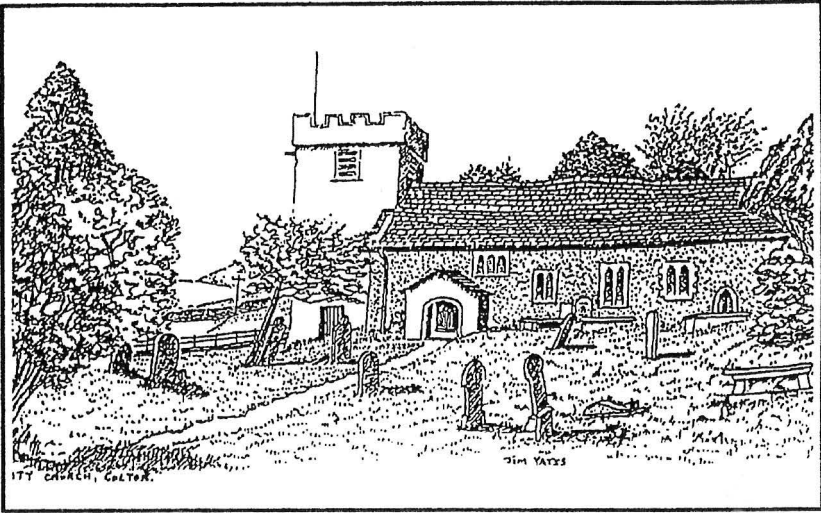




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Dear Friends

Love Your Neighbour

“And who is my neighbour?” Jesus was asked. He then went on to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan which I guess most of us will have heard and many of us could recall.

So often we are ready to help out with family, or close friends, or even neighbours in our village but we are uneasy when we are asked to help those in need further afield.

May 9th sees the start of Christian Aid Week and an opportunity for us to help our more distant neighbours.

In this area we have a tremendously good record of giving to support the work of Christian Aid. They in turn do not just give the money away but introduce communities and individuals to self help schemes.

Gift Aid your Donation

In Christian Aid Week last year, over £1 million extra was raised for the world's poorest people, simply because of one little form! How? Gift Aid.

Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows Christian Aid to claim back the tax paid on any donation made by a UK taxpayer, adding almost 30 per cent to the gift's value. All the donor needs to do is complete the simple declaration on the Christian Aid Week envelope. In 2003, Gift Aid declarations made in Christian Aid Week were worth more than £1 million.

A million pounds is enough to build 60 health centres in Cambodia, or provide clean water to 100,000 children in Ethiopia, or run Christian Aid's entire education, advocacy and campaign work for two months. But many

eligible donations to Christian Aid are given without Gift Aid declarations, meaning that its programs are missing out on this potential 'free' extra income.

So if you give to Christian Aid and are a taxpayer, please do fill in the Gift Aid form. And if you collect for Christian Aid, please encourage those who are donating to complete the declaration. It only takes a few seconds, but just think what could be achieved with another million

Please also pray for the work of Christian Aid throughout the world.

Locally collections will be taking place and the Colton, Satterthwaite & Rusland C A committee **'Soup & Cheese' Lunch is to be held this year on Wednesday 12 May at Rusland Parish Room – 12noon to 2.00pm. - £4.** So far we are promised 10 types of soup, am ample sufficiency of cheese and plenty of bread buns. Cakes, produce, bedding plants, this and that and the odd raffle. Please make it as successful as always.

Living Life to the Full

Christian Aid Week begins on 9 May, and the money raised this year will be used to improve people's lives in more than 50 countries worldwide. One of the places that Christian Aid has recently begun working is the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan. Here, as in many other poor countries, money raised in Christian Aid Week is being used to help people live life to the full.

Khurshed Khuinov is 17 and lives in Tajikistan's capital, Duschanbe. He shares one room in a city hostel with his mother and five brothers and sisters. Life in the hostels is bleak and dangerous, so the organization Zumrad, which is supported by Christian Aid, runs youth clubs to improve the lives of vulnerable children and give them emotional support. They enjoy climbing and camping expeditions, as well as workshops in which they make their own rucksacks and tents.

Zumrad is one of ten partner organizations in Tajikistan supported by Christian Aid. Tajikistan is one of the poorest countries in the world outside Africa, and Christian Aid began to work there quite recently. Situated in central Asia, north of Afghanistan, it was part of the Soviet Union until independence in 1991.

