



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Here am I; send me.

Verse eight of chapter six of the book of the prophet Isaiah reads, "*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'*"

Making the decision to be ordained is not an easy one. God's call is difficult to resist and it is an honour and a privilege to serve Him but on the other side of the scales are we worthy to be called and will we fulfil what is asked of us?

Secondly we will have to decide what kind of ministry we are called to follow - stipendiary, non stipendiary, reader, commissioned lay ministry - or just to serve quietly using the gifts and skills God has blessed us with.

For Joanna (Henson) the culmination of many years of training and hard work was to be ordained deacon by the Bishop of Carlisle in the Cathedral at the end of September.

Driving towards Carlisle it turned into a grey and wet day but that could not blot out the mood of celebration in a Cathedral full to capacity.

I had the extra joy of sitting opposite Joanna and could look her in the eye as I prayed for her and her ministry in the future. There was however, to be another surprise in that Joanna was the deacon elect who had been asked to read the Gospel for the service. It is no easy task to read in Carlisle Cathedral but Joanna made it seem as if she had been doing it for years and she was excellent.

Joanna now moves from being a reader in the benefice to being the curate.

This you will appreciate is to the whole benefice and not just to Colton and her continuing training and experience will be in all three parishes.

For the future I ask two things of parishioners:

Firstly, to pray for Joanna. The power of prayer is wonderful and I ask you to surround her with your prayer and pray that God will bless her work. You might also remember others who serve here, the Rev'd David Gregg, retired priest whose support and ministry is of great value to me, Carolyn Dykes, Commissioned Lay Minister with special responsibilities to families work and outreach and of course myself in my dual role at this time of Parish Priest and Rural Dean of Furness Deanery. I would also ask your prayer for all the other people who support the work, mission and witness of our churches.

Secondly, I ask you to seek God's call to you. It may not be full time ministry but there is possibly something you want to offer in God's service.

The church is going through times of change once more and I, with others have been putting together a Furness Deanery Plan looking at future provisions of ministry in this area. It is never going to be like the old days, or is it? We are going towards using more lay people in all aspects of the churches work. Perhaps we are closer to those very early roots.

I thank God for all the help I get in the benefice and I thank Him for all the blessings he pours down on our lives. Please find time to thank Him yourself because His grace in our lives is sufficient.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

It is good to agree with the Vicar and the Sunday at Carlisle Cathedral was a great day out and we are not the only ones to think so as the following note explains.

“Can you put in a big thank you from me for all the support that I have had from everyone over the last three years, right from start with the

rigours of the Selection conference, through to the Ordination Service on the 24th! I hope everyone who went to Carlisle enjoyed the day - I certainly did! I am looking forward to my ministry within the benefice very much and hope in time to serve you as priest as well as deacon.”

Love and prayers

Joanna.

Joanna you can rest assured that we will all support you, pray for you and love you; you are special. But then so is Colton.

Our Farmer's Harvest Service and Supper was a wonderful expression of why the church is not just for the regular congregation but for the whole of the community.

The Supper was especially special as it was the one event in the calendar that was profit free, forgetting for a moment the price of the wine; not a raffle nor a whisky board nor a tombola in sight just a social community get together. It was heart warming, in particular, to see so many of the Walker family present, well presided over by Hetty although she struggled a bit with Jim.

Of course it just does not happen and all your thanks are due to the many, perhaps that should be the few, who worked manfully (who cares about PC?) to decorate the church set out the hall and arrange for the food and wine, to say nothing of the clearing up. Thank you all.

There was however one surprise in that the flower ladies actually let a man in to help; now that is really taking politically correctness too far. As is the insistence to include thanks to the 'gnome who crept in and crept out leaving behind some goodies for working fairies, of both sexes.'

Time for change as our lovely Judy is leaving her beloved Burn Knott, where she was brought up, with Bryan to live in Ulverston. Judy is truly a pillar of our church because she just does things and has a disturbing habit of making exasperating remarks that make you stop and think.

We are sure that she will continue to support us but one job she is giving up is the distribution of the magazines but fortunately Susan King has agreed to take over. Tel: 01229 861 173.

The Redhead's new address is: The New House, 17 Church Fields, ULVERSTON, CUMBRIA LA12 7HE.

They have not yet been connected to the telephone network and one wonders how Judy will manage!!

* Unfortunately this magazine does not come free, as it is not sullied by commercial intrusions. The Annual cost to you is a mere £4 and will you please have this amount ready in December when your copy is delivered.

You will recall that recently we brought you the news that Colton parish had applied to transfer from the Windermere Deanery to the Furness. Both Penny Bridge and Egton parishes are in the Furness deanery. This has now gone a stage further and those who have to be consulted are being consulted; provided there are no objections and there should not be, the transfer could take place before the end of the year.

