



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Death and Resurrection

The Easter story is one of extreme emotions. The desolation and sadness felt by many of the followers of Jesus as he was put to death on Good Friday was followed by the joy and elation of the resurrection on Easter day. This brought, for those followers, a New Hope, a new vision and a new challenge. They were commissioned to spread the Gospel message far and wide.

For many people the pastoral re-organisation that has taken place has brought a feeling of sadness and loss and this is understandable but it is also a new beginning. A beginning which, I hope, we face with the joy that is ours as Christians and as part of the Resurrection Church. Collectively, we have a new challenge and after consultation some things in our parishes will inevitably change. Our Church is a pilgrim church and on that pilgrimage we see and experience different things at different times, presenting us with a new vision.

During the last year and a half each of our churches has been exploring the 'Healthy Churches' exercise and I hope, and pray, that a lot of our vision for the church in the future come as a response to that. But part of that response is listening to and discerning what God is saying to us now. To be involved in this we have to listen.

We also have a New Hope that the Holy Spirit will be active in >

the new benefice and that people will allow the Holy Spirit to renew and refresh their lives. For this hope to flourish we need to be people of prayer and people who worship the God who is our creator and sustainer.

On a practical level the Privy Council at its meeting on the 20th of March 2003 approved a pastoral scheme which will affect Colton and a number of other parishes in the Windermere Deanery. In brief the scheme creates a new benefice of Hawkshead. Low Wray with Sawrey, Rusland and Satterthwaite. **It also creates a new benefice of Egton-cum-Newland, Lowick and Colton.**

This new benefice is in the Archdeaconry of Westmorland and Furness and the parish of Colton belongs to the deanery of Windermere and the parishes of Egton-cum-Newland and Lowick belong to the deanery of Furness.

As well as the creation of the two new benefices all the parishes mentioned above and those of the Leven Valley (Haverthwaite, Finsthwaite and Staveley) become part of a Group Ministry to be known as the **High Furness Group Ministry**.

At first it was thought that the scheme would be up and running before the end of 2002 and because of the delay, a slight problem has arisen in that that I shall be away on a pre-booked holiday at the beginning of May. However, because we now have a Group Ministry, pastoral cover will be provided by the Rev'd Stephen Pye and the Rev'd Derek Goddard. (We are now part of a larger group which, it is hoped, will work together supporting each other as we work to serve the Lord,)

It will be appreciated that as very short notice was given to the announcement of this scheme, it will take a number of weeks to look at how the three parishes will function together.

Please be patient and look carefully at service times in the magazine and on the notice boards.

I believe the Holy Spirit is working in our churches but we need understanding, kindness, consideration, love and prayer for each other to serve Christ in this area.

Sincerely yours

Gary Wemyss, Vicar



COLTON CHRONICLES

This is a significant time in the history of Holy Trinity Church, Colton as we have at last, after nearly ten years, got a real live fully paid up full time Vicar, with a Vicarage, in the Benefice that we have joined. We also retain our links with Rusland & Satterthwaite and renew our historical connection with the

Leven Valley churches, Low Wray & Sawrey and with our mother church Hawkshead.

These links have, in the past been tenuous on occasions but now is the time to be positive, as anything else would be a waste of time and effort. The decision has been made and whether you approve or not it is here to stay.

It has been intimated that, in future, your editor will need to pen his words with a little more decorum than has previously been the case. (I know it is a split infinitive, but it sounds better.) The editor will try, but with his track record and the fact that he is a touch long in the tooth to change I wouldn't hold your breath.

The Lent services have been very successful and fairly well attended by people from our new benefice. Wednesday 9 April was of particular importance as our Vicar, Revd. Gary Wemyss took a service at Colton for the first time.

The APCM was reasonably attended even if it was a day late and was chaired in admirable fashion by our new Vicar who, in this particular role, clearly doesn't take prisoners. It was a very efficient well run meeting. As has become the norm the PCC got itself re-elected as did the Church Wardens and Sidesmen plus Chris Holden who apparently is either a glutton for punishment or has not yet learned to say no! A certain editor said yes and he is still at it 7½ years later.

