



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,
St. Luke's, Lowick and St. Mary's the Virgin, Penny Bridge
“We are now in an **Interregnum** as we are bereft of a Vicar”.

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PASTORAL LETTER

Lowick Farm House

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Dear Friends

BEWARE OF THE DOG

One of my favourite Larsen cartoons (he of “far side humour”) shows a very nasty-looking dog behind a bush near a front door, clutching a well-crafted “Beware of the Dog” sign. In its place, at the front gate, as the postman approaches, is a very scrappy substitute sign, which reads “Come in – Dog okay.” (By contrast, a Punch cartoon once showed a very tiny innocuous-looking pooch lying on a mat at the entrance to a shop, with a prominent “Beware of the Dog” sign on the door. To the ironic enquiry of an incoming customer, “Is *that* the dog we’re supposed to beware of?” the shop-keeper replies, “Oh, yes! You’d be surprised how many people used to trip over him!”)

We are all too familiar with warnings – road signs, weather forecasts, dangerous waters, fire hazards and even global warming. We rightly regard anyone who ignores them as extremely foolish. Yet there is one, even more serious, warning that countless people seem to ignore – the coming “end of the age”!

In my previous letter I wrote about visiting the Hadron Collider and its pre-occupation with the *beginning* of creation. (And no serious scientist has established a case for a universe *without* a beginning!) But equally there is a consensus that everything appears to be moving to an end of all things, and, perhaps even sooner, the end of the human race. And this has been a pre-occupation of spiritual enquiry for many millennia. Long before the coming of Jesus, the prophets were warning of the coming “Day of the LORD” and its attendant consequence –that those whom God has created will be called to account before Him – the “Day of Judgement.” Even the

most cursory glance at human history teaches us the lesson that good *does* triumph over evil in the end, and we have every reason to expect to see human wickedness, selfishness, petty nastiness or even mere “carelessness” attracting its inevitable retribution.

The season of Advent (which means “Coming”) is a solemn reminder, at the beginning of the Church’s year, of the Christian belief that the “Last Day” will be heralded by the re-appearing of Jesus Christ to “judge the living and the dead.” It is, of course, the very necessary prelude to our understanding of why we *need* the birth of a ‘Saviour’ (which we then celebrate at Christmas) whose life and ministry and teaching and eventual atoning death and vindicating resurrection provide the God-given way to forgiveness and reconciliation and eternal life.

Even if the “end of the world” seems a distant rather than a near reality, we are also advised that “it is given to (each) man once to die, and after that comes judgement.” At least our *own* personal end is an absolute certainty (and, for some of us, *sooner* rather than later!) May the LORD give us grace to understand, and take to heart, and act upon, the implied invitation of the carol we shall sing again at Christmas:

*“No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him
Still the dear Christ enters in.”*

With love in Christ and Christmas greeting

David Gregg



COLTON CHRONICLES

Advent: The Advent Service will also be a benefice service to be held on **Sunday 30 November, Lowick, 10:30am** when the Archdeacon will be officiating. Please make an effort to be there!

The season of indulgence otherwise known as Christmas is upon us, perhaps forgetting that it is a Christian time. By tradition, the church should remain undecorated until Christmas Day but usually it is, until the **Carol Service**, which this year will be held on **Sunday 21 December, 3:00pm**, which means the church will be decorated on **Saturday 20, 10:00am**. Incidentally Sunday is the Winter Solstice, the shortest day.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

They are ALL Benefice Services

- Sunday 21 December – Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm.
- Wednesday 24 December – Crib Service, Penny Bridge, 3:00pm.
- Wednesday 24 December – Midnight Communion, Colton 11:30pm.
- Christmas Day – Family Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.

‘See also the Rota on page 11’



‘Carols Round the Tree’: The Annual Singing of Carols round the Christmas Tree on Bouth Village Green will take place on **Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December, 6:00pm**.