You will not notice any change as your Deanery representatives, Ian and this editor will automatically transfer. Happily it will reduce the pressures on our Vicar who is, incidentally, the Rural Dean of Furness; this is what becomes of being a workaholic, but all the remonstrations in the world are unlikely to change the dear man, but that does not mean we stop trying.

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

5 November Flowers for Barbara

12 November Remembrance Sunday

19 November Mrs. T Teasdale

26 November Mrs. T Teasdale

3 December ADVENT

Note: The church always remains undecorated in Advent, a time for preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. But we usually bend the rules by decorating for the Carol Service.



COFFEE

5 November Mrs. S Dean + Helpers.

MOTHERS UNION

No news but two dates for your diaries:

- **Tuesday, 21 November, Haverthwaite Parish Room, 2.00pm.**
Speaker is Caroline Dykes 'Jam, Jesus and me.'
- **Thursday, 7 December, Rusland Church, 2.00pm.** Deanery Service.

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

Our eagle eyed Vicar noted two errors last month but missed one, only because it was an omission. Still, I can claim Vicar 2 - Editor 1.

Perhaps the most glaring is, that when referring to the Walker family I spelt Keren as Karen. Apologies have been made personally and received graciously. I know how Keren feels for have you ever thought of how many ways there are of spelling Wroe. The best one was Wise?

The Mothers Union just ignored that there were two different times for the same service. Any fool knows, this editor apart, that their daytime events nearly always start 2.00pm.

The omission was a little more serious and Zella is not a very happy 'coffee morning lady' as the E-mail Frank sent giving the information of Zella's NSPCC Coffee Morning got mislaid. As Zella commented, somewhat pointedly, 'E-mails are not all they are made out to be.' Big sorry!

We will try, very hard, to remember to put the result in the December issue, but don't hold your breath.

Many people carry out community deeds quietly and unobtrusively, for example, going up the road in Bouth up past the Village Hall one cannot but notice the neatness of the grass areas and roadside edges, a joy to behold. Our thanks are due to Colin Young for all his hard work and effort. An example to us all.

Sally Pirnie has not been too well, apparently struck down with a virus. Both Sally and Ian have had a dreadful year but have borne it all with remarkable fortitude and grace. We send our best wishes and pray for better times to come.

Donald.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

Our speaker, October was Mr. B Adams, National Garden Scheme press officer. His presentation was superb and filled us all with envy with excellent photographs of some of the most beautiful gardens in the country. Sadly none were in Bouth.

The NGS is a charity started in 1927 and has raised more than £20 million, the majority of which goes to the McMillan and Marie Curie Trusts.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 November, Village Hall, 7.15pm**. This will be our A G M and as such there will be no speaker but brush up on your general knowledge for there will be a Quiz!

Plans are well advanced for our Annual Christmas Party and we will be using the same excellent caterers as last year. (Ed. the hooch is ready.) Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Our last meeting was in September, because of the publication dates of the Parish News we are always a month behind, when our speaker was Mrs. Audrey Clarke who gave a demonstration on 'Beading'.

She brought some of her work with her which enthralled and interested all of us. Our Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 28 November, Lowick Sunday School, 7.30pm**. This will be our A G M. Barbara.



COLTON PARISH NEWS

The Parish Council has been successful in its application to take part in the Parish Lengthman Pilot Scheme which is to be run by Cumbria County Council starting in December, in which the parish would have the services of a lengthman for a day a week for the year, carrying out basic care and maintenance duties.

A special parish council meeting was held last Thursday evening in Bouth Village Hall to decide whether or not the council should proceed with the project. This involves committing £1000 to the scheme to show commitment. This money will have to be raised from an increase in the

precept for 2006/2007. Several residents of the parish attended the meeting and made valuable contributions to the discussion, highlighting both positive and negative aspects of the project. However, the overall consensus was favourable, and the council vote was unanimously in favour of proceeding.

Judith.



ULVERSTON FORUM

Many will think that the County council is an amorphous and isolated body that doesn't repair roads and puts up traffic signs anywhere but where they are wanted but it has a more human side. The county is split up into areas called Neighbourhood Forums and they are allocated a capital sum each year to be used as grants, usually up to £1000, for community activities.

Improvements to village halls and equipment for sports clubs are typical. To find out more phone your local development officer Tel: 01229 894 103

The forums meet on a regular basis and the next is on **Tuesday 7 November, Gleaston Village Hall, 7.30pm.**

Peter Harding.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Once again Prize Night was hugely successful and perhaps the main point of interest was that the guest speaker was an old boy. Chris Branson left school in 1999 and went on to take A levels at the Lakes School and graduated in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Manchester.