Subsequently the economy has collapsed, and there has been a bitter civil war. One in three workers is jobless, and vulnerable people such as children and

the elderly have little or no support. Children are particularly at risk if they are orphaned. Fifty thousand were orphaned during the war, and many more have parents who have been forced to leave home and seek work in Russia. Huge state orphanages provide schooling and shelter, but they are overcrowded and poorly resourced. Children living in these conditions are stigmatised, often do not have enough to eat, and are starved of affection.

In Khurshed's case, his family's situation was made harder because of his poor health. Until he was 12, he had to walk on crutches. 'After two operations the doctor succeeded in fixing my bones,' he explains. 'My family wanted to buy a house, but they used the money for the operations. Life became very difficult for us. So now we live in a hostel.'

For ten years, Zumrad has given children such as these a richer education and deeper relationships than are possible in an orphanage or hostel. They offer camping expeditions in the mountains, with teenage children learning a range of climbing and environmental skills.

'I thought I would never be able to walk as normal, but I have been hiking with Zumrad for four years,' says Khurshed. 'At first it was really hard. But it is so important for me. When I come on hiking trips, I feel at home. I'm not afraid of the difficulties now. I'm going to be an artist. So I am not just looking around; I am studying the countryside and keeping it in my head.'

By attending local clubs several times a week, the young people also learn the sewing skills they need to make their own rucksacks, tents and clothing. Courses in computing and English mean that they can improve their potential. But perhaps most important of all is that Zumrad provides a safe place where children find genuine care and can develop higher hopes for the future. A £25 gift to Christian Aid buys the materials for ten young people to make their own rucksacks for a camping expedition.

By supporting Christian Aid Week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world

A Prayer for Christian Aid Week

The sun offers its gift of warmth, the sea offers its gift of water, the mountains give their coolness and their beauty, the breeze refreshes creation. And we too bring our gifts so that all may have life. Lord, use them to fill the

world with peace and justice, so that every home can have its daily bread.
Amen.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss

Vicar.



COLTON CHRONICLES

A cynic once remarked that you ‘should never believe anything you read and only half of what you see’. But the comment last month about ‘the meeting you never attend’ belied that statement as all of twelve people turned up for the Annual church meeting. The result was, as you would expect, that every body got re-elected with one notable exception.

Joanna Henson stepped down as lay vice chairman of the PCC as she will be heavily engaged this year as she strolls, with determined intent, down the road towards ordination. Your editor is the poor replacement.

The aftermath brings a sad note in that Jack Burns, who is not as well as he could be, tendered his resignation as Church Warden. Jack has served our church for nigh on half a century, seen off seven Bishops and has been a Church Warden for forty three (43) years. In that time he has seen many changes and through all the good and not so good times has worked selflessly for Holy Trinity Church Colton, but not on his own, for Cynthia has been by his side and has worked just as hard.

They are a wonderful couple and words cannot describe our admiration and thanks for their service, not only to the church, but also to our Lord. We wish them both well and that Jack’s health will improve.



“For my part I have never told a lie in my life.”

A former Bishop of Carlisle, visiting Temple Sowerby Lying contest to tell the villagers how foolish their annual competition was. He won first prize.

FLOWER ROTA

2 May Mrs. P MacIver

9 May Mrs. P MacIver

16 May Mrs. S Pirnie

13 May Mrs. S Pirnie

30 May **Whit Sunday**



COFFEE ROTA

2 May Mesdames M Campbell & B Watson



Mothers Union Dates

5 May Diocesan Sharing Day, Windermere.

18 May Closing Service at St. Anne's, Haverthwaite - 2.00pm.

27 May Visit to Rampside M U for their closing Service in church 2.00pm.



Children's Society

Please get your get your Collection Boxes ready as Wendy Smith will be calling at the back end of May to collect them, and whilst you are at it, make sure there is plenty money in!



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Clouds do have a habit of having a silver lining and sadness can turn to joy. It doesn't seem that long ago that we said a final farewell to Mollie Lamb and at the evening service on Easter Day, at Satterthwaite, a beautiful Altar Cloth, the result of donations and collection at Mollie's funeral, was dedicated.

The service was conducted by Stephen Pye, who was on good form, and complemented by the exquisite playing of Paul Gregson. The evening was an inspiration and so becoming to the twilight of Easter Day.