The financial situation is fairly solvent, but with Bonzo in charge you would not expect anything else. Added to the requirements listed last month is a Loop System, which will be a great help to those with hearing difficulties.

At the PCC, which followed, Margaret Campbell generously stayed on as Secretary as did Bonzo as Treasurer but only on the understanding that the Parish News was polite to him in future. Our Reader Joanne Henson who has been a tower of strength during the interregnum will be the Lay Vice-Chairman of the PCC.

The Jubilee Window is on its way and should be in place by the time you get this issue. The fund raising is going well much thanks to Gordon Pickles and his team.

The Dedication of the Window, by the Dean of Carlisle, will take place on Saturday 7 June during the concert, which is scheduled to start at 3.00pm. and will be followed by celebrations in the Old Vicarage.

Before that however, it is important to note that **on Sunday 11 May the service AT COLTON will be a JOINT Celebration of Eucharist but, at the later time of 10.30am.**

Christian Aid

Remember the **Annual Soup & Cheese Lunch, Parish Room, Rusland, Wednesday 14 May starting at mid-day.** Please also remember **contributions to the stalls, raffle and whatever** will be welcome.

Donald

“The unexamined life is not worth living”

Socrates

FLOWER ROTA

4 May Easter Flowers

11 May Mrs P McIver

18 May Mrs P McIver

25 May Mrs W Smith

1 June Mrs W Smith



COFFEE ROTA

4 May Mrs H Brooks & Helper



MOTHERS UNION

Fire, Ice and Steam, was the title of the talk and slide show given at our meeting in April by Canon Ellis in Bouth Village Hall. Canon Ellis and his wife had toured Iceland in a small hired car and their pictures of the trip were

simply breathtaking, giving an insight to the geography of the Island and showing how the people lived.

It is a very clean island and uses power from the natural geysers to generate electricity thus minimising the use of fossil fuels.

Our closing service for the year will be in **Rusland Church at 2.00pm. on Tuesday 20 May.** Rampside have kindly invited us to their closing service and afternoon tea on **Thursday 29 May at 2.00pm.** Transport will be available for any ladies wishing to go.

Margaret



From a National Newspaper.

*Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit;
wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.'*

PARISH NEWS

We sadly report the death of Donald Worsley who died on 5 April aged 96. Donald and his wife Eleanor have been an integral part of the life of Colton Church for forty years and this began when Eleanor became Headmistress of Colton School.

He became involved, especially with the Christian Aid committee, despite the fact he was a Church Warden at St. Martin's. Bowness, Treasurer at the Cheshire Home and had a very active sporting life.

They were very great friends to many people in the parish and attended church regularly until poor health and eyesight prevented them from driving. We offer our sympathy to Mrs Worsley and their three daughters and their families. Donald will be greatly missed. C.D.

A warm welcome to Michael Shannon, formerly of Lakeside, who is moving to 2 Cragg Brow, Bouth. We hope he will settle in nicely and be happy in this remarkable hamlet.

Our grateful thanks to Mike Thwaites (yet again) for the beautiful oak box to house the 'Book of Remembrance' which was dedicated by the Rural Dean. Thanks also to Margaret Sanders for the lovely embroidered Bookmark.

- We need something to eat at the Window Celebration and the committee would like you great cooks to magic up some ‘tasty bits’, (Judy’s words, not minel) bite size . Please let herself know ASAP. There should be a list of ideas on the notice board at church and remember we are expecting 150+ people, so much if not more. There will be a marquee on the day and your offerings can be taken straight there.

Mainly Judy + Donald



A prayer for today and everyday:

Father, hear the prayer we offer
Not for ease that prayer should be
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously

Amen

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our March meeting we had a reprise when Mrs Ann Scargill delighted us once again with ‘Fawlty Towers II’. She recounted many hilarious stories about staff, the guests and the ‘goings on’ behind the scenes; it made John Cleese seem quite tame.

