



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

At this time of year it feels so cosy to get indoors as the night comes down, draw the curtains, turn the heating on and (if you are so fortunate as to have a chimney and a hearth) get a fire alight. Perhaps some of you have even got around to poring over holiday brochures of sunny far away places to remind you that summer will come again despite the howling wind and rain that beset us in January!

As the New Year has come and gone we will have done our ‘taking stock’ of last year. I looked back with particular pleasure to the happiness that the ‘Travelling Cribs’ took in to so many homes during Advent and the fun we had when they converged for worship in Lowick Church on Christmas Eve; I hope that you have some happy memories too. But now it is time to look forward to what 2007 might bring to our Benefice and the part that we might be called upon to play.

First of all, we have the exciting challenge of meeting our commitment to Renewal, by establishing mid-week groups in Lowick and Egton. Additionally, your PCC’s have also decided to move forward by exploring the possibility of developing Healing Ministry – which some people would prefer to call Prayer Ministry – in our Benefice. At the moment there is a small ‘working group’ discussing what form this might take and how it might work in our rural ministry. The one thing we share in common is that, either through personal experience or through faith, we are committed to taking this forward.

This kind of ministry will be a new venture for a lot of us and I suspect that it doesn’t come without a reputation for being over-dramatic (people weeping and throwing their crutches in the air as they run back down the aisle to the accompaniment of hysterical joy!) However, be assured that the reality is usually much more serious and dignified. If any of us are in doubt

about the need to develop this kind of worship we only need to remind ourselves that we have been given the ministry of healing by no greater person than Jesus, Himself.

Some of you may be old enough to remember the words of King George VIth. In one of his Christmas Broadcasts, repeated by his daughter in more recent times

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown’. And he replied, ‘Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way’.”

We have been tasked by our Bishops to renew our church life and, in this year of ‘Walk Cumbria’ , of creating patterns of worship and perhaps evolving a fresh expression of church in this valley that will feel homely to people that want to find out more about our Lord. If the way feels uncertain and not particularly tempting, you need to look back to our sovereigns’ trust in God and put our hands into the hand of God and walk forward with confidence.

With love and continuing prayers for you all

Joanna

Curate.



Colton Chronicles

Electoral Roll

The Diocese has given notice that the complete revision of Electoral Rolls has been brought forward a year and now must be completed in this year 2007 and every six years after that. How this is going to be achieved before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, in April, has yet to be decided.

Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the Annual Church Meeting and not much more. To be eligible you need to have been baptised, a resident in the parish or if not resident to have attended public worship at Colton during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

Christmastide

The tree in church looked good with the new 'Joanna + friends' decorations. As usual are thanks are due to the Miners of Underfield for the tree and also for the tree on the Bouth Village Green. All this wouldn't have happened without the volunteers who put up tree and those who decorated the church.

The Carol Service was a delight, with thanks to Curate Joanna who brought her individual touch, and organist Sue Lydon. It was particularly warming to see so many children involved in the Nativity. The collection, which was for the Children's Society was a generous £196.16

Once more the carols round the tree in Bouth were a resounding success and we are grateful to Charlotte Fleming, Recorder and Josh Cooper, Cornet. Josh is a comparative newcomer to the parish and a pupil at Leven Valley. Not to be forgotten are Kath and Nigel Barton of the White Hart for the mulled wine and mince pies. The Collection raise a record £200.64. for St. Mary's Hospice

What a pleasure it was to have a Christmas Morning Service at Colton, although it might have been better an hour earlier. Midnight Services are all well and good for the revellers but not so good for the clergy, wardens, organists and side persons, who are forced to stay 'dry'. In all sixty people attended.

The parish is now well and truly in the Furness Deanery and Ian and Donald will remain as Synod representatives. Donald attended his last meeting in Windermere as Lay Chairman and was undeservedly presented with a Book Token. Undeservedly, because we all have abilities and it is our Christian duty to use those abilities to help and succour our church, which in the present day secular society needs all the help it can get.

Our special prayers and good wishes to Elizabeth wife of our dear Vicar Gary for her continuing improvement. Elizabeth, who is anything but the universal idea of a vicar's wife is doing well and with an inner strength that make us mere males seem like wimps. Gary is not doing too badly either but he is not in the same league. Please pray for both of them. Donald.



"Her ways are of pleasantness, and her paths are peace."

Proverbs

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FLOWER ROTA

4 February Mrs. W Smith

11 February Mrs. M Lambert

18 February Mrs. M Lambert

25 February First Sunday of Lent



COFFEE

4 February Mrs. B Watson + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

Our next meeting will be held on **20 February, 2.00pm., Haverthwaite Parish Room.** The speaker will be Mr. Keith Buckler and his subject 'Trips Overseas'.