Bouth has just held its Village Green A G M which may not seem particularly remarkable but a timely reminder that, like the Village Hall, it is run and maintained by the good burghers of this hamlet. Both are reliant on fund raising events and donations as the South Lakeland District Council has a somewhat cavalier attitude to rural communities and providing services for them never seems to be on their agenda.

In the last year the collection box on the Green realised £98, the one in the White Hart £114 and the cake stall last August £288. There will not be a cake stall this year, just to preserve its integrity, but the Carols round the tree on Christmas Eve will continue although there was some dispute. The singers did not think that the brass music was needed but the non-singers did, presumably to cover their inadequacies. As there was not a consensus Roderick will, no doubt, do his own thing and one cannot but be tempted to add, as usual.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

There was a very good turnout for our May meeting when Mr, & Mrs. John Scarfe talked to us on “Hearing Dogs for the Deaf”. They were assisted by their deaf friend Alan, and his very special friend JAZZ.

It was a most delightful and informative talk, well videos actually, explaining how dogs are picked from Rescue Centres, usually small (and very cute) and mostly mongrels. They are trained to react to household sounds, telephone, doorbell and smoke alarms et al.

In all cases they help their ‘deaf friends’ to venture out into shops and into company without the awful stigma of not being able to join in and take part in normal aspects of life. All the things that the rest of us take for granted.

They are, of course, desperate for funds as the organisation relies completely on collections and donations – not a penny from a grateful government and they are not as well known as a similar organisation, “Dog Assistants”.

Our hostesses for the evening, Millie Young and Anne Silcock surprised us all with an Easter feast of savoury buns, choccy cakes and mini Easter eggs. What a lovely, kind gesture and we thank them very much.

Our next meeting is on **12 May – 7.15pm. –Village Hall**, when Barbara Storey will tell us about “Quilling”. But before that is our **Annual Spring Walk & Cream Tea** which will take place on **Saturday 8 May** from the **Village Hall at 1.00pm. PROMPT! The cost is a reasonable £4.** Our ‘Walking Gang’ have already strode the course and think it easy.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

As the weather improved so did the attendance at our March meeting. Margaret Metcalf had everybody spellbound with her Easter cake decorations , first an open book (which was later raffled), then a basket of flowers with all the members being encouraged to make a Wood Anemone in sugar craft, all quite presentable too!

To finish, Margaret made an Easter Egg out of a rice crispy mixture, again decorated with flowers, a ribbon and a fluffy chicken. A very enjoyable evening with members going home with ideas for Easter Cakes and all clutching their Wood Anemones.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27 April at 7.30pm at Lowick Church Hall** when Richard Scott will be giving an illustrated talk on “The Wildlife of Morecambe Bay”. Ladies, you are all welcome to join us.

On **Tuesday 25 May** we will be celebrating our **60th. Birthday** and a celebratory **Party Tea** is being organised, but unfortunately dear readers we are not, as yet, privy to any details.



Bits & Pieces

In other words the things that got forgotten or missed out on the previous pages. At the PCC following the Annual Church Meeting Margaret Campbell who with husband Frank is seeking greener fields, has retired as Secretary and so the search is on for a replacement. It is not a particularly onerous task but an essential one – a volunteer would be welcome. For the time being Joanna will be taking the minutes and any correspondence can be directed to this editor @ ‘Barnside, Bouth, Ulverston, LA12 8JB.’ We all thank Margaret for all her hard work over the years and her patience and tolerance. Thanks also are due to the ‘Flower Ladies’ who decorated the church so beautifully for Easter.

CINEMA CLUB

The committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the cake stall and the showing of 'Touching The Void' linked with the 'JK' orienteering event over Easter weekend. 158 came to the Film Show.

The Film Making Group is organising themselves to make some short films about local people and places. They have been granted £1,000 from the Low Furness and Ulverston Neighbourhood Forum towards the purchase of a camera. This and editing software will eventually become available for community use. Meanwhile the FMG are working with Shoreline Films (Barrow) who are going to help with some filming and editing workshops.

Our next film - *'Talk To Her'* (15) will be the last of the monthly series on **Tuesday 4 May, 7.30pm. at Oxen Park.** Pie & Peas will be on offer at The Manor House after the show. This is an absorbing Spanish film with amazing cinematography; thoroughly recommended and 'not to be missed'. Please remember to book your seats with Carol McNeill (01229 861 507) and don't forget your cushion!



