



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

A Convenience To Be Valued

It is almost twenty three years since Elizabeth and I moved to Penny Bridge and during that time there have been many changes.

As I think quickly I remember the public houses that have closed - the Racehorse, the Machells and the Britannia, and those that have changed hands many times – the Red Lion, the Farmers Arms and the Royal Oak. There was the closure of Hurley and Peake (the garage), the Greenodd toilets (now a valuable resource as a Fish and Chip shop), of Lowick School, the full time Post Office (reduced to three half day sessions), the Doctor's Surgery reduced to an hour a day in the Village Hall at Greenodd and now the filling station and shop at Greenodd Service Station. (Please note that the workshop is still open for servicing, repairs and MOT's, etc. around the back). Then there is the personal cost. All those familiar faces, their smiles and greetings as we go to buy our fuel, etc. lost and never to be found again. The communities have also changed - for better or worse – with many properties being sold for second homes, holiday homes and as investments.

Change and decay in all around I see. Change certainly, if not decay.

One topic of conversation I hear is that of convenience. How good it was to have a local garage – now we have to journey to Ulverston or Newby Bridge or....How good it was to have the Doctor's Surgery in Penny Bridge – now having to travel to Haverthwaite because it is not always convenient to go to Greenodd Village Hall. How good it was to have a Post Office open every day – now we have to remember which part of which day it is functioning. (I am still confused!)

Yet we still have the constant and convenient in our benefice. The Armadale, the Ship Inn, the Royal Oak, the Farmer's Arms, the Red Lion, the Oxen Park and the White Hart alongside Penny Bridge School,

Greenodd Village Bakery, the village shop, the butchers and, of course our three churches.

O thou who changest not.

What of the future? I can only speak for our churches but we have a vision that we will have a Christian presence in all our parishes in the future - but it may not be as we know it now. It is expected that the number of full time clergy will drop by about 25% by 2020 with a large number due to retire and not many people offering themselves for training.

In Cumbria there is a twofold plan with the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church working as Christians together. (Jesus' prayer that his followers might be one). But there will be changes with more church leaders being in full time employment, or working as House for Duty Priests on 20 hours a week or grouping churches together supporting each other and sharing study groups, confirmation services, etc.

The church is doing all it can to prevent following other facilities and withdrawing from community life. Yet at times it is treated like a convenience – expected to be there when needed but lacking support.

We are grateful for the support and help given by many caring for our buildings, churchyards and church hall, leading worship and organising events in the community like coffee mornings but we are all getting older and your churches need you!

We ask for your prayers for the continuing presence of the church in this area, we ask for you to volunteer any practical help or skills to support our local churches (please let a churchwarden know – see the inside front cover) and we ask once again for financial support because without it we may have to reflect on the future and what can be afforded.

On a personal note I believe that most of us want there to be a church in Egton-cum-Newland, Lowick and Colton but that future lies with you. Extra finance will help but we also need to be an active Christian presence in our parish, worshipping together and supporting each other through these difficult times as well as the good ones. In our churches (buildings as well as people) we have a resource to be valued for baptisms, weddings and funerals but also for our weekly worship. With your help I pray they will be there for future generations.

Gary Worgan Vicar.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN GREENODD AND DISTRICT

COFFEE & THE BIBLE SUMMER 2013



- Jonah – what is it all about?
- What relevance has the story for us today?
- **When? Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- July 4th **Jonah Goes to Nineveh. (Jonah 3:1-10).**
Woodside Cottage, Colton (J Henson)
- July 18th **Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion.**
(Jonah 4:1-11)
Tottlebank Baptist Church (P Gomersal)
- August 1st **Reflection and Vision**
Vicarage, Penny Bridge (E & G Wemyss)

If you haven't been before we look forward to you joining us.
(For more information contact Gary Wemyss on 01229 861 285)



FLOWER ROTA

7 July Mrs. Pauline Parkin
14 July Mrs. Pauline Parkin
21 July Mrs. Barbara Watson
28 July Mrs. Barbara Watson



Colton Chronicles

Believe It! Colton Church may not be on the road to terminal decline but it is perilously close; on Sunday 19 May the congregation numbered **six** and that included the organist. We all know that the church is there for all but week in week out the ‘all’ is not to be seen and it is left to the faithful few to keep the church going. Unfortunately this is not enough, so if the Parish Church is needed and is to survive it must be used. In the terms of that age old adage - ‘**use it or lose it**’.