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

It is a bleak mid winter with not much cheer to report. Sadly, in December, Cedric Dent of Fall Styles Farm, Bouth died. Cedric was, in some peoples opinion, mildly eccentric; he reached the age of 79 and remained single, farming in Bouth for 50 years with a tractor that should have had pride of place in a motor museum.

He will be well remembered for selling proper vegetables, before organic became middle class fashionable, sadly bureaucracy and super markets won the day. He did, however, continue to sell potatoes and his earlies had the merit of actually tasting like potatoes. He will be much missed.

Bouth Village Hall is grateful to the executors and those who generously donated at Cedric's funeral. The welcome gift amounted to £340.

Our prayers and kind thoughts go out to the many in our parish who are poorly, some in hospital, and also to their loved ones. In particular Renée Fazackerly of Bouth, Jed Buchanan, Black Beck Farm and Annie Oldham of Oxen Park. Not forgetting others whose privacy we respect.

There is some cheerful news and we send all your congratulations to the indomitable Tiesy Teasdale who celebrated her 93rd., yes 93, birthday on Sunday 14 January.

Judy, Bless her, organised a concert in December at the Greenodd Village Hall in aid of Cancer Relief. The concert featured the Ghyll Singers and song thrushes Cathy Styles and Chris Faulkner. It was a great success and raised a wonderful £390.

Thanks are due to the W I Ladies for providing the refreshments and to Debbie & Roger Perry for the wine; not forgetting those who helped on the night.

Incidentally Debbie & Roger have now moved into Wear Beck Farm, Bouth and Roger has returned to duty with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, primarily to see if he still has a ship!

More good work , for just before Christmas Mrs. Lambert and the intrepid Judy (she gets everywhere) ran a Christmas Bingo in Bouth Village Hall in aid of St. Mary's Hospice and raised a magnificent £375. This is probably the last Bingo which originally started to gather funds for the Hall. Special thanks to May Lambert for her wonderful work throughout many years and without whom the Bingo nights would never have taken place.

Judy Redhead supplies us with information, sometimes gossip, and is always quick to lavish thanks and praise on others. Without Judy the Parish News would struggle and so would Colton Church. So, our grateful thanks, especially from this editor, even if you do get stropky from time to time.

Satterthwaite & Rusland Churches are having yet another of their fascinating **Entertainment Evenings**, a bit like the 'End of the Pier' shows used to be. **Saturday 17 February, 7.30pm., Rusland Reading Room.** Tickets are already on sale priced £6.50 including Interval Buffet of French bread, pate, cheese and a glass of wine. If not already gone can be got from Elsie Wilkinson 860 253, Giles Wingate-Saul 860 300 or Sue Brooke 860 250.

Leven Valley Cricket Club have been busy and carried out major ground improvements, bought new equipment, upgraded the pavilion and is looking for new players as part of its development. Any experience or no experience are welcome as are umpires, helpers and anyone interested in >

Winter indoor nets (Ulverston) Tuesday evenings, Feb/Mar.. Junior Coaching(Haverthwaite) Tuesday evenings in season. Contacts – Russ Thompson 015395 30110, Dick or Dan Proctor, 01229 861466, Peter Yates 01229 480686 or Giles Wingate-Saul 01229 860 300.

Tottlebank Baptist Church are holding Art Classes on a **Tuesday for 5 weeks starting on 27 February, 10.00am. > 2.00pm., Church.** The tutor is Debbie Madell 01229 772 563 for more information or Phil Gomersall 01229 861 820.

Donald



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The Christmas Party was its usual success; the caterers being so good they have already been voted in for 2007! The wine, Vin Blanc Chateau Barnside, was excellent and the 'Bouth Belles' in fine form, definitely Adult Watching, only.

An acknowledgement has been received from 'County' and also a 'thank you' letter from Fran Cornthwaite for the amount contributed by the branch to Denman College Bursary Fund in fond memory of Betty Hall.

The January meeting was open and well attended to hear and see an amazing presentation by Ian Lovegrove, brother of Allan on his life as a Base Commander in the Antarctic. We heard tapes of the sound of a ship breaking through pack-ice. Penguins calling each other and elephant seals. The highlight, perhaps, was the memorable photograph of the inside of a crevasse in a glacier.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14 February, 7.15pm. Village Hall,** to hear Ronnie Mein talk on the 'Cotton Mills of Backbarrow.

Penny.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Colton Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has achieved Quality Parish status, becoming the 8th parish in Cumbria and the 3rd parish in South Lakeland to achieve this status. Hopefully, if the government's recent White Paper on 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' becomes law,

Quality Parish councils will be given more power over local issues and services.

Colton Parish is undertaking a Local Housing survey next month in conjunction with Cumbria Rural Housing Trust and South Lakeland District Council. Questionnaires will go out with the February Parish Council Newsletter to all homes in the Colton parish, and the council would urge everyone to complete and return the relevant parts of the form. It is vital that information about housing is collected, to ensure that young people have the chance to live and work in the community to keep it - as in the title of the government White Paper – Strong and Prosperous.

