



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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Dear friends

Darkness to Light

One suspects that those who are leading the fighting forces of the world sit back in their bomb proof shelters, look at their computer screens and then give the commands to the fighting troops on the ground.

One suspects that the people leading industry and business sit in their grand offices, look at their computer screens and see what profit their hard working staff have brought to the company.

Here is nothing wrong with either of the pictures above but I was taught that the important thing, to get a positive reaction from those you had responsibility for, was to lead from the front. Troops became demoralised when their leader had fallen and workers became deflated when the manager had resigned.

Jesus was the leader and teacher of the disciples. He was their inspiration, their guide, their friend and companion. They journeyed together, often ate together, shared stories together (although it was usually Jesus who is recorded as doing the talking), laughed together and cried together.

Slowly he taught them that his life was to be suddenly cut short but they did not understand. So, on the day we call Good Friday, he was taken from them and painfully crucified on a cross - a common punishment in those days.

From the laughter and travelling together the disciples were suddenly without their inspiration and leader. They were lost, fearful for their own lives - in other words darkness spread over them like it had the land as we read in

Matthew chapter 27, verse 45. In verse 46 Jesus cries out to God as he feels alone and deserted and I imagine the disciples felt the same about Jesus.

In the different accounts of the resurrection appearances in the New Testament you can feel the sense of relief which comes over the disciples as they know Jesus with them once more. For them the darkness which had come upon them had turned to light - a bright and glorious light - the Light of Christ.

We too know darkness and it comes in many forms and intensities. The death of a loved one; the pain and suffering of disease and illness; the worry of the future; the lack of money to pay the credit owed this month - the list goes on and on.

Not all, but a lot of this darkness can be shared with the one who still is the Light of Christ. Through his spirit Jesus can be with you now - if you but reach out to him in prayer.

Jesus does change lives. Jesus can turn darkness to light. Jesus can take away any guilt from our past. Jesus will be with you as your friend, companion, teacher, guide and inspiration if you let him.

But those disciples who met Jesus, when they saw him did something - they worshipped him. This Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter come and worship Jesus - the bringer of light to the darkness of the world.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

These take place after the Eucharist Service during Holy Week as below:

Monday 5th April	Lowick Church
Tuesday 6th April	Colton Church
Wednesday 7th April	Egton-cum-Newland Church

Notices for nominations for election, etc. will be in the appropriate churches at least two Sundays and fourteen days before the meetings.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss

Vicar.

COLTON CHRONICLES

It is now twelve months since we took our first tentative steps into our new Benefice, fittingly some would say, on the 1st.April. Understandably some apprehension was obvious in all three parishes but a joint PCC meeting artfully arranged by our new Vicar where instead of an agenda we were met with nibbles and wine, swept away any lingering fears.

The joint services have also helped even if they are not always as well attended as they should. Perhaps a bonus is the slight but evident introduction of more exciting music and in Colton we are indebted to Judy for her part in this. The progress we have made could not have been achieved without the support of you, our congregation, who have accepted new ways with remarkable composure and patience.

We have lived through change for the past ten years but have been unbelievably fortunate with the priests who have been visited upon this unsuspecting parish from the heights of the Diocese and have ministered unto us with love, care and affection.

And it continues, for we could not have got through the last year without the leadership and pastoral care of our Vicar, Gary, so loyally and ably supported by Elizabeth, the epitome of a modern Vicar's wife, although she will not thank me for saying so. Closer to home, where would we have been without the lovely Joanna, to say nothing of Bernie; she has been a present help in trouble and led us into fresh fields, albeit with a certain forceful touch, which she will strenuously deny. Few realise that Joanna could not have been the Joanna we know without the support of Bob, the quiet man.

Back to business, there has been a PCC, which you might have missed if you blinked, but that is only because all is well, the heating of the church apart. There is to be 'Worship Committee' comprising, the Vicar, Joanna, Judy and Donald, so if you have any views on worship, hymns, times or whatever, you know who to contact.

The Annual Church Parochial Church Council, *the one you never attend*, is to be held this year on 6 April in church at 7.30pm. Be there!

We are having a Fête this year and it will be held on **Saturday 17 July**, as usual at the Old Vicarage with the kind consent of Dr. Phil & Mr. Chris Ball.

Donald.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid week is here again providing an opportunity for you all, once again, to be generous. The Colton, Satterthwaite & Rusland C A committee held their Annual Meeting on 9 March when the Treasurer's Report showed the £1140 had been collected in 2003; the lunch raised £833 and the Collection Boxes £308.