Service Times: Apologises for the incorrect time for the Family Service in last month’s Diary dates and a reminder that **all services are held at 9:30am**, with the occasional exception. If in doubt you can always ring this editor **T:** 01229 861 275.

** Please note that on **Sunday 21 July** the service will be Morning Worship **

Church Fête: A reminder that this year it will be held on **Saturday 27 July** at the **Old Vicarage**; we need your support more than ever. Items for the plant, book and cake stalls will be welcome on the day. Tombola prizes, which can be left with Judy Redhead, Tel: 588 684 & Sue Lydon Tel; 861 511 or any member of the PCC.

If anybody would like to run a stall or help in any way please contact Johnny Tarr Tel: 586 174 or Email john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk.

A special plea for the **Raffle**, which is the largest source of income for the Fête. This year the take up of tickets is perilously slow so please, please contact Susan King **T** 01229 861 173. ASAP. Susan also asks for the stubs and the money to be delivered to her as early as possible before the day.

The marquee, as usual will be erected on **Thursday**, prior to the Fête – **6:00pm**. at the **Old Vicarage**. Volunteers urgently needed.

We are always grateful for those who work and carry out jobs for our church and this month we say a special thank you to John King who has done a magnificent job in repairing the damaged leaded lights. This is not the only occasion when John has torn himself away from his beloved vintage cars and used his talents for our benefit. Thank you! *Donald.*



‘Tis not enough to help the feeble up, but to support him after.’ Shakespeare.

PARISH NEWS

This parish is clearly a good place to mature as this month we send our congratulations to two wonderful ladies, Jean Prickett & Ruth Pearson both of whom have celebrated their 92nd. Birthdays this June.

We send our best wishes to Tony Atkinson and family as Tony is recovering from a serious back operation in Preston hospital having suffered for some time with a major back problem. We hope he has a speedy return home.

The Post Office in their 'wisdom' has transferred Gary, our postman, to Newby Bridge. Our new Postie is Ian, an equally nice lad, originally from Leicester. Be kind to him.

The Village Green in Bouth is looking spic & span following the volunteer work party. The absence of the hedge has allowed for the weeds to make a magnificent display, which is perhaps, better than looking at bare earth.

Charity: On the 16th June a very touching ceremony was held in the White Hart when cheques from the Quiz Night (£1,400) and the Cycle Ride (£2,500) were presented by Karen Maher, Helen Trotter & Roger Coates to Dr. Philomena Swarbrick who received them with her customary graciousness, on behalf of St. Anne's Hospice.

Bouth Village Hall: Community service in the parish could not exist if it were not for the selfless work of individuals who, more often than not, go about their tasks quietly and unsung; we would like to hear from any of you who can tell us about the work of others so that they may be publicly thanked. Recently a smart new gate has adorned Bouth Village Hall and we are grateful to John Sidwell who has provided the material, made the gate and hung it. Thank you, John.

Privacy: With all this furore about snooping one wonders, as this magazine is sent to the printers by email, whether the text is being intercepted by the U S security services and whether we should be worried. The mayor of London summed up the situation well with these words – "My only question is: what on earth did you expect?" He went on to explain that electronic data of any type has never been, in any sense, private! *Donald.*

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Annual Outing was a huge success probably helped that the visit was to the Ulverston Brewery, clearly a delight for the ale quaffers, of both sexes, who enjoyed the ‘samples with much relish.. The talk was most interesting, not so much for the explanation of the brewing process but for the history of the foundation and development of the company. The evening was brought to a satisfactory end with a convivial meal at the Stan Laurel Inn.

At our next meeting, to be held on **Wednesday 10 July 7:15pm. Bouth Village Hall**, we shall be having a talk from a very talented man who sings, plays the piano and organ and intriguingly is skilful in the art of cross-stitch. This model of excellence is none other but our Vicar, The Rev’d. Canon Gary Wemyss, who will talk to us on ‘Landmark Trust Properties’.

New members are always welcome - we meet once a month in **Bouth Village Hall at 7:15pm.** and have a lot of fun. For details please contact Mrs Susan Smith, **T.** 01229 861 370.