A short list of 4 people has been drawn up for interview for the post of Parish Lengthsman. The interviews will take place at the end of January, so more news in the next newsletter.

Judy.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The Cartmel Community Education Centre is running ICT courses. For more information Tel: 015395 36323.

At the National Speedboat Record Week on Coniston pupil Nick Yr. 9 (that is all we know) broke the J250 Class record with a speed of 40.6mph. He was only one of the two juniors who took part. Congratulations.

The girls are clearly better at football than the boys as both the under 16 and 13 teams won through to the quarter finals of the County Cup with 5-2 and 8-2 victories.

If there is any more important news then it hasn't reached the editor's terminal.

Donald.



LEVEN VALLEY

A happy new year to all! I am sure we won't have a hosepipe ban in 2007, judging by how much rain we've been having

Our new topics this half term range through mapping, and Victorians, to transport, and electricity, so we are going to be very busy. Classes One and

Two are both visiting the Dock Museum at Barrow as part of their studies.

If you go in the post office at Backbarrow, you will see a leaflet compiled by some of our pupils, which is about a walk around Barrow. If we ever get a nice day, it would be a good walk out!

Susan.



“WALK CUMBRIA” NEWS

The churches of the benefice, together with Tottlebank Baptist Church, will be hosting a Walk team here from **Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th May**. Our first priority is prayer. There will be a prayer-time at **St. Mary's** following the Benefice Service on **Sunday 11 February, and each subsequent Benefice service**. We also invite you to come to the monthly Crake Valley Prayer Group held at Lowick Farm house (Tel: 885258) every **second Saturday of the month from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 am**.



At this time of the year what better reminder is there than Christina Rossetti's 'In the Bleak Mid-winter'. Just the first and last verses.

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone;
Snow has fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid- winter
Long ago.

What can I give Him ,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,---
Yet what can I give Him,
Give my heart.



DIARY DATES

Services at Colton

- 4 February **Family Service – 10.30am.** Coffee to follow. (Joanna & Donald)
11 February **No Service – Benefice Communion – Penny Bridge - 10.30am.**(David)
18 February **Holy Communion – 9.30am.** (Gary)
25 February **Extended Communion – 9.30am.** (Joanna)



Other dates

- 2 February **Candlemas, Presentation of Christ in the Temple.**
11 February **Penny Bridge Benefice Eucharist – 10.30am.**
14 February **St.Valentine**
 Bouth WI – 7.15pm. – Village Hall.
17 February Satterthwaite and Rusland Churches Entertainment – 7.00 for 7.30pm.
20 February MU meeting – 2.00pm. – Haverthwaite Church Room.
21 February **Ash Wednesday – Penny Bridge Holy Communion – 7.30pm.**
27 February Tottlebank Baptist Church Art Class – 10.00am. > 2.00pm.. – Church.



Important Message.

“Elizabeth and Gary would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and offers of help during Elizabeth’s time in hospital. They were all appreciated and well received. We ask for your continuing prayers for the next few months of Elizabeth’s treatment”.

From Donald

Elizabeth and Gary, on behalf of all three parishes you do not have to ask!!!



There have been the odd computer glitch whilst putting the News together, so if anybody has been left out, sincerest apologies. It is a reminder, however of the need to send your contributions early.

Services and Rotas for February

4th	Third Sunday before Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	6: 1-8	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	15: 1-11	
	Gospel	Luke	5: 1-11	
Readers:	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Colton	B Watson	E Fleming	J Tarr
	Penny Bridge	C Dykes	R Long	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Colton	M Sanders	& C Holden	
	Penny Bridge	C Dykes	& R Long	
11th	Second Sunday before Lent			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	2:4b-9, 15-end	
	Second Reading	Revelation	4:	
	Gospel	Luke	8:22-25	
Readers:		E Wemyss	P Ashton	C Dykes
Sidesmen:		B Law	& J Law	
18th	Sunday Next before Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Extended Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Exodus	34:29-end	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	3:12-4:2	
	Gospel	Luke	9:28-36	
Readers:	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman	
	Colton	R Tarr	R Henson	C Holden
	Penny Bridge	S James	R Atkinson	C Sadler
Sidesmen:	Lowick	A Wood		
	Colton	S King	& B Watson	
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
21st	Ash Wednesday			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	7:30pm	Communion	
25th	First Sunday of Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Extended Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion and Baptism	
Readings:	First Reading	Deuteronomy	26: 1-11	
	Second Reading	Romans	10:8b-13	
	Gospel	Luke	4: 1-13	
Readers:	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Colton	M Sanders	B Johnson	R Smith
	Penny Bridge	J Henson	J Lancaster	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Lowick	F Inman		
	Colton	S Dean	& M Sanders	
	Penny Bridge	N Lord	& D Lancaster	