The Anglican Church approach to management is, all too often, bureaucratic, lengthy, overwhelmed by rules and regulations and dictatorial. The three churches in this time of our vacancy have been brilliant in working together through the morass of bureaucracy resulting in our presentation, all 30 pages of it, being submitted on time.

Regrettably the skill in running meetings is, in many cases sadly lacking; recently two members of the PCC attended a Deanery Synod whose purpose is to discuss the affairs of the parishes in the Furness Deanery. Here is what one member had to say – *“the meeting was swamped by a single-focussed Canon giving an inordinately long presentation about why we should all have same- sex marriages in our Churches. Amongst a plethora of analysing biblical teaching to identify suppose loopholes, he cited that in the wedding services of normal couples, the liturgy of marriage being in part for the procreation of children could be omitted for couples of advanced years, so why not omit it for gay couples. He said that in the USA Same-sex marriages are now legal in 29 States, but he conveniently failed to mention*

how the vast majority of Anglicans i.e. those who live in Africa and the like would be appalled at such practices, probably leading to a major schism in the Church of England.

Because he was allowed so much time we had to forgo the reports and any discussion on Training, Youth Ministry, the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Plan, and even the date of the next Deanery meeting!"

"Official information always moves with glacial majesty."

Donna Leon

Donald.



ADVENT "BIBLE AND COFFEE" SESSIONS

2014

JESUS' ADVENT TEACHING

"THE END OF ALL THINGS"



WED. 3RD DEC: "THE END OF THE AGE"

(Matthew ch. 24 vv 36-44)

(Water Yeat House)

WED. 17TH DEC: "IN THE MEANWHILE"

(Matthew ch. 24 vv 45 – ch. 25 v.13)

(Barnside, Bouth)

All sessions start with Coffee at 10.00 am and end at 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome. Further details from David Gregg (885 258) or Joanna Henson (861 800)



PARISH NEWS

***** Warning!** The A590 from a point 1600 metres, all but a mile, to the Greenodd roundabout will be closed between 8:00pm and 6:00am each night over the weekend beginning **Friday 5 December & the following weekend**, for resurfacing works. As the official diversion route is via Bowness, Ambleside, Coniston, Torver and Lowick it is more than likely

that the traffic will use the road through Bouth to Tottlebank crossroads and thence to Penny Bridge or even worse down the narrow lane to the Crake Bridge. Residents beware, especially those returning home from the White Hart.

The laying of electricity cables in and around the Tottlebank crossroads has started but there is little information on when the various stretches of highway will be closed.

Brenda Patton has asked us to thank all those who have sent cards, visited her in Furness General and for the many acts of kindness. Brenda is recovering slowly but surely, in part due to her Lancashire grit and wit.

A warm welcome to Helen Trotter & Stuart Etherington who have come to reside in Dander Cottage Bouth; we do hope you will join in community activities as that fair hamlet has a reputation for communal and personal acts of kindness. You only have to ask.

And a sad farewell to Gillian Woodburn and Roger Hamer who have left the fair hamlet of Bouth for the delights of Yorkshire; we wish them well in their new home.

At last! Nuclear Roger has told us that the final figure for the 'Charity Bike Ride' otherwise known as a bicycle pub crawl amounted to £900 but he is hoping to increase that to £1,000 so dig deep.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 23 November and the officers and committee elected are :

President.	Jenny Hare
Vice President.	Elspeth Cooper
Secretary.	Susan Smith
Vice Secretary.	Alison Whytell
Treasurer.	Sue Dean
Vice Treasurer.	Elspeth Cooper

Programme Secretary.

Hazel Coates

Media Secretary.

Jane Chaloner

Sick Visitor.

Linda Perkins

Christmas Party: The party this year will be held on **Wednesday 10 December, 7:15 for 7:30pm.**

Susan S.



RUSLAND HORIZONS

Rusland Horizons is a scheme to develop a number of projects in the Rusland area in order to make improvements to the landscape. We are in the development stage with the work scheduled to start in 2016.

