



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

THE WALKERS ARE COMING

As the publicity begins to build for **Walk Cumbria** – our own involvement, from **10 to 13 May** is outlined here in the magazine – I am reminded of a remark by Bishop Lesslie Newbigin during a lecture on the Church in India. He said, “Mission Station” is a contradiction in terms. ‘Mission’ means ‘Go’, ‘Station’ means ‘Stay put!’”

The more I think about it, the more I realize how central to our Christian Faith the idea is of being **on the move**. The first name ever given to the infant movement in the Acts of the Apostles is **“The Way”**. Before they were ever called Christians, the earliest disciples of Jesus were called **“The people of the Way”**. It is appropriate that this once-in-our-lifetime opportunity for sharing our faith today should be called **“Walk Cumbria”**. So we are starting our involvement with **Prayer Walks**, to go around our parishes on foot, praying down God’s blessing on this task.

Motion the process of salvation through God’s ancient covenant people. Along the way came the years of **wandering** in the Wilderness, the **carrying off** of the people into **captivity**, and the long awaited **return** to the story began long ago, with Abraham **travelling** to Canaan to set in Holy Land. When the time was right Joseph and Mary **travelled** to Bethlehem, to where wise men and shepherds made their **journeys**. Jesus Himself **went about** from place to place, doing good and healing and delivering, and telling stories of a beaten-up **traveller**, of **wandering** sheep and of a **homecoming** prodigal. The centre of His life-giving ministry was a **journey** to Jerusalem, a triumphant **going in** and a deliberate **going out** to the garden, and the last painful **walk** to Calvary.

So we too are now invited to **go out** on our **pilgrim way**, **running the race** that is set before us. We are guaranteed a safe haven at **our journey’s**

end. Let us make it our prayer (this Rogation-tide!) that, as we go out at the Lord's bidding, to meet people where they are, many others will be 'meeting Jesus in the way' and responding to the call to follow Him, during this 'Walk Cumbria'. (Or do we just 'stay put'?!!)

With love, in His Name,

David Gregg



“WALK CUMBRIA”

In the Crake Valley and Colton 10 – 13 May

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

(Further details will be given in a leaflet distributed to each house. Also obtainable by ringing 01229 885 258)

THURSDAY 10 MAY

- 5.00 p.m.** **Gondola and Launches** dep. Coniston, bringing Walk Team to Lake Bank.
- c. 6.00 p.m.** **Arrival/Welcome** at Lake Bank by the Bishop of Penrith
- 7.30 p.m.** **Buffet Supper/Reception** at Lowick Community Hall

FRIDAY 11 MAY

House-to-house visiting, with ‘Personal Belief’ survey.

Mums’ Lunch. A get together for those with young children.

JAM Club Event. A God-centred fun time after school.

Pub visiting. Team and Church members meeting local people.

SATURDAY 12 MAY

Morning events at Greenodd Village Hall.

8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. **Men’s Breakfast**
Man-to-man faith sharing over bacon and eggs.

10.00 a.m. to 12 noon **Coffee Morning**
A Community event, with refreshments, stalls and chat.

12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. **“Hot Potato” lunch.**
Chewing over hot topics with your lunch.

2.30 to 4.30 p.m. **Farm Walk** (starting at Tottlebank Chapel)
A stroll around the fields, with “Farmer” Chris.

Evening Supper Parties are also being arranged.

SUNDAY 13 MAY

- 10.30 a.m.** **A Community Celebration Service** in Greenodd Village Hall.
Informal Worship, with Team Members and others telling their own stories.
- 1.30 p.m.** **Walkers depart** for
- 2.30 p.m.** **Thanksgiving Service** at Kendal.
- 6.00 p.m.** **Ecumenical Benefice Eucharist** at Colton Church.

COLTON CHRONICLES

Our thanks, as always, to the 'Flower Ladies' for decorating the church for Easter but the star of the show was surely the Cross fashioned from the Christmas Christmas tree. Thank you Joanna for your wonderful vision and for carpenter Bob.

Clearly our curate had regained the use of her vocal chords as she proudly announced that she had helped with the construction. She told Bob where to cut.

Our pleas for help have not been forlorn pleas, for apart from Margaret's Chickens, which raised over £500 one Roderick Smith has quietly (and that is no mean achievement) been at work with his trusty paint brush so that now the churchyard gates are looking spruce and the ironwork in the porch is presentable. Thank you.

Jenny Cooper of Bouth has also been busy creating cards/notelets, for all occasions, using photographs of various points of beauty in the parish. A pack of six assorted pictures cost £2.50, all profits for the church. Contact Jenny Tel: 01669 861 486. It would also be helpful if anyone could provide other points of sale. Another sincere thank you.

Not that anyone would notice but the Annual Church has come and gone but nobody seems to know what happened, if anything; one can only presume that the 'old guard' is now the new guard. *"Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose."*

Christian Aid.

