



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

God Save the Queen

At the beginning of June we will, I hope, be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II at various events in the parish. (Briefly listed below).

Alongside the numerous social events that are to be held will be a number of church services. This will allow the local communities to celebrate together in a brief act of thanksgiving for her sixty years as Queen.

On **Sunday 4th June** there will be a short Act of Worship at **10:30am** in each of the churches (Holy Trinity, Colton, St Luke, Lowick and St Mary the Virgin, Egton-cum-Newland [Penny Bridge]) in the benefice.

There will also be a service of Thanksgiving at St Mary the Virgin, Egton-cum-Newland on **Tuesday 5th June at 2:00pm** before other activities take place in the parish.

All are invited to join in this national event in our local churches so that we can celebrate together, give thanks together and look to the future together.

Let us make this a time to remember the peace and security of the past, the example Queen Elizabeth has set as an ambassador to the world and to look to a peaceful and tolerant future. The Brief outline of events:-

Sparkbridge: Afternoon Tea – Saturday 2 June – 2:00 – 5:00pm

Lowick: Afternoon event – Sunday 3 June

Colton : Afternoon “Jacob’s Join” – 5 Tuesday – 4:00pm onwards

Greenodd and Penny Bridge: – Various events – Tuesday 5 June – after a service at 2:00pm

Yours sincerely

Gary

Mark in 2012

Week beginning May 6th

Mark 7:1 – 13 With the Pharisees

Is tradition important to you in our nation and in our church life? Do the traditions of the church put you off coming and sharing worship with us? Have you ever thought about telling us?

Week beginning May 13th

Mark 7:14 – 23 Clean and Unclean

Verses 21 and 22 give a list of what Jesus believed was the root of uncleanness in his day. How many of those listed are still seen as wrong today?

Week beginning May 20th

Mark 7:24 – 37 Miracles in Tyre and Sidon

When sworn to a secret are we able to keep quiet about it? The crowds said that Jesus did everything well. Do we always give of our best or, at times, are things second rate?

Week beginning May 27th

Mark 8:1 – 13 Jesus feeds 4000

Two words stand out in this passage that are not popular these days – “compassion” and “satisfied”. Are they words that could describe your actions in life?

Prayer themes for May

Pentecost celebrations in our churches – the preparations for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee – the communities in Colton and Bouth and our neighbouring Parish of Haverthwaite – those preparing for marriage in May – those we know in care homes – those struggling financially at this time.

Great God, whose Son Jesus looks after us, we thank you for our wonderful Queen. At this special time of Jubilee, please give her love, joy and peace as she does what you ask her to do and looks after us her people; through Jesus Christ who loves us all.



“Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes.” Anon.

FLOWER ROTA

6 May Mrs. Pauline Parkin
13 May Mrs. Pauline Parkin
20 May The Watson Family
27 May The Watson Family



COLTON CHRONICLES

The APCM was, as usual, only attended by the faithful few who have strived year on year to keep our church going despite the hard times in which we live. Costs are rising but income isn't and in the last financial year it has been necessary to draw down £6,000 from reserves in order to balance the books. As usual, there being no alternatives, all were re-elected, apart from Judy Redhead who has stood down. Your thanks are due for their continuing efforts and also to Derek Parkin for ensuring our financial affairs are seemly.

We are now down to only four Sidespersons and really need one or two more!!!! Contact Sue Dean Tel: 01229 861 535.

Mothering Sunday was a bit of a letdown at Colton, for not only were there very few in church but for the first time in over 20 years there were no posies. Judy Redhead, Bless her, took this to heart and generously provided charming posies for the entire congregation on Palm Sunday. Thank you Judy.

It may be more difficult this year as the PCC is hoping, at long last, to surface the paths, the cost of which is at least £6,000 + VAT; so it is important that our main fund raising event, 'The Church Fête', to be held this year on **Saturday, 21 July**, is more successful than it has been in recent years. New ideas would be welcome.

Last year those involved were:-

Gate	Nigel Priestley
Teas	Rachel Tarr, Susan King & others
Tombola	Sue Lydon & Judy Redhead
Cake Stall	Susan Smith & gang
Books	Pam Priestley

Plants etc Susan Dean & Team
Big Raffle John Tarr + helpers
Small raffle Margaret Sanders

It is presumed that you will all want to do the same again, but if there are any alterations or omissions please contact Church Warden Johnny Tarr. Contact details, see front cover page.

