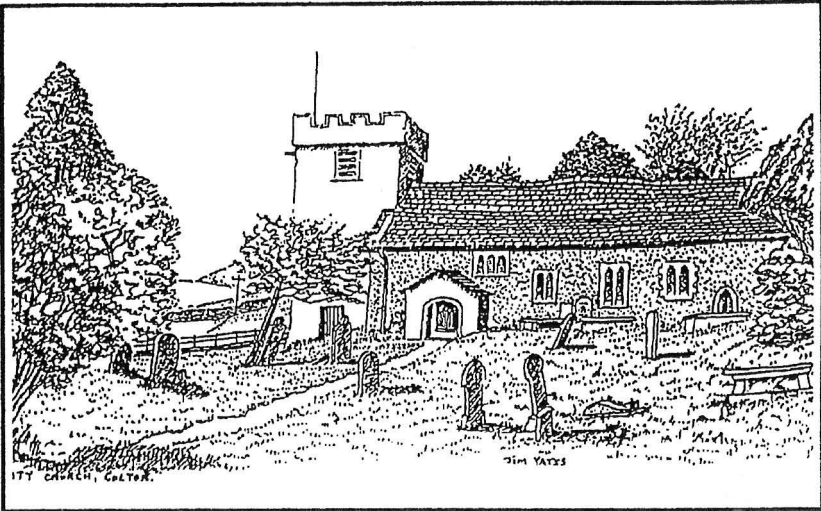




# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage  
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February 2005

*Dear Friends*

### **A Response of Care and Love.**

Since the last magazine two events have overtaken the thinking of most people in our benefice. Internationally there is the great loss of life, destruction of houses, schools, villages and towns in South East Asia caused by the tsunami and more locally the loss of life, flooding and loss of power in the North West and particularly in Cumbria.

The response has been unbelievable. It is well documented how people have responded to the tsunami appeal and although the Bishop of Carlisle has made a special appeal for our linked diocese of Madras many had already given in other ways. However, a \*£1150 was raised by the benefice for the Bishop's appeal. Alongside this have been people at prayer for those affected. \*£825 from Colton including the benefice service.

Locally, people once more responded in a caring, loving way to those affected by the power cuts and bad weather. Neighbours were invited in to share a meal, or warmth; people gathered in pubs where there was warmth and company and for most people help was at hand where needed.

It is good to see the response that has been made but why do we need a crisis to bring out the best in people? Our daily response to people should be the response that we would expect to be given to ourselves.

In Matthew chapter 25 we read about Jesus talking to his disciples and sharing these appropriate words. *"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."* When did we do these things the disciples ask.

The simple answer is that what we do for God's children, the greater human family, we do for Jesus himself.

One final thing is to say that alongside our giving and our caring we need to be praying

## Jottings for February

### Thanks:

Continuing the theme of caring for others carol singing took place around Greenodd and Penny Bridge for the Children's Society and £130 was raised. Carol singing also took place on a coolish Christmas Eve in Bouth and £143 was raised for St Mary's Hospice.

Thanks go from the organisers to all those who participated and supported these events.

## Lent 2005

### Study Group

It is proposed to loosely follow the Archdeacon of Carlisle's Lent book entitled appropriately *Lent with Luke*. This can be studied as part of a larger group, as a family, or group of friends, or as an individual. The book itself costs £4.99 and is available from the Bible Shop, Mill Street, Ulverston. (I suggest that you telephone first to make certain they still have copies in stock).

We will be having a group meeting on Thursdays at the Vicarage, starting on **Thursday the 17th of February at 7:30pm**. Each meeting will last **for 90 minutes and will be finished by 9:00pm**. If you would like to join this group please let Elizabeth, or I know by Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February – thank you.