The '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, an ample sufficiency of cheese and plenty bread buns. Cakes, produce, bedding plants, this and that and the odd raffle. Please make it as successful as always.

The Boxes should have been collected on Mothering Sunday but if not bring them to the lunch where you can get another – empty!

Judith.



FLOWER ROTA

4 April Lent

* 11 April Easter Day

18 April Easter flowers

25 April Easter flowers



** The Church will be decorated for Easter on **Saturday 10 April from 10.00am onwards. Help** would be most welcome ! The flowers are expected to last for the following two Sundays.*



COFFEE ROTA

Family Service – 4 April – 10.30am.



Mrs M Lambert & Mrs C Holden

MOTHERS UNION

There have been two meetings of the Mothers Union since the last magazine, firstly our branch joined the Leven Valley Mothers Union branch on the 17th. February, when our Branch Leader Mrs. Watson led the prayer meeting, and gave notice of forthcoming events. Our Speakers for the afternoon were from “The Duddon Inshore Rescue Team”.

Father Mark Edwards, a vicar from Barrow, told of how although he was the chaplain to the Roa Island RNLI, he was not allowed to go out with them as a team member, so he became involved with the Inshore Rescue team which is volunteer run, and where he can help in the rescue missions, he is also very involved with the fundraising for the team.

His colleague Mr. Bernard McNamee a former member of the team, then spoke on how and why the rescue team had been formed, and gave out some statistics on how many call outs there had been, and how many lives had been saved, since the formation of this voluntary team in the early 1970's.

The second meeting was on 3rd. March in Colton Church Hall, where even the electricity suppliers could not daunt our stalwart members. There was a power cut, which had lasted for 2 hours before the meeting, but Branch leader Mrs. Watson, and Mrs. Campbell (with the help of husbands) managed to take too mobile gas heaters to heat the Hall.

As this was the Carlisle Diocese Mothers Union “Prayer Week”, Mrs. Watson used the special service which was being used by most Carlisle Diocesan branches that week, made all the more enjoyable for us as we had a pianist to lead us in the hymns, thanks to Judy for her efforts on a not very well tuned piano, with notes missing.

After the service Linda from the Pension Service gave a talk and advice on “Pension Credit”. This is a new entitlement for people aged 60 and over, and guarantees all a minimum income. It was very enlightening advice and many members left armed with leaflets and times of surgeries, etc.

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday 20 April at 2.00pm, in Haverthwaite Church Hall**, when Canon Ellis will be giving a slide show.

Margaret.



PARISH NEWS

Whether or not it is the weather is difficult to say but parish news is significant by its absence and if it has happened nobody has told this forlorn editor with one notable exception.

The delightful Hetty Walker of Spark Bridge tells me that husband Jim is in Furness General Hospital for a knee job, being done as I type. We wish both of them well and trust that Jim will be a model patient especially when he gets home. Typical of a man, so I am told, is that he is likely to be in hospital on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 24th March. Do not despair Jim, for I can tell you that the nurses on the orthopaedic ward are charming.

Congratulations to Hetty and Jim and we look forward to seeing you both back in church.

Amongst the gloom and occasional doom there is a success story to tell – Bouth Village Hall. Five years ago it was in much need of tender loving care and today it looks as if somebody owns it. And nobody has gone around nagging the populace for contributions.

Many people have been responsible for this transformation but it all started with Barbara Wroe designing and organising a new kitchen. B & Q didn't know what had hit them. Barbara kick started husband Donald into getting the hall re-clad and re-wired (ably supervised by Birkett Cooper). Roderick Smith then picked up the baton and has worked strenuously to get grants and arranged for all the internal repairs to be carried out; we await the decorators.

But not without some trepidation, for whom is to choose the colour scheme? Cowards that the men are advice was sort from the W I and as you can well imagine the answer came back as an instruction.

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our meeting in March MR Bill Shaw gave a wonderful talk, with slides, on his 'Voluntary Service Overseas', VSO, work in Mongolia. He had lived and worked with the Mongolian people living in a Yurt (a circular tent of skins), eating their food – goats meat with little vegetables in the winter and milk products during the summer.