Donald.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

No films at the moment but we are running a film making workshop for children in years 5 to 8 at Leven Valley Primary School in the first week of the summer holiday – if you would like to join contact Carol. **T:** 01229 861 507; we will be making 2 minute films about ‘Having Fun Outdoors’ to enter the Rusland Show film making class.

If anyone would like to advertise in next season’s programme we would love to hear from you – it is only £25 and the same if you would like to sponsor a film. We rely on this support for our sustainability.

Carol.



Language: Have you noticed the number of times both on television and radio that those who being interviewed use the phrase at either the beginning or the end of their spiel ‘to be honest’. What else would one expect? To quote Mr. Johnson.



‘Almost thou persuaded me to become a Christian.’ Acts.

PAST TIMES

The parish magazine has been going for well over 100 years and in 1901 the magazine was for Colton, Finsthwaite, Rusland and Haverthwaite costing the whole of one penny. It contained advertisements and almost unbelievably there is one shop still in existence – F. Dickinson, the shoe shop in King Street. Gent's Walking Boots, 3 shillings and 11 pence; 20p in our money!

COLTON, July 1901: Repairs to the Church Bell. – The bell, which has been pronounced to be upwards of 500 years old by experts in campanology, has been rehung. The block of oak into which the bell head is fixed showed signs of giving way, this caused the bell to have considerable “play” and soon would have done great damage to the structure of the tower. The work was entrusted to Mr. Henry Coulton who unslung the bell and refixed it into a block of grand old oak, black with age, which Mr. Cragg kindly gave for the purpose.

The oak came out of an old barn at Colton which had been pulled down some years ago and must be more than 100 years old. Large iron hoops have been fixed round this block and the whole of the hanging apparatus having been strengthened is now in a thorough state of repair.

An old record tells us that the bell was “mended” in 1775 at the cost of 15s. 7d. During all these years the bell has been rung at the hour of prayer and tolled on many an occasion of sorrowful parting, let us ‘go up to the house of the Lord’ whenever it calls us and when our earthly course is finished and the bell is tolled for us, may we be numbered with God’s Saints in glory everlasting.

Hospital Sunday – Collections were made for the Ulverston and District Cottage Hospital on June 16 and £3 15s. has been remitted to the Treasurer, an increase of 3s. on last year.



NEWS: In the parish news we try to inform you of the goings on in the parish, but all so often, particularly this month we are short on something to tell you because we haven’t been told. Please will you let me know by the 14th of each month of anything or subject you would like to be included in our, your magazine. Contact: see bottom of inside front page. *Donald, Editor.*

Bible Word Search



All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. After you have found all the words, circle the leftover letters in the correct order to form the ***mystery answer***.



Betrayal, Coins, Cross, Crucify, Disciple, Garden, Herod, Judas, Mary, Pilate, Prayer, Tomb

The Answer is.....

DIARY DATES

*** SERVICE TIMES: ALL at 9:30am.***

Please Note: that on Sunday 21 July the Service will be Family Morning Worship

- 7 July **Thomas, Apostle.**
- 4 July Bible Study, Woodside Cottage, 10:00am.
- 5 July Salvation Army Founded 1865.
- 7 July **Morning Family Worship – 9:30am.**
- 10 July Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm. Speaker – The Vicar.
Battle of the Boyne. 1690.
- 14 July **Holy Communion – 9:30am.**
- 15 July **St. Swithun's Day.**
- 18 July Bible Study, Tottlebank Baptist Church – 10:00am.
- 20 July Neil Armstrong walked on the moon 1969.
- 21 July *** Family Morning Worship – 9:30am.***
- 22 July **Mary Magdalene.**
- 23 July Ice-cream Cone invented 1904.
- 25 July **James, Apostle.**
- 28 July **Holy Communion – 9:30am.**



AS YOU LIKE IT

Hath not old custom made this life more sweet
Than that of painted pomp? Are not these woods
More free from peril than the envious court?
Here we feel but the penalty of Adam,
The seasons' difference; as, the icy fang
And churlish chiding of the winter's wind,
Which, when it bites and blows upon my body,
Even till I shrink with cold, I smile and say,
'This is no flattery.'

Shakespeare



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