### Wednesday Evening Services

|                                                       |                              |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| February 9 <sup>th</sup>                              | Holy Trinity, Colton         | 7:30pm |
| <i>(High Furness Group Service for Ash Wednesday)</i> |                              |        |
| February 16 <sup>th</sup>                             | St Luke, Lowick with Blawith | 7:30pm |
| February 23 <sup>rd</sup>                             | St Mary the Virgin, Egton    | 7:30pm |
| March 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                 | St Luke, Lowick with Blawith | 7:30pm |
| March 9 <sup>th</sup>                                 | Holy Trinity, Colton         | 7:30pm |
| March 16 <sup>th</sup>                                | St Mary the Virgin, Egton    | 7:30pm |

*Sincerely yours*

Gary Wemyss,  
Vicar

## FLOWER ROTA

6 February Mrs W Smith

13 February Lent

20 February Lent

27 February Lent

6 March Mothering Sunday



## Coffee Rota

Mrs Margaret Sanders & Helpers

Wendy



## MOTHERS UNION

The theme of our programs for this year, 2005, is “Peace and Reconciliation” and we began , with an opening service. on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. at Haverthwaite.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. at Haverthwaite Parish Room**, when our speaker will be telling us about the Quaker Movement and on **Wednesday 2 March at Rusland Parish Room at 2.00pm.** the Revd. Doreen Harrison will be speaking about Peace.

The Women’s World Day of Prayer Service will be held on **Friday 4 March at 2.00pm. at Hawkshead Parish Church.**

We will welcome any ladies who would like to join us for friendly, Christian Fellowship, come and join our happy little band.

Margaret/Wendy.



## COLTON CHRONICLES

Power cuts, computer glitches and a difficult server ( if you haven’t got a PC ask someone who has) are not helpful in maintaining accuracy, so one does not know whether to apologise in advance or wait until the magazine is distributed.

Either way the parish pedants will pounce with unconcealed delight on any misinformation, spelling and grammatical errors to say nothing of omissions, glaring or otherwise and sadly there is nobody else to blame. It does not help matters when the Vicar pinches the best lines.

The change to a Christmas Day service was, remarkably, well received with 70 Christian souls attending, originally without music when up pops a minor miracle , Colin Young of Bouth, a part time resident, who volunteered to play the organ and did so with panache and considerable skill which added a little extra allure to a wonderful service. Thank you Colin, you are forever welcome.

Thanks also our Vicar Gary, so well supported by Elizabeth, who by Christmas lunch was not sure which way he was going having attended service after service and event after event. It did not help that he was daft enough fall half way down a fell side which necessitated half the Cumbrian Mountain rescue service, a spell in hospital and considerable pain. He tells us he is now better although one could be forgiven for asking ‘better than what?’

It is amazing how many times you will find the words ‘thank you’ in these pages which just illustrates what a caring lot you are. Thanks this time to the Church Decorators and tree putter uppers, Holy Trinity looked magnificent and there is a note to thank Santa’s little helper for the nibbles and sherry provided for the workers.

We are into a new year and look forward to the return of Joanna from her placement in Barrow where no doubt she has been learning all sorts of ‘bad habits’ We miss you, Joanna, and Easter cannot come quickly enough.

I thought I would never write this but we are appreciative of the hard work and hours put in by Bonzo and John in their attempts to revive the heating boiler and also to plumber Angus. It would have helped had they had not run out of oil! To be fair there was a fault.

Donald.



Journals and newspapers always used to have a slogan and I am thinking of adopting the following.

*“Perhaps it is better to be irresponsible and right than to be responsible and wrong.”*

Winston Churchill

## PARISH NEWS

It has been a sad month and with sorrow we have to report the death of Henry Patton of Bouth. Henry hailed from Bradford but braved the trip over the Pennines in search of the odd Lancashire shilling and found it at Glaxos. He and Brenda have been long term residents in Bouth and have done their bit for the village. Henry will be remembered with affection. Brenda has kindly donated the collection from the service to the church and it amounted to £311. Thank you.

