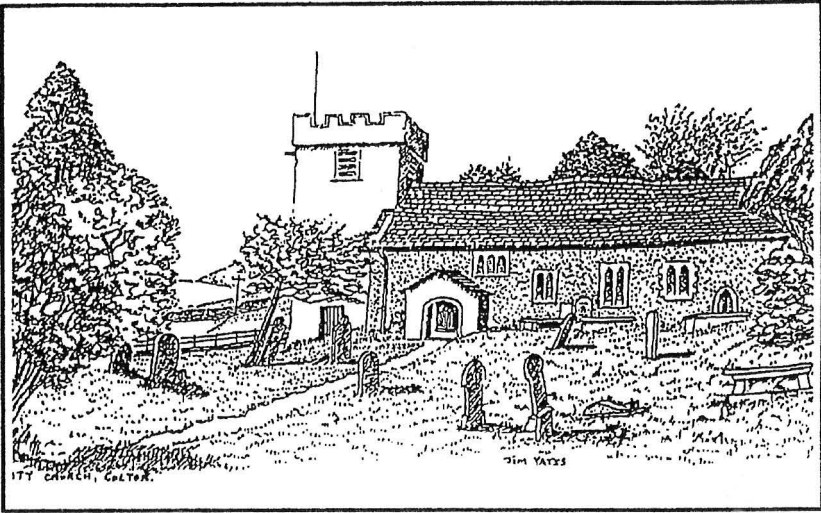




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Some of you know that I was daft enough to allow myself to be persuaded to go on the 'Go Ape' course with Bishop James, amongst others, at Grizedale in early July to launch the Windermere Deanery Out of the Blue week of mission.

I can already hear some of you saying "at her age she ought to know better" – but I have to say that it was great fun and I would certainly love to go again. But next time I will take the bypass to avoid the Tarzan swing and that scrambling net!

Somehow I did myself some harm in that net and suffered considerable pain from a stretch injury to my right shoulder (rather similar to what the mediaeval martyrs must have suffered on the rack). The excruciating pain struck randomly, especially at night and two of my fingers were numb all the time, all in all it made me very miserable indeed. Would it ever get better? Physiotherapy had some effect but it was still pretty awful.

Then we went south to visit our grandchildren and I worried about how I would pick up my rising two year old grand-daughter when she lifted up her little arms for a cuddle, as lifting and carrying were torture. I would just have to be brave!

We arrived after a somewhat uncomfortable car journey and there was Emily – expecting a cuddle of course. I gritted my teeth and picked her up and gave her a long cuddle. When I put her down the pain had completely gone away. It seemed like a miracle.

But as I thought about it, I realised that this was typical of what can so often happen when we are suffering in one way or another. As soon as we get out and about, instead of lolling about at home feeling miserable, and

start putting other people first, attending lovingly and cheerfully to their needs, our own woes can reduce in size, or disappear completely.

Even wearing a smile on your face makes all the difference to how you feel. Try it and see, the next time you are feeling low!

With love from your sister in Christ,

Joanna

Curate.



From the Vicar

Pain, Loss and Bereavement

As we journey through life there are many joys that we want to share with our family, friends and hopefully with God. It is far harder to share the news, or the feelings we have when faced with pain, (physical, psychological or even spiritual), loss, (be it of a faculty, part of the body, employment, financial security or even of the home) or bereavement (in the loss of a family member, a dear friend or even a pet).

So often we do not want to say anything to anybody – not even our family and we tend to ignore God – that is if we are not in the process of blaming him.

On **Friday 31st October** we are to hold a **Service in Penny Bridge Church** starting at **6:30pm** at which we will be able to bring before God those feelings we have of loss, pain and bereavement. In the case of bereavement part of our thoughts will be those of celebration and thanksgiving for the times shared together.

This service is both for those who have suffered a bereavement and also for all who want to share in worship and prayer for all those in our communities and throughout the world who are feeling pain, loss or bereavement. I believe we will all know someone and our collective prayer will help those struggling to come to terms with loss of any kind.

In Romans St Paul writes clearly of the strengthening love of God when he says, *“I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all*

creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38f.

