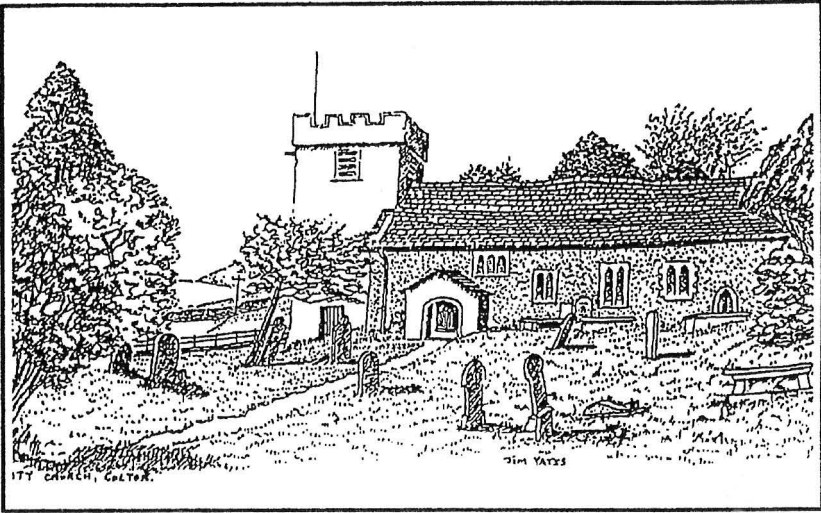




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

CALL TO MISSION

A woman who had just passed her driving test was stuck at traffic lights in Dublin. She had stalled her engine three times when the lights had changed, and was extremely anxious about all the traffic she was holding up. When it happened a *fourth* time, she cringed in alarm as the lorry driver behind her got out and advanced on her. He tapped on her window, which she nervously lowered. “It’s all roight, me darlin’,” he said calmly. “But is der any particular *shade* o’ green yer was waitin’ for?”

Daniel Cozens, who is to lead our county-wide “Walk Cumbria” in May, told us this story at a recent rally in Barrow. and linked it to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples – GO! and the sometimes reluctant response of His followers today. Well, our own best opportunity-of-a-lifetime is fast approaching. We have invited a walk team (= 8 or 10 men) to join us from Thursday 10th May to Sunday 13th May for our own small programme in this exciting county-wide ecumenical mission.

Programme: We are escorting the team from Coniston to Lake Bank by launch/gondola on the Thursday evening. The subsequent programme will include pub visiting, a door-to-door Church survey, Mums’ lunch, JAM club event, Men’s’ breakfast, Coffee Morning, Afternoon Walk/Outdoor activity, Super Parties and Guest Service.

Prayer: Billy Graham once said that there are *three* vital ingredients for a successful mission – Prayer, prayer and more prayer! Our monthly prayer time at **Lowick Farm House** (on the **second Saturday each month** from **9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.**) is already focussing on ‘**Walk Cumbria**’. We also plan a **pre-service prayer time (i.e. from 10 a.m.)** before each Benefice Eucharist, public intercessions each Sunday and special ‘**Prayer Walks**’ **around the parishes on Sunday Afternoons after Easter.**

Personnel: We shall all have a part to play, and we will be circulating a questionnaire shortly asking for all kinds of involvement (praying, delivering leaflets, walkers, follow-up befrienders, money-giving, givers of hospitality, supper party hosts etc. etc.) But, in particular, we hope to recruit about a dozen people as partners for the Walk Team in the door-to-door survey, plus a further dozen as prayer “back-up”. If, without prior obligation, you are willing to consider this, we are planning a training day at Lowick Community Hall (i.e. **The Sunday School Room**) on **Saturday 14th April from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m.** *Do* come, especially if you are feeling the LORD’s call to “GO”.

With love, in Christ,

David Gregg

(Tel: 885258, if you would like further details.)



COLTON CHRONICLES

We are blessed with a hard working and prudent treasurer, one Bonzo Johnson who like most treasurers has an aversion to spending money, which is just as well. The Financial Statement for our church has been published and shows a deficit of nearly £1200.

It costs £25,000 a year to keep our church going, which includes a portion of the Vicar’s stipend, church, churchyard and church hall maintenance and insurance. Contrary to popular opinion the cost of the Bishops and Archdeacons is met from central funds.