With equal sadness we also report the death of Susan Carrel, sister of Alistair MacIver, after a long period of suffering. When Susan was in better health she attended our services at Colton. Our condolences, thoughts and prayers are with both families in this their hour of need.

The world is a strange mixture of sadness and happiness and Judy tells us that son Guy has become engaged on St. Stephens Day to Sally Bowden- at last. Apparently after 12 years of friendship. Congratulations to the happy couple as they embark on the sometimes mystifying and winding road towards and into marriage. It is a bit like growing old – it is not for wimps.

Thank you to Mr. Miners for the Christmas trees at Church & Bouth Village Green and to Roger and team for their invaluable help. What would we do in Colton if it were not for our stalwarts.

May Lambert, who incidentally has hurt her shoulder and continues if nothing had happened whilst most others would be huddled round the fire feeling sorry for themselves, organised with her team a Bingo for Bouth Village Hall. Not well attended but it raised £189 for much needed funds.

Welcome to Pam and Nigel Priestly who will be coming to live permanently at Green House Farm, Bandrake Head but rumour has it that they do not take the Parish Magazine. One does hope that that is not so.

The saga of the Watsons continues but they now have the key to their new home and by next month they might have moved but don't hold your breath.

A request was made recently for information but unfortunately one contribution never got to print which resulted in this poor editor being taken to task by an irate grandmother. She was outwardly calm but the steely stare said it all.

Congratulations then to Frances Fryer and John in becoming grandparents, again with granddaughter Heidi Bo Fryer. Typical of grandparents there is no mention of the proud parents. Typical because, believe it or not, it happens frequently.

Nearly forgot, there was a Carol Service and ably conducted by Joanne, then it would be, wouldn't it, which was well attended and there are credits elsewhere.

Warm appreciation goes to May Lambert and her family for the wonderful hospitality we enjoyed on her 80<sup>th</sup>. birthday. Typical of May is that there were to be no presents but contributions for Bouth Village Green which is better off by £65. Thank you May.

Our thoughts go out to those who have not been so well over the never ending Festive Season and we hope that all of you are on the mend. As you might expect the power situation brought people even closer together and there were many acts of kindness which will have gone unsung.

Whoever you are and wherever you are we praise God for your kindness and my personal thanks to all those who offered and those came to my assistance. It was a humbling experience.

Donald.



## WOMENS INSTITUTE

### BOUTH

The Christmas meeting was its usual resounding success with good food, good wine and great entertainment. The cabaret by the WI ladies was a cross between 'Celebrity Dancing' and a 'Wild Life' program with the accent on wild. Whilst Brenda's tricky recitation, don't ask, was a vocal feat; all this accompanied by our local keyboard genius, Neville. Everyone went home happy, some in more sense than one.

The January meeting welcomed Tom Powney, MD of 'Hotters Shoes', Kendal. It was an educational and enjoyable evening with 'volunteers' persuaded to model some of the styles which were pronounced 'very comfortable'. Betty Hall won the draw and received a voucher for a pair of 'Hotter' shoes whilst the rest of us received a £5 voucher each. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 16 February, Village Hall at 7.15pm.** when Alan McDougal will be talking on 'Stick Dressing'.

Judy/Penny

## SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

It was a very quiet ending to the year 2004 with the last meeting, the AGM being held at the end of November, when the existing committee was re-elected, the only change being that Mrs. Margaret Campbell stepped down from the position of President, and Mrs. Barbara Watson was elected as the new President.

The business over the members then enjoyed making “Baskets of Fruit” which were later distributed to people thought to be in need of a little Christmas cheer, in the area. The meeting finished in true Sparkbridge & Lowick style, with a festive Jacobs Join Supper, exchange of presents and lots of happy chatter. In December 9 members plus 2 husbands enjoyed a Christmas Dinner, courtesy of mine hosts Michael and Nicky at the Royal Oak, Sparkbridge. A really delicious meal enjoyed by all.