The ‘Rag Pug’ day was enjoyed by 11 ladies who had each produced a very good piece of work (ed. just been told its Rag Rug). The Scrabble evening, or should that be squabble, was once again very successful with reigning champion Rowena Thornthwaite taking the honours. It is all down to being born and educated in Wales!

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14 May in the Village Hall at 7.15pm.** when Mrs J Bentley will talk on ‘Diamonds are forever’ (In flowers).

Do not forget our SPRING WALK, Saturday 3 May, Village Hall, 1.00pm.

Judy



SPARK BRIDGE & LOWICK

We seem to be unfortunate in keeping to our program of speakers this year as yet again our booked speaker was unavailable, however our own Joanna Henson stepped into the breach at the last minute and gave a very enthusiastic talk on the work of 'Sure start'. This is a Government funded team who look to the needs of children under five and their families.

Joanna explained how the money, received from the Government, is spent and how the families in deprived areas of Barrow are benefiting from the work of 'Sure Start'. Joanna was very pleased with the progress of the program in Barrow, which was now one of the top three in the country.

As Joanna had entered the competition it was decided that every one would judge by placing a penny on the item of their choice. Mrs Thomas won with her holder for slicing onions with Mrs Robinson second.

The **May meeting** will be a discussion of the resolutions, a member's night and a competition – 'A useful tip to make housework easier'.

Margaret



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL

The remodelling of the Design and Communications block is in full swing with remarkably little disruption to school life. Young Alan Coulston has won through to the regional final of the 'Young Teacher of the Year' award and we wish him every success.

The school is in the process of forging links with a secondary school near Dodoma in Tanzania.

Clive

LEVEN VALLEY

It has been a busy time with the school pancake races, thanks to Mrs Grace Barker for making the pancakes and we have also had a very successful Red Nose Day Talent Show and a fancy dress day when we raised over a £100.

We also celebrated World Book Day, with a book sale, so that the children could spend their £1 book tokens and have a book sharing session.

The PTA is busy and on **Sunday 18 May** there will be a **Car Boot Sale** with stalls, tombola, barbecue and face painting. You can book a space £5 in advance or £6 on the day. Finally a request for any garden tools in order that the children can get more involved in the maintenance of our wildlife garden.

Susan

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

We will be holding our **Annual Cake Stall at Grizedale on Monday 5 May**; this comes with our annual requests for the cakes et al. Like Leven Valley we also need garden tools and seeds for our organic garden project. A shed would be nice too! Please help.

Lorna



DIARY DATES

- 3 May Bouth W I Spring Walk – Village Hall – 1.00pm.
- 4 May Family Service – 9.30am. - Coffee & Tea in Hall afterwards.
- 5 May Bank Holiday – Satterthwaite and Rusland School Annual Cake Stall – Grizedale Visitors Centre – 10.00am.
- 11 May **Joint – all three churches – Holy Communion – COLTON – 10.30am.**
- 14 May **Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Parish Room 12 noon >**
Bouth WI – Meeting – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 18 May Holy Communion – 11.15am.
Leven Valley School – Car Boot Sale.
- 20 May M U Service – Rusland – 2.00pm.
- 25 May “Extended Communion” – 11.15am.
- 26 May Spring Bank Holiday.
- 29 May **Ascension Day** – M U Service – Rampside – 2.00pm.
- 8 June **Pentecost.**
- 14 June **Dedication of Jubilee Window – 3.00pm – Party afterwards.**



“It would be helpful if contributors could include **date, time & venue**”



During this honeymoon period when we shall be getting to know our partner churches, times and even place of worship might change. For once, please trust the diary dates and check the information on the back cover.



LOSS

*The day he moved out was terrible –
That evening she went through hell.
His absence wasn't a problem
But the corkscrew had gone as well.
Wendy Cope*