One of the pupil stars of the evening was James Atkinson, son of Helen and Tony of Ridding Side Farm, Colton. James came away with five prizes, pleasingly not just for academic achievement but also for service to the school. He also attained 11 GCSEs including 5 A*s. Congratulation James!!!

A coffee morning for the charities, McMillan and 'Jeans & Genes' raised magnificent £800. Well done ! Teachers are also well to the fore in charity work as four of them have gone to Chile at half term to teach in a disadvantaged school in Santiago.

The school's sporting record continues at all levels and sports but top of the class is the Year 11 Soccer team who have yet to lose. Lynda & Clive.



LEVEN VALLEY

We have just had a lovely farewell lunch for Derek and Pennie; Gail, our cook, made an Italian meal, and we all sat in “wedding style”, with Pennie and Derek at the top table. The children had made cards and pictures, and we could tell how touched the Goddards were with the whole occasion.

Our **Kristkindle** sale is on **Sunday 10 December at 2.30pm**. You are cordially invited to attend; to look round, sample mulled wine and mince pies, and maybe visit Santa. If you are interested in hiring a stall, please contact me at school (015395 31365). The cost is £10.

Next week is our Parents' Evening, when parents come to school to discuss progress. As a parent and a former pupil, I don't know which is the most traumatic

Susan.



LOWICK TODDLERS

If you look after a baby, toddler or pre-schooler and would like to find somewhere where you and your child can meet other people and enjoy yourselves, then why not try your local playgroup?

Lowick Toddlers is a friendly, welcoming group, which meets every **Wednesday morning, 9.30- 11.30**, during term time, in **Lowick Sunday School**.

We offer a wide range of toys for the children to play with, craft activities, singing, and refreshments for both children and adults. There is a small charge to ensure we cover our costs.

If you are interested just come along next Wednesday, or if you'd like more information contact Abigail Bennett Tel: 01229 861 143.

We look forward to meeting you.



DIARY DATES

Services at Colton

- 5 November **Family Service – 10.30am.** Coffee to follow. (Joanna)
12 November **Remembrance Sunday Service – 10.30am.** (Joanna)
19 November **Holy Communion – 9.30am.** (Gary)
26 November **Holy Communion – 9.30am.** (Gary)



Other Dates

- 1 November **All Saints Day.**
5 November **Lowick – Holy Communion – 9.30am**
Penny Bridge – Morning Worship – 11.00am.
7 November Neighbourhood Forum – Gleaston Village hall – 7.30pm.
8 November Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
12 November **Lowick – Said Service of Remembrance – 9.30am.**
Penny Bridge – Eucharist for Remembrance Service – 10.30am.
19 November **Lowick – Holy Communion – 9.30am.**
Penny Bridge – Holy Communion – 11.00am.
20 November **Colton P C C – Church Hall – 7.30/9.00pm.**
21 November M U – Haverthwaite Parish Room – 2.00pm.
26 November **Lowick – Methodist Service – 9.30am.**
Penny Bridge – Holy Communion + Baptism – 11.00am.
28 November Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
30 November **Andrew the Apostle.**



Remembrance Services

There will no doubt be British Legion Services but we have not had any information.



*“As I was going up the stair
I met a man that wasn’t there.
He wasn’t there again today.
I wish, I wish he’d stay away”.*

Hughes Mearns.

Services & Rotas for November

5th	All Saints			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	Wisdom	3: 1-9	
	Second Reading	Revelation	21: 1-6a	
	Gospel	John	11:32-42	
Readers:	Colton	E Fleming	B Watson	R Henson
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	E Wemyss	J Lancaster	C Dykes
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	M Sanders	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
12th	Remembrance Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Said Service of Remembrance	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday	
Readings:	First Reading	Jonah	3:1-5, 10	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	9:24-28	
	Gospel	Mark	1:14-20	
Readers:	Colton	D Wroe	R Tarr	I Pirnie
	Penny Bridge	Royal British Legion	D Lancaster	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson	& C Holden	
	Penny Bridge	N Lord	& J Lambton	
19th	Second Sunday before Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Daniel	12: 1-3	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	10:11-14, 19-25	
	Gospel	Mark	13: 1-8	
Readers:	Colton	B Johnson	M Sanders	W Smith
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	V Lambton	C Dykes
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	S Dean	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	J Law	& B Law	
26th	Christ the King			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion + Baptism	
Readings:	First Reading	Daniel	7:9-10, 13-14	
	Second Reading	Revelation	1:4b-8	
	Gospel	John	18:33-37	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	J Pickles	G Pickles
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	J Lambton	C Sadler	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	