The Church was beautifully decked out with floral tributes for Easter and we thank all the ladies, especially the expertise of Pauline Parkin, for their efforts not only at this time of the year but throughout the year. *Donald.*



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The Bouth Village Hall Bingo evening was a superb success; it was fun, it was hilarious, it was rewarding and raised the welcome total of £370. The apprentice 'Caller' Steve Perkins was in good voice and humour, keeping the evening going at great pace, indeed he had to be persuaded to slow down. Thanks are due to Steve, all the many helpers and those who donated prizes; the Lakeland & Haverthwaite Railway was particularly generous.

The residents of this Parish either do not care or have a meagre knowledge of history for the battle of Culloden was fought in 1746 not '45, as in last month's Diary dates. In that year the Scots plundered Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster & Preston but were ousted by the Duke of Cumberland a year later.

We think, with sadness, about the family of Robert Woods, who died recently. He was born and brought up at Way Green Farm, when it was a farm, and where Debbie and Roger now live

Congratulations to Daisy Ball from the old vicarage at Colton for at the Ulverston Music Festival, Daisy won the Ken Hill Trophy and Bursary for most promising vocalist, and won 2 more cups for winning other vocal classes. She was promoted into the training section of the National Youth Choir and at 14 years old, is the youngest member, and has recently gained a Distinction for her Grade 6 singing exam. Well done Daisy. If there has been anything else of interest going on in the parish it has carefully been kept from this editor. If you think that you have any

information that might be of general interest I would be pleased to receive it, in any form, but preferably as an attachment to an Email and by the 14th. of every month, except August & December.

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our April meeting the speaker was Mick O' Docherty from 'Playdale' who has, in his own time, built playgrounds on dumpsites in the Philippines as part of the 'Philippine Community Foundation' started by Jane Walker in Southampton who set up the charity after moving to the Philippines with her 6 year old son and it is aided by Southampton children.

Mick has made three journeys lately setting up a playground, with equipment donated by Playdale, close to a school of 600 pupils, constructed entirely of shipping containers, where the Foundation also runs a 'Livelihood Program' which deals with further education and business studies for small businesses. He spoke with enthusiasm on a subject obviously dear to him and hopes to return in 2014.

The Spring Walk was, as usual, a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. The weather stayed fair but cool and 60 or so 'walkers' set off armed with maps to return to the legendary sumptuous cream tea prepared by the W. I. White tablecloths, flowers, scones, cream, meringues plus a wondrous assortment of cakes. Not to be missed! Thanks must go to Judy Redhead for laying out such a rewarding set of trails - and of course to all those who donated such an excellent spread.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 May, 7:15pm, Village Hall** and is an 'Open Meeting' when Resolutions will be discussed. *Sue Smith.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The National Planning Policy Framework: The final version of the Government's radical shake-up of the planning system has now been published and can be viewed at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf>

Your Council along with many other organisations had expressed its strong concerns, particularly about the overarching "presumption in favour of

sustainable development". This principle remains, but a clearer definition of 'sustainable' has been included, and the default 'yes' to development where there is no Local Plan has been modified to provide better protection for special areas like National Parks and Green Belts.

The Localism Act and Neighbourhood Planning: Your Councillors and Clerk have attended a couple of recent meetings about the government's new Localism Act. The government aims to "shift power from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils". At present, there is little information or guidance from the government about how the new legislation will work in practice. Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) are a new statutory instrument for local communities (through Parish or Town Councils) to express detailed local area requirements. However, NPs must be consistent with the policies of the Local Plan produced by their planning authority (in our case, the Lake District National Park).

The above mentioned 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' applies to both Plans. Thus an NP can refine the Local Plan by stating what type of development is required and where it should be; it can decide that there should be more development than in the Local Plan, but not less.

NPs must be developed according to strict guidelines of consultation and inspection as for any statutory Plan, so the time and cost involved of producing one is not insignificant; it is unclear at present how the process will be funded.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8 May, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm**. Everyone welcome, as usual.

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MOTHERS UNION

Our meeting in April was held at Colton Church Hall with a short service prepared by Edwina and extremely interesting talk by Caroline Dykes on the situation in all our churches regarding numbers of young people attending any sort church service or even entering a church. She told us about the work being done with N Y C (Network Youth Church). One Frightening statistic is that there are 44,000 above primary school age, young people but only 235 are involved in going to church, in the Diocese.

The next meeting will be the **‘End of Year’ Service, Tuesday 8 May, St. Mary’s, Staveley in Cartmel, 2:00pm** followed by tea, cakes and fellowship. *Judith.*

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NOTICES

The Ulverston Choral Society is holding their ‘Spring Concert’ on **Saturday 19 May, Ulverston Parish Church, 7:30pm** when they will be performing “The Creation” by Joseph Haydn. Tickets £10, at the door or from Mrs. J Wood Tel: 01229 861 732.