With his Mongolian jacket and hat he gave us an informative and entertaining insight not only into the life of the country but also into his work which revolved round fire protection of the forests as more tourists and trappers are visiting the region.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 14 April at 7.15pm. Village Hall** when Mr. Scarfe will be talking on 'Hearing Dogs for the deaf'. It is understood that the competition will be 'A shaggy dog story'. Can you believe it? (ed.)

Our monthly walks have got going again and the Bouth stalwarts have enjoyed, so far, trekking round Hay Bridge, Winster Valley and an enchanting stroll through the woods at Rusland.

Judy.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

The weather seems to be against our WI at the moment, as on the evening of our February meeting we were again confronted with cold snow flurries, and only a few brave souls turned up to see Mr. Frank Inman's slides on Ireland.

There were beautiful scenes, with some lovely tales and people soon forgot what the weather was throwing at us outside for a while.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 27th April at 7-30pm in Lowick Church Hall** when Richard Scott will be giving a talk with slides on "Wildlife of Morecambe Bay". Ladies do come and join us.

Margaret



SCHOOLS NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

We can now tell you that the triumphant Public Speaking Team comprised, Melissa Gray, Rotha Satterthwaite and Amy Worth. Congratulations again but have you noticed they are all girls and why isn't that a surprise.

Year nine have been fund raising for the Kianh Orphanage and worth mentioning is Joanna Lawrence who was sponsored to give up television watching for a month. Admirable as it is, she didn't miss a lot.

The School is now on the web – www.cpsch.com.

Donald.

LEVEN VALLEY

We had great fun at our Pancake Day celebration, which finished with a presentation of certificates. Mrs Grace Barker had a certificate for making our pancakes, but I didn't get one for anything, because I cheated!

Funny how some children can spot this in others, but think that we can't see it going on

We celebrated World Book Day by making masks of our favourite book characters, and then having a parade. Each child then received a £1 Book token, sponsored by British Booksellers.

Some years ago, the school was in a pilot scheme concerned with travelling safely to school. We have been told we might be able to get some more money from this fund, and if our bid is successful, we want to upgrade our cloakroom facilities, as well as considering some projects outside.

Do come to our **Easter Beetle Drive on Thursday 1st. April at 6pm.** where there will be a choice of supper: either pie and peas, or sausage.

A Happy Easter to everyone from all of us at Leven Valley School.

Susan.



CINEMA CLUB

We have two films in April. Our regular monthly show is at **Rusland Reading Room on Tuesday 6th April.**

It is our own classic - *Brief Encounter* (PG) (86) 1945 – Don't forget to book your seat with Carol McNeill (-01229 861 507)

Also to coincide with the influx of thousands of orienteers over Easter weekend we are showing *Touching The Void* (15) at **Ulverston Victoria High School at 7.30 on Easter Saturday.** Just turn up on the night. No need to book seats for our first 'public' film show.

Our last film of the season on **May 4th** is a wonderful Spanish film - *Hable con Ella/Talk To Her* - well worth the trip to **Oxen Park.**

Carol.

"It is a world of people who long for immortality but don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy day."

DIARY DATE

- 1 April Leven Valley School – Beetle Drive – 6.00pm. – School..
 4 April **Palm Sunday** – Family Service – **10.30am**. Coffee afterwards.
 6 April A P C M – **Church – 7.30pm**.
 8 April **Maundy Thursday** – Service – Lowick – **7.30pm**.
 9 April **Good Friday** – Service Penny Bridge – **10.30am**.
 10 April Decorating the Church – **10.00am**. onwards.
 4 April Bouth W I – 7.15pm – Village Hall.
 18 April Holy Communion – **9.30am**
 20 April M U – Haverthwaite Church Hall – **2.00pm**
 25 April Holy Communion – **9.30am**.
 26 April **Mark the Evangelist**
 27 April Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Church Hall – 7.30pm.

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18th	Second Sunday of Easter			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Extended Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	5:27-32	
	Second Reading	Revelation	1: 4-8	
	Gospel	John	20:19-31	
Readers:	Colton	P MacIver	A MacIver	J Pickles
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman	
	Penny Bridge	J Lambton	V Lambton	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& A MacIver	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& J Lancaster	
25th	Third Sunday of Easter			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Acts	9: 1-6	
	Second Reading	Revelation	5:11-14	
	Gospel	John	21: 1-19	
Readers:	Colton	J Redhead	B Johnson	G Pickles
	Lowick	G Jager	& J Thomas	
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	R Atkinson	R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson	& C Holden	
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex	
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