It is sad to note that Gift Aid Giving in 2006, where tax is reclaimable, fell by a £1000 compared with 2005 and other giving was similarly reduced. The church is for all, not just the faithful few, but unless all you good folk dig a little deeper into your pockets then Colton will be but just another church to be made redundant.

The situation is not helped by the unhappy news that the extra-ordinary Judy Redhead feels that enough is enough and she can, no longer, organise the Annual Church Fête. Clearly, money needs to be raised and Judy is firmly of the opinion that a fundamental re-think is required.

This matter will be discussed at the next PCC but in the mean time if anyone has any ideas for the way forward please contact any one on the cover page of this magazine.

Editing a church magazine is asking for trouble as one can never please all the people all of the time and recently there has been a complaint that the Colton News is boring. Apart from the fact that it attempts to reflect the life of the parish, it is a church magazine and not 'Private Eye', added to which there are laws of libel.

As instructed:- **CHRISTIAN AID BOXES TO BE BROUGHT TO CHURCH ON 18 MARCH, MOTHERING SUNDAY.**

Electoral Roll Forms have been circulated but if you haven't had one and want to be on the Roll there are some at the back of the church or contact Judy. The Roll is open to those who are over 16, baptized, and 1) resident in the parish and who are members of the C of E or a church in communion with the C of E. or 2) As 1, but not resident and who have attended public worship, at least twice, at Colton in the last six months.

To be returned either to Judy Redhead. The New House, 17 Church Fields, Ulverston LA12 7HE or to the back of the church by **Sunday 18 March.**

If on the Roll you are entitled to vote at the Annual parochial Church Council Meeting for the election of the PCC and parish representatives on the deanery synod, and not much more.

Donald.



LENT COURSE 2007

This year we are going to try something a little different and follow a Lent Course call "Christ and the Chocolaterie", based on a film called "Chocolat", which some of you may have seen.

During the course, which is to be held in Penny Bridge School (mainly because we shall need the use of a DVD player and big TV), we shall be using the film as a starting point for exploring issues about God, the world and what it means to be human.

The sessions will include excerpts from the film, discussions, exercises and a time for worship and meditation, all of which I hope we will find fruitful and helpful.

I do hope that you will be able to join us. There is a booklet to go with the course – **price £2.20** – which should be available before the first evening. It would be helpful if you could phone me to let me know if you would like one so that I can order more if necessary.

Hoping to see as many of you as possible.

Joanna.



FLOWER ROTA

Well, there isn't one as 'tis Lent, except for daffodils on Sunday 18 March, Mothering Sunday. Please note NOT Mothers Day, which is a Christian celebration in North America and usually held in February. In this country it is yet another commercial rip off!



COFFEE

4 March Mrs. Sue Dean + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

The first meeting of the year was held at Haverthwaite on Tuesday 16 January when Robert Hutton spoke on the work of the British Legion. It was a most interesting talk concerning the history of the movement and the many ways that people in need are being helped especially to come to terms with the problems of war. We enjoyed seeing photographs of different events locally and remembering past members of the Legion.

It has been decided that, in the future, ALL our meetings will be held on the **third Tuesday in each month.**

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20 March, 2.00 pm., Bouth Village Hall**, when the speaker will be Mrs. Kath Wise on M. U. projects.

Wendy.



"I never see any home cooking. All I get is the fancy stuff."

Duke of Edinburgh.

PARISH NEWS

The funeral of a very special old lady, Dorothy Shackley, was held on 30 January at Colton Church. She was an amazing 97 and fondly known as Auntie Dot and had a long life, over 80 years, in Bouth and latterly in Colton House where she was very happy.

She was a life long supporter of Liverpool F C and indeed of all football so as she was taken from the church a moving rendition of 'You'll never walk alone' was played. Throughout her active life she was always kind and helpful to her family, the Mintons, and after she 'retired' at 80 the family repaid her kindness and took care of her to the end.

The collection from the service amounted to £145 and was donated to the residents of Colton House.

There has also been the funeral of Peter Bell of Greenodd and perhaps only known to the older generation who frequented the White Hart in days gone past.

