



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

I have just returned from an intensive four day stitching course in Scotland. Our tutor was a wonderful lady named Lorraine ; she was so generous in the way in which she shared not only her expertise (no holding back on the last vital little bits of information like some experts) but also her vast stock of sometimes quite expensive little extras; extras that made all the difference to our own work and gave it that polished, professional look.

So when the time came to think about saying goodbye, two of us suggested to the other twelve ladies that they might like to contribute a little money – say £1 or £2 each – to buy her a book token, because stitchers can never have too many resources. However – many of the twelve ladies were old hands and one of them said “We have been coming here for 16 years and we have never done that before”, so it didn’t happen, much to my regret, and Lorraine just got a card signed by us all.

Now there are two points that spring to mind here – first of all the unwillingness to imagine that things could be different: just because things have always been done a certain way never means that they have to go on being that way. This is true of just about every aspect of our lives. The second is the lack of generosity, imagining that the pay Lorraine received was sufficient recompense for the hours and hours that she had spent preparing samples and a course plan for us, which I am sure it was not.

So what has this to do with God? A wildly extravagant and generous God – a God of surprises and delights! A God who has given His all to us?

How do **we** say “Thank you” to Him for all His mercies? His Grace? His Love? How **can** we say “Thank you” for His goodness to us?

As you enjoy the beauty of His creation this summer, the leisure of a holiday perhaps, the fun of a barbecue with friends, paddling in the sea,

don't be mean but be generous with the time that you spend with Him saying "Thank you". There isn't one moment in the day when God is due some thanks from us for everything we have.

Try it – and the amazing thing is that saying "Thank you" to God puts a smile on your face – how can we be miserable when we contemplate His goodness to us? It is impossible!

I hope that you all have the opportunity of a refreshing time of rest and relaxation at some time in the next two months, either home or away.

Go well and safely, with love and prayers from your sister in Christ.

Joanna
Curate



GARDEN FÊTE
SATURDAY 5 JULY - OLD VICARAGE
1.45PM.
BE THERE

A reminder that Tombola prizes are still wanted – to Judy or Bonzo; more books are required and the sooner the better as they have to be categorized - to Susan at Colton Cottages.



COLTON CHRONICLES

One of the ironies of life is the way we can be amused by the mild misfortunes of others so be prepared to smile as, once again, it is sackcloth and ashes time. The Parish Councillor for the West Ward is Mrs. Brenda Fishwick, not Fisher as printed last month.

Hilary Brooks has chastised this editor, gently, if firmly for getting facts about Noel, wrong. He did indeed run a market stall, and very successfully, but it was many years before they came to Bouth not as implied immediately before. Apologies to both ladies.

But no apologies for those who might have been upset at the statement, a little while ago, about the Church – 'Use it or lose it'. A study by Christian

Research forecast that by 2030, 9,300 churches will have closed. That is **one every day**; now, a Save Our Churches campaign has been set up by a national newspaper backed by Dr. Rowan Williams and Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor., with the help of Joanna Lumley and Jools Holland.

Despite the fact that 56% of the population are opposed the church closures the desperate truth is that churches are struggling to find money for repairs. Our neighbours at Penny Bridge, for example, have had to find £750 just to have the trees in the Churchyard inspected and more will be needed as some of the beech trees were found to be diseased.

Wisely or otherwise the P C C has set up three working groups. One is on Finance, where no doubt, sensible plans will be put in place to use carefully and safeguard the church's money; another is for the Buildings and Churchyard where it is hoped a sound plan will be instigated to ensure that the buildings and grounds will be kept in good shape and be a credit to the parish. The third group will discuss Worship, an explosive subject at the best of times, where it will need understanding and tolerance for a unanimous and positive result.

We have had 400 years of the Book of Common Prayer, 20 years of the Alternative Service Book and, so far, 8 years of Common Worship and yet some still thirst after change. Those that do, are advised to read the Preface to the B C P, which begins :-

“It hath been the wisdom of the Church of England, ever since compiling her Publick Liturgy, to keep the mean between the two extremes, of too much stiffness in refusing, and too much easiness in admitting any variation from it. For, as on the one side common experience sheweth, that where a change hath been made of things advisedly established (no evident necessity so requiring) sundry inconveniences have thereupon ensued; and those many times more and greater than the evils, that were intended to be remedied by such change.” It goes on to say that change is reasonable provided it is **necessary or expedient!**

Last month's comment on 'Bossy Women' has come home to roost for instructions have been given that the following **MUST** be included **AND** without alteration. Being a coward, so be it!

Susan King writes: 'Morning Worship June 1st. What a welcome elevating service! We sang, we listened, we united in prayer; and then we lingered for nearly a further hour in a convivial atmosphere in the School Hall. A joyous beginning

to a new week. Thank you Donald, we wouldn't be without you, or the Parish News!

Despair not, even if we grockles pretend not to appreciate your unique sense of humour, you are held in high esteem elsewhere. "We are always delighted to receive Colton Parish News, not least for Donald's acerbic wit! We do hope he won't allow himself to be persuaded to resign as his absence would be very much regretted in our household!"

