



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,
St. Luke's, Lowick and St. Mary's the Virgin, Penny Bridge
“We are now in an **Interregnum** as we are bereft of a Vicar”.

The Rev'd. Joanna Henson, Retired Priest

Tel: 01229 861 800 - Email - joannahenson@aol.com



Church Wardens

Telephone

Mr J G Tarr Email – john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk 01229 586 174

Honorary Secretary

Mrs Rachel Tarr Email – mrstarr@hotmail.co.uk 01229 586 174

Gift Aid & Legacies Secretary

Mr J G Tarr Email – john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk 01229 586 174

Honorary Treasurer

Mr Nigel Priestley Email – nigel_priestley@hotmail.co.uk 01229 861 866
Mobile 07831 138870

Parish News Editor

Donald A Wroe Email – dwroe@mymail.uk.net 01229 861 275



Details of Service at all the churches can be found on the back page

PASTORAL LETTER

Lowick Farm House
Lowick Green
ULVERSTON
LA12 8DX

October 2014

HE CARES FOR YOU

Dear Neighbours,

My Brummie heroes, Enoch and Eli, bought themselves two horses and put them in their field. “How will us know which is which?” says Enoch. “Oi tell yow what, Oi’ll crop the tail on moin,” says Eli. But next morning they return to find someone has cropped the tail on Enoch’s as well. “That bain’t no good”, says Eli. “I’ll shave ’is neck hair instead.” But next day someone has done *that* to Enoch’s, too. “Oi know,” says Enoch, in desperation. “Yow ’ave the *black* one, and Oi’ll ’ave the *white* one!”

It is, of course, the case that a horse is a horse is a horse – and yet no two are exactly alike. And this applies to cats and dogs, elephants and mice, whales and frogs. The best bird books use *paintings* for identification, representing the main *features* of a type, because a photograph of an *individual* could be misleading and useless! And we see the same phenomenon throughout nature. No two mountains, no two lakes, no two rivers and no two trees are exactly alike. Even further down the scale we can observe that no two flowers, no two leaves, no two apples and no two peas (despite being ‘peas in a pod’!) are identical. We are told that this even extends to snowflakes and pebbles. Diversity-in-Unity is a fundamental principle of creation.

Jackie and I visited the CERN Hadron Collider in Geneva in July, and found an amazing paradox. In order to study the origins of the *largest* features of creation – galaxies and supernovas, stars and planets (of which no *two* are identical – I am utterly convinced that *no* duplicate “Planet Earth” exists!) – the physicists are concentrating *all* their efforts on studying the very *tiniest* items, under the slogan “The entire universe is made up of particles.” So it is protons, neutrinos, electrons, photons and aerosols that are their pre-occupation. . And I should love to know how far

down the scale the feature of diversity-in-unity exists, and if anyone has considered the consequences. Perhaps there is not just *one* “Higgs-Boson”, but many!!!

And so it is with us human beings. Although we share national, regional and genetic features, no two of us (even so-called “identical twins”) are in fact exactly alike. I may not be easily able to tell one china man from another, but you may be sure that the LORD God can. Jesus said that even the hairs on an individual’s head are numbered. It is this diversity-in-unity that I find so utterly compelling when it comes to belief and trust in Almighty God, the maker of the heavens and the earth. Most amazingly of all perhaps is His invitation, through His servant the apostle Paul, to “Cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for *you*.” Every individual *matters* to Him!

With love, in Christ,

David Gregg



FLOWER ROTA

5 October Mrs. Susan Smith
12 October HARVEST
19 October HARVEST FLOWERS
26 October ?



Harvest Decorations: The Church will be decorated for Harvest on **Friday 10 October**. Not only do we need helping hands but fruit, vegetables and anything else that is suitable.



COTTON CHRONICLES

Autumn is now with us and the long hot days of summer are but a memory but you may recall we held a Fête and for the first time in the Church Hall & Church which thankfully was a joyous success, not just for the magnificent £1,350 we raised but also for the wonderful social atmosphere.

Thank you all that worked, baked, gave and attended, we needed you all and you didn't let us down.

Which is more than can be said about this editor for his appalling mistake in misplacing the Leven Valley School contribution and repeating the Cartmel Priory School one! My deepest apologies to Sue Sanderson and the school.