It has been a bad, bad winter and we send our best wishes and offer our prayers to those who have not been well and to their loved ones who have and continue to be so supportive. Those that we know are Christine Dobson, Christine Holden, Elizabeth Wemyss, Sally Pirnie, Renée Fazackerly, Janice Mulcaster, Annie Oldham, Jackie Burns and Jed Buchanan.

We know that they are appreciative of your love and support and this is so eloquently expressed in a letter from Sally, *"I must admit that at the moment I feel as if I'm being tumbled around in a dark storm, and in that storm the flashes of light have been the letters, flowers, phone calls and prayers that have reached me. You have no idea how much the strength coming from you all has helped me.*

I hope it won't be too long before I'm with you all again.

My love and thanks."

As you catch your breath there is a happy event to report in that we send our congratulations to Hannah and Andy on the birth of daughter, Sarah Elizabeth on 19 January. Another grand daughter for proud grandparents, Judy & Bryan Redhead and a sister for Henry.

Judy/Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Currently we are having problems in communication with the two local branches, Sparkbridge & Lowick appeared to have left the planet and the appalling disruption to the telephone services in Bouth is causing all kinds of havoc. Fortunately shank's pony and an old fashioned letter have saved the day. Mind you it was the editor who had to do the walking not the younger W I member.

BOUTH

Our February meeting was held on Valentines Day (that got the chaps of the hook) when our local man of letters, Ronnie Mein, gave a presentation on the 'Children who worked in the Cotton Mills of Backbarrow'.

It was not a subject for humour, far from it, as the nineteenth century children worked in appalling conditions, many as young as 6 years old. Working 15 hours a day, 6 days a week many injured and mutilated from accidents and suffering from malnutrition and lung diseases.

All this in an age when the churches were full!!!

At our next meeting **Wednesday 14 March, 7.15 pm., Village Hall**, the speaker will be the Head Gardner of Levens Hall, C Crowder. This is an open meeting so all are welcome especially the chaps. Penny.

*** Penny Lovegrove having waited six years, has been awarded a place in the London Marathon, 2007, which takes place on 22 April. Penny is supporting Derian House, the Children's Hospice in Chorley. Sponsorship is not just wanted it is essential; contact Penny with your generous offers Tel: 01229 861 091 and hope that BT have got their act together. Editor.



Parish Council News

The parish council Lengthsman has now been appointed. He is Mr Christopher Slater who starts work on Friday 15th February. He will work one day a week in Colton and one day a week in Hawkshead, doing a variety of jobs that the county or district councils either don't do, or do badly. A register is being compiled of small jobs which may need to be undertaken on a regular basis throughout the year and Penny Lovegrove (01229 861091), the administrator, would be pleased to hear from anyone

who can identify such a job in their area. For one-off jobs your local councillor is your first point of contact, who will then pass the request on to the administrator to prioritise. Contact details on the Parish Council newsletter and on the website coltonparishcouncil.org.uk.

At the meeting on Monday 12th February the council was presented with the Quality Parish Certificate by Winston Collinge, Chair of Cumbria Association of Local Councils. He congratulated the parish council on their achievement. Ron Mein, chair of the parish council, thanked all the people of the parish for their support in making Colton a Quality Parish in which to live, not just a Quality Parish Council.

The next parish council meeting is on **Monday 19 March at Colton Church Room, 7.30 pm.** and is the **Annual Open meeting** for any member of the parish to have their say. Please come along and support your parish council.

Judith.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

It is sad to report that after 6 successful years as Headteacher, Clive Peaple, on medical advice, is to retire.. More anon.

There has been much traveling as 41 pupils went skiing in Pila, Italy, the football and netball teams visited the Isle of Man for a weekend tournament and more importantly the Gifted and Talented Children went to Derwentwater on an astronomy trip and were fortunate to see both Saturn and Orion.

There will be a production of 'Oliver' at **School on Thursday 8 March and Friday 9 March.** Tickets from the School office. Tel: 015395 36202.



LEVEN VALLEY

Most of you will have heard by now that I am leaving Leven Valley in the summer. It is hard to imagine I have been here five years: where does the time go!

On **Wednesday 28 March at 7.00 pm.** we are having a **Bingo Evening** in the dining room. Entrance will be **£1**, to include tea and biscuits, then

there is a charge for each game. This is being organised by our parents who run the Christmas Bingo to raise funds for the Brow Edge park, so it should be “a good night” All welcome!

