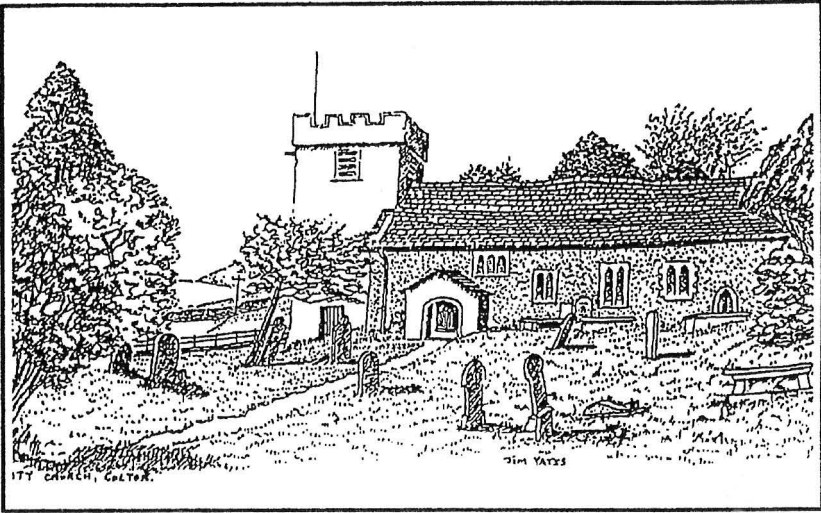




PARISH NEWS

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PASTORAL LETTER

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A Change of Heart

Dear Neighbours

The wise old Owl was approached one day by a rabbit who was being troubled by a fox. “What can I do?” he asked. “Oh, that’s easy,” said the Sage. “You just change into a lion and chase him away!” The next day the rabbit is back. “Mr. Owl, how do I change into a lion, please?” Came the reply, “I can’t help you with the details. I’m just a consultant!”

The notion of “change” lies at the heart of the Christian faith, and is very much in evidence at this time of the Church’s year. We have just celebrated the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, when His face and appearance were (momentarily) changed, to reveal Him as the Son of God. Now we are in the season of Lent, and seeking that process of change, or “metamorphosis”, (comparable to the caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly, or frog’s egg to tadpole to frog, or bulb to shoot to glorious full flower so evident as a fundamental of creation at this springtime of the year) which is God’s will for His children, as they are “changed” by the Spirit of Jesus to become more like Him in graciousness and peaceableness and trust and love, day by day.

But there is an even greater change to come that is represented by the wonderful mystery of Easter. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Christians at Corinth, first of all points to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as the ultimate fact (and proof) of our faith. But he then goes on to assure us that we too are destined to be raised with Christ in the end. “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,” he writes. “In a moment at the last trumpet.” This is to be a complete change (exchanging one thing for another) – from mortality to immortality, from corruption to incorruption, from temporal, earthly life to eternal life in glory. Most importantly, it comes as a result and consequence of the sacrifice of the Cross of Jesus, celebrated on Good Friday, and the source of the divine

promise that “Whosoever puts their trust in Him will not perish, but will have eternal life.”

Our prayer is that all of you who read this may undergo this glorious “change”.

With Love in Christ

David Gregg



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN GREENODD AND DISTRICT COFFEE & THE BIBLE LENT 2013



- A look at Prayer.
- What relevance has prayer for us today?
- **When? Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- March 6th **The Practice of Prayer.**
- Tottlebank Baptist Church (P Gomersal)
- March 13th **Public and Private Prayer**
- Lowick Farm House (J & D Gregg)
- March 20th **The Prayers of Jesus**
- Vicarage, Penny Bridge (E & G Wemyss)

If you haven't been before we look forward to you joining us.

Bible Reading

Last year I wrote a brief look at Mark's Gospel month by month with certain points for reflection, discussion, prayer, etc. After asking for comments at the end of the year there was silence – so I dropped any thoughts for 2013.

Suddenly people told me they missed the short thoughts and asked if I would restart with a different book of the Bible and so we begin today with a look at Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Philippians in 2013

Week beginning March 3rd

Introduction

Most of the letters of the ancient world were either private (personal notes between two people), or public (to be read out at a gathering and handed on to another group). Most of the letters in the New Testament were public letters and Philippians is written to the Christians at Philippi.

How would you feel about your letters, e-mail messages, tweets, etc. being read out in public? Do you listen to other people when they give “moral guidance” on how to live in society?

Week beginning March 10th

Philippians 1:1 – 2

Greetings and a Prayer

When writing a letter, etc. do you put the recipient’s name first (“Dear X”)? Have you ever thought about saying a short prayer for this person, or group or just thinking about them for a moment? Paul adds a prayer in verse two asking that God may give them grace and peace – could we be so thoughtful?