It continues to be a struggle to ensure that there is someone to take services every Sunday during our Vacancy and we are indebted to our dear Joanna who has worked long and hard to make this happen. You must accept that occasionally there will be Morning Worship and not Holy Communion.

There is a lot of paper work and meetings involved in filling the vacancy for our Parish Priest, bureaucracy at its best, but the Benefice is working as a team and progress is being made. Interviews are scheduled for early December. We ask you to pray for those involved, for the work that they are doing and for Heavenly guidance.

“Lord, hour by hour,
Be thou our Guide,
That, by thy power,
No step may slide.”

Those who come to church occasionally or regularly are greeted by a tidy, clean well kept building always beautifully decorated with flowers. One wonders how many stop to think how this is brought about, none but a few probably. Well it is a small band of dedicated people who give their time and energy without thanks and reward and also quietly raise funds for the church. One of the few is a Margaret Sanders who not only grows plants for sale but organises Dances & Raffles; her efforts in July raised £432 for the church. Thanks Margaret and to all you others!

The roof fell in! Well not quite, but some substantial pieces of plaster did come down: fortunately due to some wonderful work by Susan & John King aided and abetted by friendly builder Wayne Sinkinson the roof was made safe and the mess cleared up. Remedial works are to take place but this means scaffolding which in turn may mean cancelling a Sunday Service.

Harvest: Farmers' Harvest, Friday 10 October, 7:00pm followed by Harvest Supper. Adults £7.50, children under 14 £4.00. List at the back of

the church or contact Sue Dean **T: 01229 861 435** on or before **Thursday 2 October**.

Help: Joanna has misplaced her 'Pastoral Services' book and badly needs to find it as she is 'lost' without it. If any has information as to its whereabouts **T: 01229 861 800**.

Also sadly we hear that Phil Gomersall, Minister at Tottlebank Baptist Church is about to retire not having been in good health of late. Phil has been a good friend to the people of Colton and our Church always contributing lively comments at our Bible Studies. We wish him and his wife Hazel a long happy and healthy retirement despite the fact he will find he will be busier than ever. He leaves behind a mystery - 'how on earth does he get his tall, immaculately dressed frame into his beloved small sports car?' *Donald.*



PARISH NEWS

It is sad to record the death of John Mulcaster, who read at our Farmers' Harvest Service, he never aspired to greatness but a lovely man who was taciturn and went about his daily jobs like the rest of us. Condolences and prayers to his family

On a happier note a wedding took place on Saturday 16th August, led by Joanna; Nicola Jane Stephenson was the beautiful bride and Robert John Walker the dashing husband. The bride was fashionably late due to 'escaped cattle on the road' (though we heard later that this was a fantasy)! There was sublime organ playing by Colin Dean and there were readings by Leanne, Nicola's sister and John Tarr, Robert's Godfather.

We are also pleased to tell you of the academic success of Josh Cooper, of Bouth, and congratulate him on achieving five A levels and being accepted by Chester University to study for a degree in English Language with a view to becoming a Speech Therapist.

All very ordinary you may think, but no! Josh aged 11 had serious problems struggling in coping with secondary school, spending all but two years away from school being educated at home. He was fortunate to receive great support from Cartmel Priory School and from retired professionals in

Bouth. Josh and his family would like to thank all of those involved for their support, professionalism and for restoring his confidence.

The wonderful thing about this story is that in choosing his future profession Josh will repay society for the help that he received in his days of need.

The 'Biking for Steve' event took place on 29 June just taking a few hours yet nearly three months late we still do not know just how much was donated to the Hospice. He in charge, a distinguished scientist and a Cambridge graduate could only come up with "About £900". This is clearly a physicist problem as Lord Kelvin the famous 19th. Century physicist, he determine the correct value of *absolute zero*, was arithmetically challenged often having trouble finding the correct sum of coins for his fare on Glasgow trams and being unable to count the change.

Our prayers and good wishes go out to Hetty Walker who is rather poorly; our thoughts and support are with Jim and the family in their time of need.

A very warm, if belated welcome, to Maureen & Roy White who have come to live at 1 Crag Brow, Bouth and bless them have asked for a magazine.