Where there is love and caring, God is there.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The purpose of the Parish News, contrary to popular opinion, is to inform the readers of the happenings and events in the parish of Colton; the unfortunate fact that the odd mistake occurs now and then, is no reason for the gnashing of teeth and the verbal mauling of the editor.

One reason is, that my fingers are not altogether keyboard literate, another is, as my son so eloquently put it, “Father, you have many qualities but listening is not one of them”. A case of, ‘when the child becomes the adult and the parent the child’.

Clearly, selfishly should have read selflessly and the good ladies of the Bouth W I did not walk on Windermere but on Coniston Water; in fact they did neither as it poured down. The faults were not all home-grown and the final score was Home 4 - Away 2. But don’t bet on it!

The big news of the month is that Bishop Graham is putting his crozier aside in the spring of 2009 and semi-retiring, strangely to the more rural outskirts of Stockport where we wish Molly and him a long happy and healthy life ahead. We look forward to his successor whom we earnestly hope will have a good understanding of rural England.

The working groups are all beavering away and will shortly be reporting to the PCC; the Worship group was fortunate to be shown a brief introduction to the subject of **Liturgy and Worship** by the Vicar with the result that there will be an evening on the subject on **Wednesday 22 October**, open to all and bearing in mind the interest that has been shown in our parish, you must come along. Details of time and place, to be announced.

On **Saturday 11 October, St. Thomas’, Kendal & Saturday 6 December, St. Mark’s, Barrow, the Bishop of Carlisle** is holding **Teaching Days** – “God and His Master Plan”, designed to build Christian confidence in God’s truth, to release excitement in the ways of God and to

motivate believers to love his plan to heal the world – booking forms are to be found in each church.

Harvest – Our **Farmer's Harvest Service** is to be held this year on **Friday 10 October, 7.00pm.** followed by **Supper.** If you have not already done so, and want to eat, contact Sue Dean, ASAP, Tel: 01229 861 435.

† **Christine A Dobson**

Sadly Christine died on the 22 August and those who attended her funeral will know what a wonderful lady she was, having listened to the enchanting résumé of her life by her niece Annabel. The service was a gracious tribute to a truly great and Christian lady. Christine married her husband Tony in 1941 and left Bolton for Springfield in 1966; a year or two after Tony died, in 1984, she moved to Kennel Cottage, Whitestock.

Christine was a kind, gracious and lovely person, considerate and courteous to others with a deep faith and the epitome of a Christian; an example to us all of the meaning of “love thy neighbour.” She not only supported our church for over 40 years but importantly Christian Aid and set a precedent for those who followed and continued her work.

She also edited the Parish News for many years when it was a little more civilised and kinder than the current version. It is all too easy to write those words – she will be missed – but if ever there was a truth – she will! †

Mainly Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

5 October Mrs. Wendy Smith

12 October Harvest

17 October Harvest

26 October Harvest



COFFEE

Mrs Margaret Sanders + the usual



HARVEST

The church will be decorated for Harvest on **Friday 10 October from 10.00 am**. Not only do we need help with the flowers but gifts of fruit vegetables and anything else that is suitable are required.



MOTHERS UNION

Our first meeting which was in September in the Church Hall the talk from was on the Father Gilson Project in Brazil. Mrs. Simone Cookson was so inspiring as she told us of the times she had visited a village near Rio de Janeiro where 65 children between 2 & 5 years old are looked after during the week and how things have improved so much with the help from donations. The photographs of the children were lovely; thank you Simone for coming.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 October, Bouth Village Hall, 2.00 pm**. When the speaker will be Mrs. Stalker, Matron of St. Mary's Hospice. It is also our Annual General Meeting.

Wendy.



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Confusion reigns over hospital matters mainly because, that whilst any issue is for the month indicated, very often readers receive their copy a good week before that month begins. Jean Casson has now had her op' and is home, looking well, if somewhat impatient. Apologies to John Silcock who had the same op' some little time ago, hence the confusion, and regrettably we forgot to wish him well. Mind you the last time we saw him he didn't seem to need any good wishes as he was travelling so fast that the bearings of his crutches were in danger of burning out.