More information on www.ruslandhorizons.org

The projects are planned to include, woodland management, landscape features, wildlife, archaeology, local history, heritage skills and a Greenwood Trail. We need your help to find out:

- *What people know about the area*
- *What they do there*
- *What they think of it*
- *What information would help to understand and enjoy the area*
- *Whether they would volunteer to help.*

We would like to hear from you and would be grateful if you could take part in our online survey. Click below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JF7L2DW>

Colin Barr.



RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE CHURCHES

Like most churches Rusland & Satterthwaite need funds to survive and so they will be holding a **Film Night on Friday 30 January, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms** when a series of local films will be shown.

Tickets £7.50 (children £3.75) on sale from Susan King **T:** 01229 861 173. There will be an interval buffet (wine and soft drinks available).

Giles.

SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

Between the 05 and 09 November, a group of 45 GSCE History students visited the WW1 battlefields in Belgium and Northern France. It was an emotional yet exciting experience for all concerned. This being the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1 making it even more special.

The students and staff stopped in Langemark near Ypres, and visited local sites including the 'In Flanders Fields' exhibition in the medieval Cloth Hall, the stunning Bayernwald trenches, Newfoundland Park at Beaumont Hamel, Wellington Quarry and Vimy Ridge. They also spent time in the Ypres Town, Essex Farm, Tyne Cot and Langemark cemeteries and attended the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate.

After their return the whole school took part in a special Remembrance Day Service on 11 November 2014 in Cartmel Priory Church. The Reverend Nick Devenish and students from Year 11 led the service which was both reflective and moving.

"We will remember them"

Dr. Paul



Leven Valley

School is very busy at the moment with interesting events and experiences mainly led by the children or in which they have participated. First of all the children organised and led a very moving Remembrance Day Service in school which was well attended by parents, governors, friends and members of the community.

The second event was the Children in Need Day organised by the Schools Council. Everyone arrived in spotty non-uniform and took part in a colouring competition and a treasure hunt. Many children brought their teddies and a big teddy parade was held. Over £150 was raised for BBC Children in Need. A big thank you goes to everyone especially the Schools Council.

On the sports front congratulations are given to the netball team which finished fourth in the South Lakes Partnership tournament held at Cartmel Priory School. On the learning front Class 3 particularly enjoyed learning about the importance of opposable thumbs with Mr Russell from Cartmel Priory School recently.

In addition good wishes go to Mr Nicol, our Headteacher, who has been asked to help run Coniston Primary School as well as Leven Valley while the Headteacher of Coniston is absent on maternity leave. Governors and staff at Leven Valley are very proud of our Headteacher and support him in this new venture.

Sue S.



C. A. B.

Universal Credit: Universal Credit is being rolled out across Cumbria in the near future. So what is it, and how will you be affected?

Universal Credit is a new benefit that the Government says will make welfare simpler and make work pay. It is a single benefit that will eventually replace Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit, Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit. It is paid monthly, usually direct into a bank or building society account, and will include rent that you will then pay to your Landlord yourself. If you live with a partner and both claim Universal Credit then you'll receive a single payment to cover both of you.

The rollout starts for new claims and changes of circumstances. Gradually all other benefit claims will be transferred over the next 2 years, the Government will write to tell you when.

www.southlakescab.org.uk. T: 015394 46464



CINEMA CLUB

We have two films in December the first, '*Captain Phillips*' based on a true story of the hijacking of a container ship by Somali pirates. **The Carthouse Tuesday 2 December, 7:30pm.**

On **Thursday 4 December**, we have our Christmas film at **Leven Valley School, 3:45pm** showing '*Arthur Christmas*'. Tickets £3

On **17 January** we have a supper special '*Le Boucher*'. Booking essential contact Norma T: 015395 30833. Look out for Harold!!

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DIARY DATES

† During the Interregnum everything is being done to ensure Service Times remain constant but this may not happen so please take note of the Rota & Below.