Congratulations to John Osborne on celebrating his 70th. Birthday; in this parish John, you are 'nobut a lad'!

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Bouth WI had an amusing evening in September with Simon Leach having a go at Tai-chi. It was entertaining and exerting but all were able to take part in this gentle form of exercise. He is willing to do classes in Bouth if we can get enough people interested. It is a very different type of exercise to the more familiar Pilates - less strenuous and can be done at one's own pace, to one's own level of ability. If you are interested please let me know. Jane Chaloner **T:** 01229 861 283.

Next month, **Wednesday 8 October, Village Hall. 7:15pm**, 'Life and Times of a Sewer Rat' is booked! Haven't a clue what this entails. *Jane.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Electoral Registration Changes: Residents should all have received a letter from South Lakeland District Council about changes to the way you register to vote. This change gets rid of the outdated 'head of household' registration system and places electoral registration in the hands of individuals. The letter explains that you will have been automatically re-registered under the new system.

Opting-out of the 'Open Register': The letter also explains that there are (and have been for some time) two registers: the 'full register', used for electoral purposes only, and the 'open register', which can be bought from SLDC by any person, company or organisation and can be used for any number of purposes, including direct marketing. Both registers contain the same information, but individuals may ask for their details to be removed from the open register. If you do not want your details sold in this way, then you must 'opt-out' of the open register. To do this, email optout@southlakeland.gov.uk giving your name, address and contact details. See

http://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/topic_specific_guides/electoral_register for a helpful explanation.

From the Citizen's Advice Bureau: 'How to Rent – a Checklist': For people who cannot afford to buy their own home, and don't qualify for social housing, the only option is to rent in the private sector. There's a shortage of affordable private rented housing across South Lakes, partly due to the number of holiday homes, but where private renting is available it can often feel daunting for both tenant and landlord. The government has published 'How to rent - The checklist for renting in England'. The checklist is designed for future and existing assured shorthold tenants in the private rented sector, and gives a useful summary of rights and responsibilities, with helpful suggestions on questions to ask. It includes links to other websites for more detailed information.

The checklist is available on the GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-rent

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 20 October, 7:30pm, Bouth Village Hall.**

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley Primary School

Governors, staff, parents and pupils at Leven Valley Primary School were very saddened to learn of the death of Joanna Hill, a member of the teaching staff, during the summer holidays. Her funeral was held at Lancaster Crematorium, the service being led by Canon Peter Calvert.

A special service is being held in school for the children called "A Time to Remember". Mrs. Hill will be remembered for her smile, her kindness and her care, especially for those needing a little extra support.

The new term began with new lessons on learning to swim safely in open water at Fell Foot Park. Thanks were given to the staff who supported the sessions.

Class 1 are working on a theme of "ourselves" this term starting with their own lives and experiences. In 'Science and Understanding of the world' children will learn about 'Living and Growing'. History will focus on changes in the children's own lives and that of family members.

Class 2 and 3 are studying Ancient Greece: this will cover themes of *Leaders & Fighters, Believers & Thinkers, Artists & Athletes, Children & Families* incorporating a wide range of subjects.

The **Harvest Festival** will be held on **Monday 6 October** in the **School Hall, 2:30pm** and will be led by the children: we will be collecting for the 'Christian Aid Harvest Appeal'. **Please bring a Donation.** (Not food!)

Sue Sanderson.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our first film of the season 'Wadja' was really well supported; Edward & Hilary Collins sponsored the film and enjoyed good seats on the night. Our next film '12 Years a Slave' will be shown on **Tuesday 7 October, 7:30pm** at the **Carthouse**. Booking is advised as seats are limited.