The annual **Soup & Cheese Lunch** for Christian Aid will be held this year on **Wednesday 16 May, 12 noon to 2.00pm.** in the **Rusland Reading Room.** Cost **£5** with a reduction for children. If you want to sit down to eat, come early.

Elsewhere in the Anglican Church nothing seems to be stirring, in fact, it is downright boring. The world seems to begin and end with 'Walk Cumbria' and all other activities are apparently on hold; the concept of multi-tasking has not yet reached the nether regions of Carlisle. It is clearly a case of these boots are made for walking.

Donald.

'What passes for optimism is most often the effect of an intellectual error'

CHURCH FLOWERS

6 May Mrs Wendy Smith.

13 May Mrs Wendy Smith.

21 May Mrs Sally Pirnie

27 May Mrs Sally Pirnie.



COFFEE

6 May Mrs Sue Smith & Mrs Hilary Brooks.



MOTHERS UNION

Mrs. Kath Wise was the speaker at our March meeting explaining the work done by the Mothers Union members in Cumbria to help mothers who have had still born or premature babies. Small nightgowns, shawls and crosses are sent to hospitals as a help and comfort to parents at such a difficult time.

The 'cross stick' crosses are also left in chapels for anyone who would like one. We all enjoyed her visit and thanked her for coming.

Our next meeting will be a service on **Tuesday 15 May, St. Anne's Church, Haverthwaite, 2.00 pm.** when we will be joined by Crosscrake and Rampside branches. The service will be taken by our old friend the Revd. Doreen Harrison. The June outing has yet to be arranged.
Wendy.



Children's Society

The Boxes for the Society will be collected by Wendy towards the end of May.

The Royal British Legion.

The Crake Valley and Backbarrow Branch are holding a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 12 May, Cartmel Church Hall, 10.30 am. > noon.** The usual stalls and raffles etc with the proceeds for Staveley Church and the Legion.

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The funeral of Fred Exelby was held at Colton on the 19 March. He had reached a magnificent 95 years and until recently had enjoyed rural life with his sheepdog and a few sheep he kept for training purposes. He farmed at Sayles farm with his late wife Sadie before retiring to Sparkbridge and was a well respected, thrifty, old fashioned farmer who maintained high standards all his life.

Several people have asked about Myles Newton; he is doing well in Hesketh Lodge, Abbey Road, Barrow and we understand enjoying regular strolls to the 'Strawberry.'

Jed Buchanan from Black Beck farm is slowly recovering from a serious illness and is still in hospital but hoping to be home and enjoy a well deserved and happy retirement. We wish him well.

Cynthia Burns is now resting in Risedale Nursing Home and Jack is being cared for in Aldingham. We wish them both well in the autumn of their years.

Janice Mulcaster is still struggling with her disability and we pray that that she and her family can find some peaceful acceptance of what is so difficult for them all. We send out sympathy to the family as the mother of John Mulcaster passed away recently.

Judy.

"May the wonderful energy of God's healing power flow into all of you. Fill you with new life, and give you peace and calm."

A very warm welcome to Bridget Hughes mother of Barbara Osborne whom we welcomed last month. Bridget has come to live with Barbara and John in Bouth. We are sure she will be very happy in this wonderful parish.

Humility is not something normally associated with this editor but the loving care both in hospital and now at home by friends and family that I have received has been absolutely overpowering and a lesson in humbleness. As always thank you seems inadequate but just the same – thank you all for your kindnesses.

There is however another side, in that I have lost weight and this seems to have vexed some of the fairer sex who, apparently, would love to do the same but have failed. The result is some great gifts of home made fattening

goodies which would have been churlish to refuse. Weight loss, what weight loss?

Donald.



A Message from Judy.

Since moving to Ulverston we have settled very well but still enjoying the woods, walks and spring flowers in the parish. I see most friends at church, at W I and at Mothers Union and recommend all these groups be attended regularly.

Being part of something good and friendly is what community life is all about. There have been many changes over the years but the basic spirit of friendliness remains the same – come and join us.



Joanna

Joanna is, as you all know, our curate and a Deacon of our church and will be ordained as a priest in September. As non-stipendiary she combines her church role with a secular paid job, but not for much longer. She has taken the hard decision to retire and has, in fact, handed in her notice.

We wish both her and Bob well in this so called retirement, for knowing dear Joanna she will be putting her heart and soul into the ministry of the church, our ministry.

Also knowing, only too well, her creative and fertile mind, perhaps a health warning should be issued in the parish but in truth she is but carrying on the good work started by Sheila Wareham and continued by Doreen Harrison. What is all this nonsense about women priests? Colton would have been in a sorry state without them. Bless you Joanna !!



WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our April meeting we enjoyed a talk and slide show from Quaker Mrs. Anne Taylor on Quaker Tapestries showing us wonderful pieces of handiwork which encapsulated Quaker history.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 May, 7.15 pm., Bouth Village Hall** when the speaker will be Mr. S Cookson; his subjects being

‘Work of a Police Officer on Community Solving in the Community’ and ‘Padre Gilson’s Crèche in Brazil.’

