATES

***A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30am**

- 6 April Cinema Club - Rusland Reading Room, 7:30pm.
- 7 April Holy Week - Holy Communion, 7:30pm, followed by APCM.
- 8 April Bouth W I – Bouth Village Hall, **7:30pm.**
- 9 April Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion, Lowick, 7:30pm.
- 10 April Good Friday – Holy Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.
- 11 April Decorating the Church, 10:00am. >
- 12 April **Easter Sunday – Holy Communion, 9:30am, 9:30am, 9:30am.**
- 14 April Mothers Union – Bouth Village Hall, 2:00pm.
- 23 April **George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England – Red Rose Day**
- 25 April **Mark, the Evangelist.**



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will take place after the Eucharist Service during Holy Week **Tuesday April, 7:30pm.** Notices for nominations for election, etc. will be in the appropriate churches at least two Sundays and fourteen days before the meetings.



Late Announcement

Congratulations to Amy and Martin Hool on the birth of their daughter Isabel. There is no news of what the dog thinks.

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