We are having students from the college at Ambleside this half term. We wish them well.

Our dining room and kitchen are going to be upgraded, as we have finally sourced sufficient funding. Someone told us the building was put up as a temporary measure many years ago, so it has certainly served the school well.

A happy Easter to you all from everyone here at LevenValley.

Susan.



NOTICES

Allegrì Singers

You probably all know that Elizabeth & Gary Wemyss and Cathy Styles are songsters and they will be taking part in a Concert ‘**Contrasted Settings**’ on **Saturday 10 March, 7.30 pm., St John’s Church, Levens.** Your support would be appreciated.



St. Mary’s Hospice

The Leven Valley Support Group have organised an illustrated talk on the Crake Valley by Walter Johnson on **Sunday 25 March, 2.30 pm., White water Hotel, Backbarrow, £4.50 inc.** Afternoon Tea. Tickets from Sylvia Chadwick, 015395 21635, Marion Wilson, 015395 31779 and Eileen Wilkinson 015395 31040.



Oxen Park Cinema Club.

Congratulations to Russell Peet who will represent the North West at a ‘Community Champions’ award gathering in Liverpool on 1 March.

It was a successful Book & Film event at the Coro when Katherine Baxter gave a lively talk about Henry James’ *The Turn Of the Screw* and the Innocents.

Forthcoming films at 7.30 pm.: **Tuesday 6 March, Rusland, *The Wind That Shakes The Barley*. Tuesday 3 April, Bouth, *L’enfant*. At 4.00pm., Saturday, 17 March, Colton, *Lassie*.** To book Tel: 0122986150

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 4 March **Family Service – 10. 30 am.** – Coffee to follow – (Donald)
- 11 March **Benefice Communion – 10.30 am.**
- 18 March **Mothering Sunday – Holy Communion - 9.30 am. Christian Aid Boxes.**
- 25 March **Holy Communion – 9.30 am.**

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Other dates

- 1 March St. David, Patron of Wales.
- 6 March Cinema Club – 7.30 pm. – Rusland
- 8 & 9 March Cartmel Priory School – ‘Oliver’ – 7.30 pm.
- 10 March **Allegrì Singers** – Levens Church – 7.30 pm. **Not to be missed.**
- 14 March Bouth W I – 7.15 pm. – Village Hall.
- 17 March Cinema Club – 4.00 pm. – Church Hall.
- 18 March **Mothering Sunday – Return of Christian Aid Boxes.**
- 19 March **Joseph of Nazareth.**
Parish Council Annual Open Meeting. – 7.30 pm. Church Hall.
- 20 March M U – 2.00 pm. – Bouth Village Hall.
- 25 March **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
St.Mary’s Hospice – Talk & Afternoon Tea – 2.30 for 3.00pm.
Whitewater Hotel.
Summer Time – Clocks **Forward** one hour.
- 28 March Leven Valley School – 7.00 pm. BINGO.

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To End With

Growing old is mandatory: growing up is optional

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Take the time to live!!!
Life is too short. Dance naked.

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Services and Rotas for March

4th	Second Sunday of Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	15:1-12, 17-18	
	Second Reading	Philippians	3:17-4:1	
	Gospel	Luke	13:31-end	
Readers:	Colton	E Fleming	R Tarr	D Wroe
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	C Dykes	C Sadler	G Wemyss
Sidespersons:	Colton	S King	& B Watson	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	S James	& R Atkinson	
11th	Third Sunday of Lent			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	55: 1-9	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	10: 1-13	
	Gospel	Luke	13: 1-9	
Readers:		W Smith	C Holden	R Henson
Sidespersons:		TBA		
	No service at Lowick and Penny Bridge			
18th	Mothering Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Extended Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	1 Samuel	1:20-28	
	Second Reading	Colossians	3:12-17	
	Gospel	Luke	2:33-35	
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	WD Wroe	B Johnson
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	School		
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	School with B and J Law		
25th	Fifth Sunday of Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	43:16-21	
	Second Reading	Philippians	3:4b-14	
	Gospel	John	12: 1-8	
Readers:	Colton	J Redhead	J Tarr	W Smith
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	S James	E Wemyss	P Ashton
Sidespersons:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	