- 27 November Bouth Village Hall, A. G. M. 7:30pm.
- 30 November **Advent, Benefice Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**
- 2 December Cinema Club , The Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 3 December Bible Study, Water Yeat House, 10:00am.
- 4 December Cinema Club. Leven Valley School, 3:45pm.
- 6 December **St. Nicholas**, Santa Claus to most of us.
- 7 December **Morning Worship, Colton, 9:30am.** Coffee to follow.
- 10 December Bouth W I Christmas Party, Bouth Village Hall, 7:15 for 7:30pm.
- 11 December Colton PCC, Barnside, Bouth, 7:00pm.
- 14 December **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 17 December Bible Study, Barnside, Bouth, 10:00am.
- 21 December **Benefice Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm.**
- 24 December **Crib Service, Penny Bridge, 3:00pm.**
'Carols Round the Tree' Bouth Village Green, 6:00pm.
Midnight Communion, Colton, 11:30pm.
- 25 December **Christmas Day, Family Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 28 December **Holy Communion, Colton. 9:30am.**



St. Mary's Hospice, LVSG

Leven Valley Fundraising Support Group for St Marys Hospice works very hard voluntarily throughout the year doing different events solely raising funds for St Mary's Hospice Ulverston and this year have managed to raise enough money to buy a brand new much needed car for the hospice through the very kind generosity of the local people in our and surrounding areas who continuously support us by buying tickets to our events etc and also the generosity of the local businesses who give us raffle prizes etc and of course Guy Perry Ltd, Barrow in Furness who supplied the car at a much discounted price to us. The car was presented to the hospice on Friday 7 November.

We wish to thank you all for your very kind generosity and all your continuous support.
Dorothy.

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Services and Rotas for December

7th	Second Sunday of Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am BCP Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Morning Worship		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	40: 1-11	
	Second Reading	2 Peter	3: 8-15a	
	Gospel	Mark	1: 1-8	
Readers	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Colton	M Sanders	R Smith	J Pickles
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	D Lancaster	B Watson
Sidesmen	Lowick	S Wood		
	Colton	S King		
	Penny Bridge	W Greatorex & A Greatorex		
14th	Third Sunday of Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	61: 1-4, 8-11	
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians	5:16-24	
	Gospel	John	1: 6-8, 19-28	
Readers:	Lowick	E Wardle	& M Calvert	
	Colton	S Lydon	G Pickles	I Pirnie
	Penny Bridge	D Gregg	P Ashton	M Henderson
Sidesmen:	Lowick	J Wood		
	Colton	R Smith		
	Penny Bridge	J Law	& B Law	
21st	Fourth Sunday of Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	3:00pm Benefice Carol Service		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00 am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	2 Samuel	7: 1-11, 16	
	Second Reading	Romans	16:25-27	
	Gospel	Luke	1:26-38	
Readers:	Lowick	J Gregg	& D Gregg	
	Colton	TBA		
	Penny Bridge	J Henson	R Long	R Atkinson
Sidesmen:	Lowick	A Wood		
	Colton	S Dean		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
24th	Christmas Eve			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	3:00pm Family event with Carols		
Holy Trinity	Colton	11:30pm First Communion of Christmas		
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	52: 7-10	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	1: 1-4	
	Gospel	John	1: 1-14	
Readers	Lowick		Penny Bridge	Colton
Sidesmen:	S King			
25th	Christmas Day			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am Family Communion on Christmas Day		
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	9: 2-7	
	Second Reading	Titus	2:11-14	
	Gospel	Luke	2: 1-14	
Readers	Penny Bridge		Colton	Lowick
Sidesmen	B Mitchell			
28th December	First Sunday of Christmas			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	31:15-17	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	1:26-29	
	Gospel	Matthew	2:13-18	
Readers:	Lowick	G Mitchell	& B Mitchell	
	Colton	J Redhead	D Wroe	S Smith
	Penny Bridge	C Sadler	S James	J Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Colton	M Sanders		
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	& D Lancaster	

Please note some service times and places are different.