We start our 2005 program on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, at 7-30pm. in Lowick Church Hall**, when Dorothy Cooke will give us an evening of Cumbrian Dialect. All ladies welcome to come and join us. Margaret.



## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There has been a good response so far to the Parish Plan survey of the ‘Wheelie Bin’ scheme. If you haven’t yet sent in your response, you’ve got until 24<sup>th</sup> January when the Parish Plan Steering group meets to collate the data. A summary of the responses, good or bad, will be sent on to South Lakes District Council, so we need to make our voices heard. Unfortunately our meeting scheduled for Monday 10th January was postponed, due to the electricity failure, a new date to be arranged. Judith.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### LEVEN VALLEY

We are now in the swing of the new school year, and will have had some out of school visits before you read this

Classes One and Two have been to Kendal, to the museums. Class One is learning about the history of toys, and Class Two was looking at drawing skills in the art gallery. Class Three have visited Liverpool, as part of a study of contrasting UK localities.

The school is planning a “pyjama party” activity to raise funds for the Tsunami appeal. This involves bedtime stories, and hot chocolate and biscuits! We are looking forward to the event, as well as being able to help the disaster in some small way.

Our school play, ‘Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat’, will take place on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February. The matinee is at 2.00pm, and the evening performance is at 6.30pm.** You are very welcome to join us.  
Susan.

## CARTMEL PRIORY

This is a quiet time of the year leading up the examination season but the students, like those at Leven Valley are finding time to raise money for the Tsunami appeal. Half Term is from Friday 11 February to Monday 20 February.  
Carol.



## Cricket Lovers

The **Leven Valley Cricket Club** is struggling to survive and is in desperate need of new blood, young, middle aged, old, well oldish and even second hand. It is so bad that we need umpires coaches, tea ladies and supporters.

We have been playing for over a 100 years on the King George V playing fields at Haverthwaite and we expect to be there in another 100. The season starts on **1 February** with indoor nets at **Ulverston Upper School Sports Hall at 8.30pm.** After Easter, outdoor nets, **Tuesdays, juniors 6.00/7.00pm and seniors** following. Contact Dick Procter, Tel: home 01229 861 466, work 015395 31561, mobile 077618 141713. e-mail [rprocter@firenet.ws](mailto:rprocter@firenet.ws)  
Dick Procter.



## More News

Sadly we have to tell you of the death of Billie Grimshaw (formerly Caton). She will be remembered with much affection by those who knew her during her time at Longmire Cottage with Alf. Both were great characters and were very involved in the early Bingo sessions that raised money for the Bouth Village Hall. Billie was an occupational therapist and capable artist and helped Kath Sproat over many years; she will be much missed.  
Judy.



*“Lucky is he who could understand the causes of thing,”*

Virgil

## DIARY DATES

|             |                                                                    |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6 February  | Family Communion, <b>10.30am</b> . Coffee etc afterwards.          |
| 9 February  | <b>Ash Wednesday</b> , Lent Service, <b>Colton, 7.30pm</b> .       |
| 13 February | Benefice Holy Communion, <b>Penny Bridge, 10.30am</b> .            |
| 10 February | Leven Valley School Play, 2.00pm & 6.30pm.                         |
| 15 February | M U Haverthwaite Hall, 2.00pm.                                     |
| 16 February | Lent Service, <b>Lowick, 7.30pm</b>                                |
| 16 February | Bouth W I Village Hall, 7.15pm.                                    |
| 20 February | Holy Communion, <b>9.30am</b> .                                    |
| 23 February | Lent Service, <b>Penny Bridge, 7.30pm</b>                          |
| 27 February | Holy Communion, <b>9.30am</b> .                                    |
| 2 March     | M U Rusland Room, 2.00pm.                                          |
| 4 March     | Women's World Day of Prayer, Hawkshead Church, 2.00pm.             |
| 6 March     | <b>Mothering Sunday</b> , Morning (Family) Worship, <b>10.30pm</b> |
| 9 March     | Lent Service, <b>Colton. 7.15pm</b> .                              |



### *Thought for a New Year*

Days are gold drops  
Precious and rare;  
Hold them in my hand.  
Where is the trick  
To stop them  
Running between my fingers ?  
I must learn  
Before its too late.