Week beginning March 17th

Philippians 1:3 – 8

Thanksgiving for Partnership

Do you thank God for those you remember? Do you pray for them with joy, or other feelings? Do you ever feel that people are remembering you in their prayers? Do you feel prayed for? Are there people you long to be with but cannot for various reasons?

Week beginning March 24th

Philippians 1:9 – 11

Growth in Loving

Paul encourages them to show forth their love of others – how good it would be if we could do the same! As communities, individuals and Christians do we care enough? Do we show “little acts of kindness”?

Week beginning March 31st will be in the April issue.



Flower Rota

Being Lent, the Church remains undecorated until **Easter when the Church will be decorated on Saturday 30 March, 10:00am. Be there !**



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Due to the wrong sort of rain, snow, the February meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 March, 7:15pm, Bouth Village Hall.**

COLTON CHRONICLES

The phrase 'Déjà Vu' comes to mind as the PCC has been discussing **Service Times**. A similar discussion took place in 2003 - "The PCC under their new chairman, your Vicar, have been working overtime of late and have come to a decision with regard to service times....." those that we know today or as from **1 April**, yesterday.

The changes have become necessary since the retirement of our dear Joanna, so good news for some and not so good for others, is that as from the **1 April** all **Services will be at 9:30am**. And there will not be any Benefice Services apart from the **Fifth Sunday, 10:30am** plus special occasions. The **First Sunday** will continue to be **Morning Worship** and will be 'Lay led'. We will now see our Vicar at last twice a month instead of occasionally. **Importantly** Joanna will be with us on the **Third Sunday** and if she is not available it will be **Morning Worship**.

Clear? If not, contact this editor after which you will be more confused than before?

We have mentioned that those in charge seem to have nothing better to do than introduce new initiatives, the latest being a 'Church Buildings Strategic Review' in order, it says, to secure a sustainable future for the churches in Cumbria. To achieve this, it has been necessary to complete a 24 page questionnaire with questions like "Are you 'Open all Hours'." A larger congregation and more cash would be a better start.

Mothering Sunday, not to be confused with Mother's Day, which is just a commercial concern designed to separate children from their pocket money, is on **Sunday 10 March** and will be a benefice Service at **Penny Bridge, 10:30am** when all the readers will be children.

* **Easter**: Straight away an exception to the rule as the service on **Easter Sunday 30 March** will be at **10:30 am**. One reason is to encourage visitors and 9:30 may be a touch early but more importantly this as the day when the clocks go **Forward**; one hour less in bed!! * We do think about you.

A reminder that we have not received all the monies due for the magazine. This is important as in 2012 the cost to the church was & £160. *Donald.*

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Millie Young who has joined the 'replacement joints club' and is doing well; she might even have some sympathy for husband George who had a similar operation last year. Also joining this selective band is Nigel, well there only is one, who has had a hip replacement and is back home recovering well and as far as we know, behaving himself; not that he has much option as he is being cared for by three charming but formidable ladies. Lucky man!

Ladders and golf do not seem to go together, but they have for the unfortunate Derek Parkin who came down a ladder faster than he went up and now is recovering from two badly damaged shoulders and the loss of golf, permanently ! We wish him well and sympathise with wife Pauline.

There are those in the parish who are not so well and we send them our sympathy and prayers for a better future.

More congratulations, this time to Birkett Cooper on celebrating his 95th. Birthday and looking well on it; without doubt Birkett is the most elderly resident in Bouth and perhaps even the parish, but if there are any contenders, please let us know.

Shortly the demolishment of the Bouth Village Green fence and beloved evergreen hedge will begin; the replacement hedge will be beech but one wonders who, in the autumn, will sweep up the leaves?

Donald.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Free 'Heart-Start' training: Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service are offering free Heart-Start (Emergency Life Skills) two 1-hour training sessions to all communities. They say that more than 270,000 people suffer a heart attack every year. Your help could be vital – but do you know what to do? Spending 2 hours of your life will give you the skills to try to save another person's life. It could be a family member or someone you know. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Clerk, or if your community group wants to arrange sessions directly, then contact Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service on 01768 812550.

Bouth '20 is Plenty' signs: The residents of Bouth are being asked their opinion of the effectiveness of the new '20's Plenty' speed limit signs erected in early 2012. Local Councillor Ken Dean has distributed a short questionnaire to all households in Bouth; once completed, these can simply be folded and put straight into the post box for sending to the County Highways 'Freepost' address. Please do complete these as it is important that we have your valuable feedback.