Apologies to everybody for the rant on editorship last month, for whilst there might have been some provocation, it was less than professional. Anyway the phone has been silent and the email inbox empty and as Proverbs says,

"Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him".

Church Yard is having a makeover and there are various plans afoot to have a major tidy up. Recently stalwarts, Bonzo & Roderick have been scrambling about, to their hearts content, in of all things, the compost heap. They report that it is gardening gold and please would all you budding gardeners go and help yourselves and, for free. For those without satnav or a sensitive nose it is in the North East corner of the church yard.

The planned improvements will take some time, as in order to do anything physical, well almost anything, in either the church or the church yard it is necessary to jump through bureaucratic hoops, and exceedingly slowly.

Visitors to our church often remark on the beautiful floral displays and our thanks are due to Wendy & Peter for the frequent and unflagging journeys they make from Haverthwaite to bring this about. Judy, Susan & a cowed Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

6 July Mrs Ruth Pearson

13 July Mrs. Ruth Pearson

20 July Mrs. Pauline Parkin

27 July Mrs. Pauline Parkin



COFFEE

6 July Mrs. Christine Holden

MOTHERS UNION

We were saddened by the death, on 29 April, of Hannah Wilson who was a friend to everyone and an M U member for many years. We shall all miss her very much.

On Thursday 12 June members spent the afternoon being taken round the Heron Corn Mill at Beetham followed by afternoon tea in the Village Tea Room. A most enjoyable afternoon for our Annual Outing. Wendy.

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PARISH NEWS

It is with much sadness that we learn of the death of Thelma Kellgren of Thwaite Moss, Rusland. She was a wonderful lady, greatly involved in all things to do with Rusland especially the Christian Aid Lunch where she made the best lovage soup you ever have tasted; she was a W I member for many years and a wonderful 'crafts person'. She will be sadly missed.

It is also with sadness to hear of the death of Fred Hool who was very well known in this vicinity and was an auctioneer at the Ulverston Mart for many years; he was also a member of the Ulverston Choral Society. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

It is a pleasure to offer a very warm welcome to Denise & Graham Wallace who are the new owners of Laurel House, Nibthwaite (ex McIvers' home). Their main domain is in London but 'ere long we hope to see very much more of them. It was particularly good to see them in church, closely accompanied (guarded?) by Sally.

There is no stopping Bryan Redhead, for after his 'success' last month he has come up with another collective noun. "A 'fuss' of grandparents". And not to be outdone, this from Judy.

*I used to love my garden,
But now my love is dead,
For I found a Bachelor's Button
In Black-eyed Susan's bed.'*

Judy & Donald.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Annual Outing, with the chaps, was well attended and enjoyable. We toured Ulverston on a dry but chilly evening with guide Jennifer Buxton who was both knowledgeable and entertaining. Not only was the history of the town fascinating but few realised that there had been tanneries, slaughterhouses and even a bath house. To say nothing of an area where young men could engage in 'loose behaviour', no doubt with 'loose' members of the opposite sex. Present day Ulverston is dull in comparison. The evening ended with an excellent dinner in the Farmers Arms.

Many members attended the Holker Flower Festival, a very good day out, although a little hard on the purse strings for plant lovers. The Food Hall did not do too badly either.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 July 7.15pm., Village Hall** when Mrs. E Belshaw will be presenting 'It shouldn't happen to a Nurse (Part 2)'. The competition will be 'An Old Fashioned Remedy.' Penny.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The recent questionnaire produced the usual items such as traffic, tax, housing and environmental matters but interestingly it was suggested that there should be 'surgery sessions'. In response the chairman has agreed to arrive at each meeting at least half an hour earlier and would be pleased to have a chat with anyone who has something to discuss. The next meeting will be held on **Monday 28 July, 7.30pm. in Bouth Village Hall.**

The Council s increasingly concerned at the damage done to our lanes and fellsides by off-road vehicles but regrettably the County Council has, apparently, better thing to do with its money and will take no action.

Incidents, good & bad, should be reported to Tony Hill who will log them on to the Trails Register. Contact: 015397 24555 or tony.hill@lake-district.gov.uk
HQ@lake-district.gov.uk, copy to HQ@lake-district.gov.uk



'One of the most pleasing sounds of springtime, to be heard all over the country, is the contented coo-ing of osteopaths as man picks up his spade'

Judy.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Judy Kilty explained the services provided by Age Concern in South Lakeland and that there was a 'drop-in' and resource centre at their base in Finkle Street, Kendal. Lots of information is available and a News Letter is produced every month. A surgery is held in the Coronation Hall once a month, usually on a Thursday.[We do not have a contact number but if anyone needs help we suggest you contact the Pat Edwards at the Forum Office, 6 Cross street, Ulverston, LA12 7LF. Tel: 01229 894 103 or email pat.edwards.ndo@cumbriacc.gov.uk]

Steve Dickinson explained what 'Made in Cumbria' was all about. It is an economic development initiative by the County Council to promote the sales of local crafts, gifts and food. Each product must conform to Trading Standards ruling on the place of origin before admission to Made in Cumbria can be granted.