Heaven

What is heaven? 'tis a country
Far away from mortal ken;
'Tis a land, where, by God's bounty,
After death live righteous men.

That blest land I may enter
Is my humble, earnest cry;
Lord! Admit me to Thy presence,
Lord! Admit me or I die.

Christina Rossetti, 1842.



2nd St Luke Holy Trinity St Mary	Fourth Sunday of Easter Lowick 9:30am Communion Colton 10:30am Morning Worship Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Acts 9:36-43 Second Reading Revelation 7: 9-17 Gospel John 10:22-30
Readers:	Colton B Watson M Sanders J Redhead Lowick W Keegan & A Naylor Penny Bridge J Gregg S James D Gregg
Sidesmen:	Colton M Campbell & M Sanders Lowick E Phizacklea Penny Bridge R Atkinson & J Atkinson
9th St Luke	Fifth Sunday of Easter – Christian Aid Week Begins Lowick 10:30am Benefice Communion Service
Readings:	First Reading Acts 11: 1-18 Second Reading Revelation 21: 1-6 Gospel John 13:31-35
Readers:	J Davis D Wroe J Lambton
Sidesmen:	W Keegan & J Lampton No service at Colton or Penny Bridge
16th Holy Trinity St Luke St Mary	Sixth Sunday of Easter Colton 9:30am Communion Lowick 9:30am Communion Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Acts 16: 9-15 Second Reading Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 Gospel John 14:23-29
Readers:	Colton J Tarr R Tarr C Holden Lowick F Inman & G Mitchell Penny Bridge J Lancaster E Carter R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton S Dean & A MacIver Lowick A Wood Penny Bridge C Line & E Line
23rd Holy Trinity St Luke St Mary	Seventh Sunday of Easter Colton 9:30am Communion Lowick 9:30am Methodist Service Penny Bridge 11:00am Communion
Readings:	First Reading Acts 16:16-34 Second Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Readers:	Gospel John 17:20-26 Colton M Campbell P MacIver J Pickles Lowick G Jager & J Thomas Penny Bridge S Walker C Styles G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton S King & B Watson Lowick F Inman Penny Bridge J Law & B Law
30th Holy Trinity	Day of Pentecost Colton 10:30am Joint Ecumenical Communion
Readings:	First Reading Acts 2: 1-21 Second Reading Romans 8:14-17 Gospel John 14: 8-17
Readers:	J Davis A MacIver J Lambton
Sidesmen:	C Holden & M Campbell No service at Lowick or Penny Bridge this morning.
St Luke	Lowick 6:00pm High Furness Group – Pentecost Praise

Chancel Guild Penny Bridge S James

DIARY DATES

- 1 May **St Philip and St James, Apostles.**
2 May Morning (Family) Worship – **10.30am.** – Coffee etc afterwards.
3 May *May Day Bank Holiday.*
4 May Cinema Club, Oxen park, **7.30pm.**
5 May M U Diocesan Sharing Day, Windermere.
8 May Bouth W I Spring Walk & Cream Tea – Village Hall- **1.00pm prompt!**
9 May **Christian Aid Week** begins – Benefice Communion – **Lowick – 10.30am.**
11 May **St Barnabas the Apostle.**
12 May **Christian Aid Lunch** – Rusland Parish Room – **12 noon.**
Bouth W I – Village Hall – **7.15pm.**
14 May **St Mathias the Apostle.**
16 May **Rogation Sunday** – Holy Communion – **9.30am.**
18 May M U Closing Service – St Anne's, Haverthwaite – **2.00pm.**
20 May **Ascension Day.**
23 May **Anglican Communion Sunday** - Holy Communion – **9.30am.**
Bouth Village Green – Working Party – **10.30am. i.e. AFTER church!**
25 May Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – **60th. Birthday**, Party Tea, Somewhere, sometime.
27 May M U Rampside Closing Service – **2.00pm.**
30 May **Pentecost, Whit Sunday** – Joint Ecumenical Service – **Colton – 10.30am.**
31 May *Spring Bank Holiday.*

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More Bits & Pieces

At this stage the brain gets more vacant and befuddled and I am sure there is somebody to thank. Whoever it is, take it as read. Importantly there is to be a working party on Bouth Village Green on **Sunday, 23 May at 10.30am.**

During the night
I was out of sight;
During the day
I was in the way.

Autobiography of an Honest Man by Clark Stillman.