On 4 November we will be showing 'Philomena' also at the Carthouse. *Oppen.*



Major changes to Vehicle Road Tax

From 1 October 2014, there are 3 changes to be aware of:

- the paper road tax disc will no longer be issued as the DVLA computer record is sufficient for the Police to know who has a valid tax disc (so no more paper tax discs in windscreens).
- if you sell a vehicle and you have notified DVLA, you will automatically get a refund for any full calendar months left on the vehicle tax.
- when you buy a vehicle, the vehicle tax will no longer be transferred with the vehicle, so you will need to get new vehicle tax before you can use the vehicle, using the New Keeper Supplement (V5C/2) part of the vehicle registration certificate (V5C) by phone 0300-790-6801 or online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-licensing-agency>

From 1 November, motorists can choose to pay by direct debit. Provided an MOT remains valid, the payments will continue automatically until you cancel the Direct Debit with your bank, or tell DVLA to stop taking them, or a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN) has been made. Apply online using the details above and your unique reference number given on your DVLA reminder sent in the post.

Another change is the option to pay monthly, as well as the existing annual and biennial options. There's no surcharge for an annual license, otherwise an admin charge of 5% will be added. If all this sounds baffling, you can still sort out all your vehicle tax at a Post Office.

This information was supplied by the South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau. If you need help with any of today's problems you can contact the Bureau **T: 015394 46464**.

The Bureau is a charity and as such Volunteers are always welcome; see our website:

www.southlakescab.org.uk.



St. MARY'S HOSPICE

Leven Valley Support Group

The Group will be holding a **'Charity Cooking Show**
'Can't Cook, Won't Cook, Love to Cook' with the "Pampered Chef"
Friday 24 October, Greenodd Village Hall. 7:00 for 7:30pm

You will be able to test and buy Kitchen Tools and taste the food. There will be a competition for the 'Best decorated Pinny'. **Tickets £5** including refreshments. On sale from Dot **T: 015395 30132**, Sylvia 015395 31685 or Marion, 015395 31779.

DIARY DATES

† During the Interregnum everything is being done to ensure Service Times Remain constant but this may not happen so please take note of the Rota & Below.

- 4 October **St. Francis of Assisi**
- 5 October **Family, Morning Worship, 9:30am.** Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 7 October Oxen Park Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 8 October Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 10 October **Farmers' Harvest Service, 7:00pm** followed by **Supper, Church Hall.**
Decorating the Church 10:00am
- 12 October **Harvest Festival, 9:30am.**
- 14 October Battle of Hastings, 1066.
- 18 October **Luke, Evangelist.**
- 19 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 20 October Colton Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 21 October Trafalgar 1805.
- 24 October 'Charity Cooking Show'. Greenodd Village Hall, 7:00 for 7:30pm.
- 25 October Agincourt, 1415.
- 26 October **Holy Communion, 9:30pm.**
End of British Summer Time, Clocks **Back** one hour.
- 28 October **Simon and Jude, Apostles.**
- 31 October Martin Luther, 1546.



Scary: Kirsty Wark remarked that it is only women who are called scary, never men - I wonder why?



Somebody.

Somebody being a nobody,
Thinking to look like a somebody,
Said that he thought a nobody:
Good little somebody-nobody,
Have you not known me a somebody,
Would you have called me a nobody?

daw/Pmag177/oct14

Services and Rotas for October

5th	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	5: 1-7	
	Second Reading	Philippians	3:4b-14	
	Gospel	Matthew	21:33-end	
Readers:	Colton	R Smith	M Sanders	P Priestley
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	B Watson	C Styles
Sidespersons:	Colton	S King		
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
12th	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	25: 1-9	
	Second Reading	Philippians	4: 1-9	
	Gospel	Matthew	22: 1-14	
Readers:	Colton	S Smith	S Lydon	I Pirnie
	Lowick	E Wardle	& M Calvert	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	M Henderson	J Henson
Sidespersons:	Colton	S Smith		
	Lowick	J Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
19th	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	45: 1-7	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	1: 1-10	
	Gospel	Matthew	22:15-22	
Readers:	Colton	J Tarr	M Sanders	G Pickles
	Lowick	J Gregg	& D Gregg	
	Penny Bridge	R Long	R Atkinson	D Gregg
Sidespersons:	Colton	S Dean		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	& D Lancaster	
26th	Last Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Leviticus	19:1-2, 15-18	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	2: 1-8	
	Gospel	Matthew	22:34-end	
Readers:	Colton	R Smith	R Tarr	I Pirnie
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& B Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	S James	J Lancaster	C Sadler
Sidespersons:	Colton	M Sanders		
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	& P Ashton	