Plans are afoot (literally!) for the June Annual Outing on **13 June**. [The note says chaps welcome but one suspects only with open wallets.] Penny.

We hear that whilst the good ladies of Bouth W I are extremely competent in keeping the male species in order they are less so when it comes to canines. They have a monthly Monday walk and in March several members set off from the White Hart through Black Beck and along the river. All went well until the owner of two errant dogs had to divert to try, not very successfully, to bring them to heel.

At least it gave them something to talk about; as if they need it !!



PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council has responded to the ‘Save Our Post Offices’ campaign with a letter of support for keeping open rural post offices. However, unless we all use our local post offices regularly, there will be no reason for them to be kept open. So we are appealing to all our residents to use our Greenodd and Leven Valley post offices as often as possible.

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service have asked us to publicise their free Home Safety visits. They will come to your home, advise on safety and, where necessary, supply and install smoke alarms free of charge. More than 70 people a year are killed by fires in their homes, either because they have no smoke alarm or because the battery was flat or missing. To arrange a visit ring 01229 615735 or 0800 3584777.

Our Lengthsman is busy in the parish and hopefully making a difference. He is employed for the benefit of all of us, so if you see anything that you think needs attention, please ring our administrator, Penny Lovegrove 01229 861091, or email us through the website www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Judith.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The search for a new Head Teacher has ended successfully and Dr Paul Williams a scientist with a background in pharmacy has been appointed.

The good doctor presently lives in Huddersfield and is Deputy Head at Counthill School, Oldham. We all wish him well at Cartmel where he will find a well organised, happy school and, according to OFSTED, with good pupil behaviour.

The sporting results this month do not make good reading for out of 23 fixtures the teams only managed to win 4. Can only get better.

The Summer Concert this year will be held on 5 July.

Donald.



LEVEN VALLEY

Mr Ian Nicol, who is at present the Headteacher at Broughton in Furness, has been appointed Headteacher here at Leven Valley as of September. We all wish him well, and I am sure he will be very happy at this lovely school.

Our topics this term are “Famous people” in Class One, “Kendal” in Class Two, and “Britain since 1950” in Class Three. Our school production in June is about life since 1950 as well.

We are collecting used stamps for the RSPB at the moment, if you have any, as well as Tesco vouchers. Any of our pupils will bring them to school if you have any.

Susan.



CINEMA CLUB

We are now preparing the program for next season and any suggestions would be welcome. Please contact any member of the committee.

Our new induction loop is due to arrive in time for our first film in May. So if you use a hearing aid and have been put off film watching so far, come and test the system and watch a great film as well.

Which is, “*Berserk in Antarctica*” supported by “*Kendal’s Dark Secret*”. Showing at **Rusland Reading Room, Tuesday 1 May, 8.00 pm.** Cost £4.50, members £3.00 and if you require a seat Tel: 01229 861 507. Carol.



“A Lie”

‘An abomination unto the Lord, but a very present help in trouble.’

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 6 May **Morning/Family Worship – 10.30.am.** – Coffee to follow. (Joanna)
13 May **‘Walk Cumbria’ Holy Communion – 6.00 pm. – 6.00 pm.** (Gary)
20 May **Holy Communion – 9.30 am.** (Gary)
27 May **Pentecost – Holy Communion – 9.30 am.** (Gary)

For all other services see back page.



Other Dates

- 1 May **Philip and James, Apostles**
Cinema Club – Rusland Reading Room – 8.00 pm.
4 May Dance, Greenodd Village hall for Church Funds.
9 May Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15 pm.
10 May Start of ‘Walk Cumbria’ – continues until 13 May – see page 3.
12 May British Legion Coffee Morning – Cartmel Church Hall – 10.30 am. > noon.
14 May **Matthias the Apostle.**
15 May M U Service – St, Anne’s, Haverthwaite – 2.00 pm.
16 May Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Reading Room – 12 noon > 2.00 pm.
26 May Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605.
31 May **The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.**



The Song of Mary

“My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.”

Services and Rotas for May

6th	Fifth Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	11: 1-18	
	Second Reading	Revelation	21: 1-61	
	Gospel	John	13:31-35	
Readers:	Colton	J Pickles	H Brooks	J Henson
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	E Wemyss	C Sadler
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
13th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Walk Cumbria Weekend		
	Walk Cumbria United Service in Greenodd Village Hall at 10:30am.			
	Walk Cumbria Thanksgiving Eucharist in Holy Trinity Church Colton at 6:00pm			
20th	Seventh Sunday of Easter			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Extended Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	16:16-34	
	Second Reading	Revelation	22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	
	Gospel	John	17:20-26	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	C Holden	B Watson
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Long	J Lancaster	J Henson
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
27th	Day of Pentecost			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	2: 1-21	
	Second Reading	Romans	8:14-17	
	Gospel	John	14: 8-17	
Readers:	Colton	G Pickles	J Tarr	M Sanders
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	S James	C Sadler	C Styles
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	