It is not all gloom and doom for there is some good news. Congratulations to Duncan Lydon and Emma Willerton who were married on a wet and windy August day; Duncan is the son of Sue, sister of Judy. We wish them success and happiness in their life together.

Also congratulations to Julie and Trevor Fleming on the birth of their daughter Eden, sister to Ellie and second granddaughter for Mary and Gerald Fleming.

Even more congratulations for the baptism of Ellis Young son of Ian and Sarah and grandson of Millie and George. May the Blessing of God be with him throughout his life.

We pray for those who are not well and particularly for May Lambert who has always cared for others more than herself. Do take care May and all of our best wishes.

We hear that Susan King aka ‘The Witch of Colton’ (her description not the editor’s) has cast a spell on husband John – why else would he be attending singing classes?

The Rusland Show was blessed with decent weather this year and the residents of this parish made a superb effort with their entries and came away with many prizes. Pride of place must go to Hilary Brooks for winning first in the Spring Garden category for her hillside garden is extremely difficult to maintain particularly for such a ‘slight’ lady. Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Why should it be a surprise that the Bouth W I met on ‘Big Bang Day’ and even more suitable was the speaker, our own Cathy Styles whose subject was ‘A Life in Education’, but could be sub-titled ‘These children aren’t growing up in the same world as we did’.

Cathy gave an immensely interesting presentation and obviously cares deeply about the children entrusted to her care.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 8 October, Bouth Village Hall, 7.15 pm.** The speaker will be Mr. J Murphy (‘im from t’ Evening Mail) whose subject will be “Stories of Barrow and Local Walks” The competition will be ‘An Old Photograph of Barrow’.

Penelope.

The said Penelope is not normally shy but, she has asked us to be kind enough to mention that she will be running in the ‘Great North Run’ on Sunday 5 October in aid of Cancer Research. Why shy? Well she really does need sponsorship, so dig deep! We don’t want any of the ‘short arms long pockets’ syndrome.



CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

Congratulations to Headteacher Dr Paul Williams, all the staff and particularly year 11 pupils who attained the best GCSE results ever with 79% achieving 5 or more subjects at A to C level and 71% including maths and English. Truly this was a magnificent effort.

The school has requested a change in specialist status from technology to science and as from 1 September C P C of E School will be recognised as a Specialist Science College. This can only raise, even higher, the academic standards of the school in an era where science has been so sadly neglected.

This autumn the school will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary to which all pupils and ex pupils (and ex governors), staff and indeed the whole community are welcome.

Events include: **Friday 17 October – Syd Banks dance, Saturday 18 October – Open Day, Sunday 19 October – Priory Service and School open.** For further details please contact the school Tel: 015395 362 02.

School Governors

Mrs. Janet Pickles who has been a Governor at Cartmel for the last four years representing our parish has now resigned and the school urgently needs a replacement as they are short of four Foundation Governors (as opposed to Parent Governors). Your editor was a governor for nine years, four of which as chairman and can confirm that it is a very rewarding job.

Please, if there is anyone out there who would like to volunteer contact the editor, details on the front cover page.

Donald.

Closer to home pats on the back for James Atkinson on achieving three A's and two C's at A level and brother Adam on an A, three B's and a C at AS level. Both the boys are from Riddingside Farm, Colton.

Also Stewart Dixon who has gained an apprenticeship with Ushers of Coniston and brother Jack who is studying to be an accountant. Both of Greenhead Farm, Colton.

All these young gentlemen are an asset to Colton for not only do they show care for the environment but are reliable vigilantes for our church and always are helpful, doing many tasks for the community. Thank you. Susan.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The main subject at the last meeting was the forthcoming changeover to Digital television. Do not, kind folk, put your heads in the sand for by December 2009 analogue (what most of you have at the moment) will be no more. The changeover will start in October 2009 when the Greenodd transmitter will be upgraded; you will not need a new TV set but a Digital Box and maybe an aerial upgrade. You can check on ceefax page 284.