To become a member, local producers pay an annual fee of £65, which like everything else will increase (to £75). An additional small fee is required each time they go to a Farmers Market and for bigger Festivals the fee can be £200 for a pitch; £400 for non-members. There are now around 320 craft businesses and 120 foods producers in Cumbria who are registered.

For more information visit the website: www.madeincumbria.co.uk

During Open Forum time, usually used for residents of the area to have a beef, Sergeant Stuart Flett, who is in charge of promoting Neighbourhood Policing, explained his role, particularly with regard to 'Hate Crimes'; reporting, meeting officers and follow-up investigations. Further information from the Police website: www.cumbria.police.uk Donald.



DEANERY SYNOD

When attending the Synod you can always guarantee that, whatever happens, you will at least, arrive in hope. The first meeting of the new three year session started at 7.30pm. but it was not until 8.25pm., following Worship and coffee, that the business meeting actually started. The new lay chairman is Jeff Brunskill of Millom who is also the treasurer and as treasurer he explained that the new Parish Offering system is going well and we have great hopes of meeting our target for 2008.

There were other appointments but the representatives from the benefice were not involved neither were they asked; perhaps we know the Rural Dean too well. Thankfully the next meeting is not until October. Donald.



SCHOOL NEWS

Praise be, we have some school news but only from one school.

Cartmel Priory – This year is the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the School and many celebrations are being organised but on a more permanent basis an Anniversary Garden outside Cavendish Hall is being created.

There has been lots of success both academic and sporting but unfortunately the School's Newsletter does not include surnames; probably connected to the inanities of present day legislation. Congratulations to you nameless children with the hope that when you become adults commonsense might prevail.

Importantly the School has changed its designation from a Technology College to a Science one; oddly a grant has been awarded to improve the 'catering room' which comes rather into the technology class than the science one.

The School, quite properly, has produced a Governors' Statement of Principles written as these type of statements usually are, in high sounding expressions. One can only hope that the actions of the pupils will justify the words.

Edited School Newsletter.



Note: Does anybody remember when the Road Sign for a school was a 'Flaming Torch'. This editor used that expression when taking his driving test and nearly failed as the examiner was unsure as to the meaning, or the way it was said. A further explanation of a 'torch with a flame' saved the day.



'A country parson without some knowledge of plants is surely as incomplete as a parsonage without a garden'.

Services and Rotas for July

6th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	
	Second Reading	Romans	7:15-25a	
	Gospel	Matthew	11:16-19, 25-30	
Readers:	Colton	E Fleming	G Pickles	R Smith
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
13th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Benefice Communion & School Leavers	
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	25:19-34	
	Second Reading	Romans	8: 1-11	
	Gospel	Matthew	13:1-9, 18-23	
Readers:		School		
Sidesmen:		School		
	No service at Lowick and Colton			
20th	Ninth 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	Genesis	28:10-19a	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:12-25	
	Gospel	Matthew	13:24-30, 36-43	
Readers:	Colton	D Wroe	M Sanders	W Smith
	Lowick	M Bullock	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& C Holden	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
27th	Tenth 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	Genesis	29:15-18	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:26-39	
	Gospel	Matthew	13:31-33, 44-52	
Readers:	Colton	B Watson	R Tarr	I Pirnie
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& B Watson	
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		

DIARY DATES

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

- 3 July **Thomas the Apostle**
5 July GARDEN FÊTE – OLD VICARAGE - 1.45PM.
8 July P C C – Church Hall – 7.30 – 9.00pm.
9 July Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
15 July St. Swithin.
22 July **Mary Magdalene.**
Neighbourhood Forum – Methodist Church, Ulverston – 7.30pm.
15 July **James the Apostle.**
28 July Parish Council Meeting – Bouth Village Hall – 7.15pm.



End Notes

Do not forget, strong persons, to be at **Whitestock Barn on Thursday 3 July at 6.30pm.** collection and erection of the marquee and all the bits and pieces.

The Finance and the Worship Groups have both met and positive progress has been made.



Some notes from the Parish News of July 1994 when Christine Dobson was the editor. It was the year Mrs. Barwell died, Morning Prayer was held in church every Monday morning, and services were held at 9.45am. on every Sunday.

May Lambert held a Coffee Evening in her home and raised the magnificent sum of £340; surprisingly the Fête is not mentioned but the Old Vicarage garden was open and raised £400. The highlight was the broadcast on Trinity Sunday of 'Songs of Praise' which had been recorded in Hawkshead Church. The comment was that the congregation sang lustily.

For the 'drinkers', the Trotters had just taken over at the White Hart!



*"Roses have thorns, and silver fountains mud;
Clouds and eclipses stain both moon and sun,
And loathsome canker lives in the sweetest bud.
All men make faults."*

Shakespeare.

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