Jean Sly.

### **End Note**

A quiet thanks to a quiet man, Archie Buchanan, who snuck up and flattened the church paths, so we can all walk in comfort.

## February Service Rota

|                        |                                        |              |                                  |          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Sunday before Lent</b>              |              |                                  |          |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                 | 9:30am       | Communion                        |          |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                 | 10:30am      | Family Communion                 |          |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                           | 11:00am      | Christingle (Different Readings) |          |
| Readings:              | First Reading                          | Exodus       | 24:12-18                         |          |
|                        | Second Reading                         | 2 Peter      | 1:16-21                          |          |
|                        | Gospel                                 | Matthew      | 17: 1-9                          |          |
| Readers:               | Colton                                 | A MacIver    | P MacIver                        | P Ball   |
|                        | Lowick                                 | W Keegan     | & A Naylor                       |          |
|                        | Penny Bridge                           | School       |                                  |          |
| Sidesmen:              | Colton                                 | A MacIver    | & S King                         |          |
|                        | Lowick                                 | E Phizacklea |                                  |          |
|                        | Penny Bridge                           | School       | S James                          | N Lord   |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>            |              |                                  |          |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Egton                                  | 10:30am      | Benefice Communion and Baptism   |          |
| Readings:              | First Reading                          | Genesis      | 2:15-17, & 3:1-7                 |          |
|                        | Second Reading                         | Romans       | 4:1-5 & 13-17                    |          |
|                        | Gospel                                 | Matthew      | 4: 1-11                          |          |
| Readers:               |                                        | W Smith      | D Lancaster                      | E Wemyss |
| Sidesmen:              |                                        | J Atkinson   | & R Atkinson                     |          |
|                        | <b>No service at Colton and Lowick</b> |              |                                  |          |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>           |              |                                  |          |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                 | 9:30am       | Communion                        |          |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                 | 9:30am       | Communion                        |          |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                           | 11:00am      | Communion                        |          |
| Readings:              | First Reading                          | Genesis      | 12: 1-4a                         |          |
|                        | Second Reading                         | Romans       | 4:1-5 & 13-17                    |          |
|                        | Gospel                                 | John         | 3: 1-17                          |          |
| Readers:               | Colton                                 | B Johnson    | R Smith                          | R Tarr   |
|                        | Lowick                                 | F Inman      | & G Mitchell                     |          |
|                        | Penny Bridge                           | C Styles     | S Walker                         | R Long   |
| Sidesmen:              | Colton                                 | M Campbell   | & C Holden                       |          |
|                        | Lowick                                 | A Wood       |                                  |          |
|                        | Penny Bridge                           | C Line       | & E Line                         |          |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>            |              |                                  |          |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                 | 9:30am       | Methodist Service                |          |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                 | 9:30am       | Communion                        |          |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                           | 11:00am      | Communion & Baptism              |          |
| Readings:              | First Reading                          | Exodus       | 17: 1-7                          |          |
|                        | Second Reading                         | Romans       | 5: 1-11                          |          |
|                        | Gospel                                 | John         | 4: 5-42                          |          |
| Readers:               | Colton                                 | B Watson     | M Sanders                        | I Pirnie |
|                        | Lowick                                 | G Jagar      | & J Davis                        |          |
|                        | Penny Bridge                           | S James      | R Atkinson                       | C Dykes  |
| Sidesmen:              | Colton                                 | S Dean       | & M Sanders                      |          |
|                        | Lowick                                 | F Inman      |                                  |          |
|                        | Penny Bridge                           | B Law        | & J Law                          |          |
| Chancel Guild          | Penny Bridge                           | J Bowker     |                                  |          |

**See separate notice for Lent Services.**