The next Forum is on **Wednesday 1 October 7.30 pm. Coronation Hall.**



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The long awaited 'Highway Steward' has now been appointed and will start work on 20 October; he will be in the parish for 14 days of work four times a year and his duties will be similar to those of the lengthsman we had in more civilised times. Chris Slater will continue to work with us, one day a week. If required contact Penny Lovegrove Tel: 01229 861 091.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 20 October, 7.30 pm. Finsthwaite Village Hall.** A representative from the wind-farm company, for the Striders scheme, will be there to make a presentation followed at our next meeting in December by a representative from the 'Stop' campaign (Stop Turbines on the Peninsula).

We have a new Community Police Officer, PC John Baldwin who is based in Ulverston and will be working closely with local councils and agencies in the area. Parish Council contact – Mandy Lane, and Clerk Tel: 01229 861 408 – coltonpc@btinternet.com. From the original notes by the Clerk to the Council. Donald.



Raymond Cooper who was the son-in-law of the late Mrs. Thornthwaite of Bouth has recently died. Ray was a visitor here for thirty years and was a tower of strength to the mother of his wife Barbara over those years. Barbara would like to thank friends and neighbours for their beautiful cards and kind messages of sympathy. Ray loved the village and the Lake District and had many happy memories and enjoyed the friendships made over the years.



Services and Rotas for October

5th	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Harvest Service*		
Readings:	First Reading	Exodus	20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	
	Second Reading	Philippians	3:4b-14	
	Gospel	Matthew	21:33-46	
Readers:	Colton	E Fleming, S Smith & R Smith		
	Lowick	A Naylor & W Keegan		
	Penny Bridge	Penny Bridge School		
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King & S Dean		
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	Penny Bridge School		
12th	Twenty First Sunday after Trinity			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Benefice Communion & Harvest Service*		
Readings:	First Reading	Exodus	12: 1-14	
	Second Reading	Philippians	4: 1-9	
	Gospel	Matthew	22: 1-14	
Readers:	J Redhead, R Tarr & R Henson			
Sidesmen:	S Dean & M Sanders			
No service at Lowick and Penny Bridge				
19th	Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Harvest Service*		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Exodus	33:12-23	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	1: 1-10	
	Gospel	Matthew	22:15-22	
Readers:	Colton	J Henson, B Watson & I Pirnie		
	Lowick	G Mitchell & M Bullock		
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	R Atkinson	R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson & M Sanders		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex & W Greateorex		
26th	Last Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion and Baptism		
Readings:	First Reading	Deuteronomy	34: 1-12	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	2: 1-8	
	Gospel	Matthew	22:34-46	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders, W Smith & I Pirnie		
	Lowick	G Jagar & J Davis		
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	D Lancaster	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	C Holden & B Watson		
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	N Lord & D Lancaster		

* Harvest Readings are different from the regular Sunday Readings

DIARY DATES

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

- 1 October Neighbourhood Forum – Coronation Hall – 7.30 pm.
- 8 October Bouth W I – Bouth Village Hall – 7.15 pm.
- 10 October Decorating the Church for Harvest – 10.00 am. >
Farmers Harvest Service & Supper – 7.00 pm.
- 11 October Teaching Day – St Thomas's, Kendal – Time TBA
- 13 October Mothers Union – Bouth Village Hall – 2.00 pm.
- 17 October Evening of Flowers – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.00 pm.
In aid of St. Mary's Hospice.
- 18 October **Luke the Evangelist.**
- 19 October Cartmel Priory School – Anniversary Service – Cartmel Priory – 3.30 pm.
- 20 October Colton Parish Council Meeting – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7.30pm.
- 26 October Summer Time ends – clocks BACK one hour.
- 28 October **Simon and Jude Apostles.**
- 31 October Service for the Bereaved – Penny Bridge Church – 6.00pm
Halloween.



St. Mary's Hospice

The Leven Valley Support Group are holding an **Evening of Flowers , Greenodd Village Hall, 7.00 pm.** Admission £5 including refreshments. Ticket, from Marian Tel: 015395 31779 – Sylvia Tel: 015395 31685 – Eileen Tel: 015395 31040.



The Rooks

On the first of March
The crows begin to search.
By the first o April
They are sitting still.
By the first o May,
They're flown away,
Croupin greedy back again
Wi October's wind and rain.