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The Rusland Show Spring Garden Competition will be judged, this year, on **Monday 14 May**. To enter contact G Wilkinson Tel: 01229 860 253 or Email: jeaniewilk@btinternet.com

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Cumbria Wild Life Trust will be 50 years old on **Wednesday 16 May** and will holding a **Tea Party, Lowick Community Hall, 2:30pm**. ALL are welcome **but you need to let us know**, Tel: 01229 885 213 or Email: sjjasonwood@hotmail.com. It is FREE but donations for the Trust will be more than welcome, whether you come or not!

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The Jubilee Singers are holding a concert “*Sublime to the Ridiculous*” on **Saturday 5 May, St. Paul’s Church, Grange, 7:30pm**. Tickets at the door £5, which includes a glass of wine at the interval. Note: Some other choirs could learn from that.



LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

Parents, governors and friends enjoyed a wonderful Easter Service at St Anne’s Church, Haverthwaite presented by Leven Valley Primary School. The congregation was treated to some wonderful piano playing by Harry Elkington Crabtree who also acted as leader for the service. Children from Key Stage Two led the service with singing and presentations on the Easter Service which they had prepared with pictures, music and soundtracks .

The congregation was also really impressed with the quality of the readings and a song with actions from Class One. Canon Rev’d Peter Calvert ended the service with a short address and prayers and a blessing.

Mr Nicol, the Headteacher, thanked everyone for their attendance and also announced that the school's girls' gymnastic team had come third in the County Championships in Penrith. They were given a well deserved round of applause. Refreshments were served in the Church Hall afterwards.

There will be new after school activities starting in the summer term: Kwik cricket on Mondays, summer sports for Infants, and football club for juniors. **Monday Club** will start again on **14th May** for three weeks. Classes 1 and 2 will be beginning preparations for their Water Week which will include a visit to Barrow Leisure Pool, a study of the river and an art project with a Swallows and Amazons day and a visit to Rydal Hall. Class 3 will be beginning work on their residential week including staying at Rydal Hall.

A big thank you is given to Hannah Fox who has finished her role as After School club leader and a welcome given to Rachel McSherry who will be taking over.

Sue Sanderson.



THE BIG BOUTH BASH

Hardly a title of an event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen. Put it down to the falling standards of education. **Tuesday 5 June, Village Green, 4:00pm.** It will take the form of a 'Jacobs Join' but please do not bring too much food. Drinks can be had from the White Hart or bring your own, paper plates and plastic glasses will be provided but you will need cutlery. There will be Jubilee Cup Cake Competition. Donations needed to cover costs minimum £1.



R S P B

Make Your Nature Count: At this time of year, there's no better place to be than in your own back garden. With so much going on, now is the perfect time to enjoy the sights and sounds and do your bit for nature by recording everything you see. RSPB is asking everyone to take part in its Make Your Nature Count wildlife survey, which runs from **2 June to 10 June.**

Although similar to its more well-known Big Garden Bird watch, this survey not only asks you to count birds but also other wildlife such as hedgehogs, squirrels and deer. Taking part in the survey will help the RSPB to build an important

snapshot of summer wildlife in our gardens and find out which species are thriving and which might need our help.

Further information about the survey can be found at www.rspb.org.uk/naturecount where an online survey form can be downloaded from June 2. Alternatively, a survey form can be also be ordered over the phone by calling 0300 456 8330 until **6 June**.



DIARY DATES

Service Times: 1st. & 2nd. Sundays – 10:30 am. 3rd. & 4th. Sundays - 9:30 am.

- 1 May **Philip & James, Apostles.**
- 5 May Jubilee Singers Concert, St. Paul's Church, Grange, 7:30pm.
- 6 May **Morning Family Worship, 10:30am.**
- 7 May May Bank Holiday.
- 8 May V E Day 1945.
Mothers Union, St. Mary's, Staveley in Cartmel, 'End of Year Service', 2:00pm.
Colton Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 9 May Bouth W I Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 13 May **Benefice Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30am.**
- 14 May **Mathias, Apostle.**
Rusland Show. Judging Spring Garden Competition.
Leven Valley School – Monday Club.
- 16 May Cumbria Wild Life Trust Tea Party, Lowick Community Hall, 2:30pm.
- 17 May **Ascension Day.**
- 20 May **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 27 may **Pentecost (Whit Sunday), Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 28 May Commonwealth Day.
- 31 May **Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth.**



Arguments: *“A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument”*