Green Roads Pilot Project update: The two 'green roads' that meet at High Ickenthwaite (one from Nibthwaite and the other from Oxen Park) are the subject of a pilot repair project for County Highways and the National Park. These two roads have seen a lot of damage in the last 15 years or so, particularly with the increase in off-road recreational tourist traffic; you may have noticed the scouring down to bedrock at High Ickenthwaite, the large puddles and damage done to fields at Stock Farm, Nibthwaite and that Pegg Lane near Oxen Park is impassable without wellington boots. County Highways Dept. has managed to find funding, with other contributions provided, e.g. from the Bethacar Moor Commoners' Association. We hope that work will begin in the next month or so, with Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) put in place.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 25 March, Rusland Reading Rooms at 7:30pm.** All are welcome.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

Famous names visit Cartmel: Year 8 students at Cartmel Priory School took a break from their current RE studies on Islam to take part in a face to face question time with John Sentamu the Archbishop of York during his recent visit to Cumbria. The students devised their own questions and had the chance to put their questions to the Archbishop in Cartmel's historic Priory Church. Questions the students wanted to ask ranged from questions on what the Archbishop's work involves, to his opinion on women bishops, and why he didn't want to be on Big Brother.

As mentioned last time, bestselling author Graham Peter Taylor was booked in for a day at school last month. We were very fortunate to get Graham as he is much in demand especially now his books are being filmed, Mariah Mundi being due for release this autumn (with actors from the Twilight and Harry Potter films amongst the cast). Graham wowed students and staff alike with his fantastic storytelling skills, using elements from his own life not just to entertain us and talk about the skills of story writing, but also to emphasise the importance of reading in a very personal way. He also tells a great ghost story.

Dr. Paul



Leven Valley

Sadly, due to personal problems, we have nothing this month; we send our good wishes and prayers for better things to come. It is also half term.



NOTICES

Bouth Village Hall: Bingo with a free glass of wine on **Friday 15 March, 7:30pm**. A meeting will be held on 23 April to discuss the forthcoming ‘Coffee Morning’ at the Coronation Hall, Details next month.



Furness Bach Choir: Welcome the Holborne Players & Baroque Orchestra for a **Concert** of ‘Italian Baroque’ on **Saturday 2 March, St. Mary’s, Dalton, 7:30pm**. £12 – from the ‘Full Octave’ Dalton and ‘Sutton’s Book’ shop, Ulverston **T:** 01229 837 680.



Rusland Valley Spring Show: Will be held this year on the **23 & 24 March**. For details, Schedules & Entry Forms please contact Gordon Wilkinson **T:** 01229 860 253, e-mail gordon.wilk876@btinternet.com



St. Mary’s Hospice: The Leven Valley Support Group’s Valentine’s Day Dance was a big success; the band ‘Rusty Bullets’ waived their fee with the result that £800 was raised. Our next event is a Fashion Show ‘Around the World’ by Two X Two of Ulverston– **Café Ambio, 12 April**. Details next month.



“Today is the tomorrow you promised yourself yesterday.”

Anon.

DIARY DATES

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

- 1 March **St. David**
- 2 March Furness Bach Choir, Concert, St. Mary's, Dalton, 7:30pm.
- 3 March **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
- 6 March 'Coffee & Bible', Tottlebank Church, 10:00am
- 10 March **Mothering Sunday, Benefice Communion, 10:30am. Penny Bridge.**
- 13 March 'Bible & Coffee', Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.
- 15 March BINGO, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm. For Hall funds.
- 17 March **Holy Communion, 9:30am. – St. Patrick.**
- 19 March **Joseph of Nazareth.**
- 20 March 'Coffee & Bible', the Vicarage, 10:00am.
The Vernal Equinox, the Beginning of Spring.
- 23 March Rusland Spring Show, also on the 24th.
- 24 March **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 25 March **The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- 26 March **Holy Communion, 7:00pm. Followed by the Colton APCM.**
- 28 March **Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, Colton, 7:30pm.**
- 29 March **Good Friday. 'Act of Witness', Greenodd Village, 10:30am.
'Devotional Service', Penny Bridge, 2:00pm.**
- 30 March ****Decorating the Church, 10:00am.****
- 31 March **EASTER DAY. Holy Communion, 10:30am.**

"British Summer Time – Clocks go forward one hour."



Oxen Park Cinema Club

The last films of this season are coming up so if you have always meant to see what we do then why not join us although the ones left are – well, read the reviews!

Tuesday 5 March at Rusland – *The Angels' Share* – this needs a good ear to pick up the Scottish language which is colourful Scots. **Saturday 23 March**, Supper Special at **Finsthwaite** (changed venue from programme) – *The Skin I Live In* – a clever film by the well know director Pedro Almodovar (check it out). **Wednesday 27 March at Leven Valley School (3.45)** – *The Pirates – An Adventure with Scientists* – A great Wallace & Grommit style animation – this could be the one for you.

