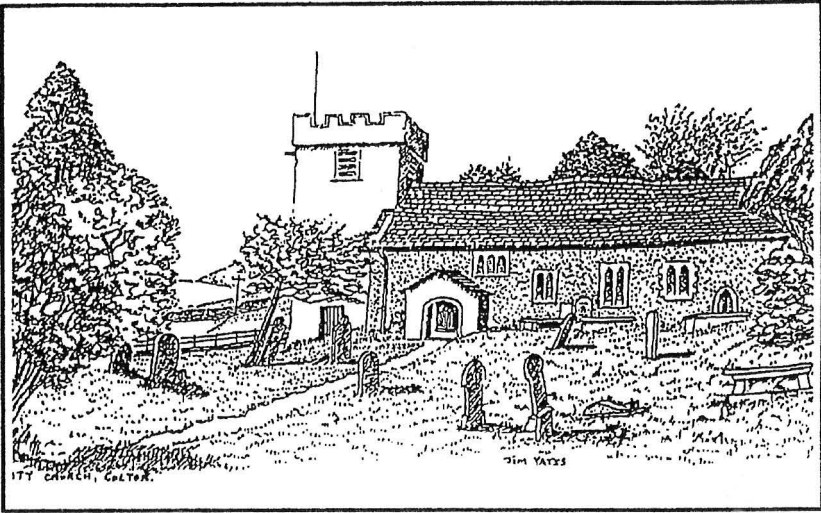




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

I do hope that as many of you as possible were able to enjoy the Flower Festival in the church at Penny Bridge. The beauty of the **arrangements in such an attractive setting was very moving and ‘spoke’ to me in a way that words never can about the wonder of God’s creation.**

Somehow, Darwin’s theory of ‘Natural selection’ seems a rather inadequate explanation for the variety of blooms displayed in such a glorious array of colours. The Festival certainly left us all on a high and ready to celebrate the Harvest Festival at Colton the following week.

For some of us our Harvest Festival celebrations are an unwelcome reminder that the summer is over and that the winter lies ahead; although I know that a few of you really enjoy drawing the curtains, lighting a good fire and settling down for a cosy evening in!

However along with the cold, dark days comes the joy of Christmas. I can hear some of you groaning already as you think of all the presents you have to buy, the cards you have to write, the food you need to cook and the decorations you have to put up. Some of you may even have started writing lists and window shopping for ideas.

Yes there is all that – but there is so much more to Christmas than that and I am reminded of a poster that I have seen of Jesus asking each of us “Where did I say that you should buy so much stuff to celebrate my birthday?” Of course the answer is, “Nowhere, Lord”.

I wonder what Christmas Day would be like if, just for a change, we aimed for a bit more simplicity and less self-indulgence. And if we kept the reason for our celebrations – the birth of Jesus - at the centre of the festivities, who knows, you might enjoy yourselves even more! Why not try it?

Now is the time to plan it before you get embroiled in the never ending round of business.

With love and prayers from your sister in Christ

Joanna

Curate.



The Christmas Posada

Our little Holy Families will be starting out on their journeys round the parishes in the benefice again this year and soon you will be asked to put your name on a list if you would like to host the entourage for a night. The Posada is for adults as well as children and is a lovely reminder for us about the meaning of Christmas.

It involves very little effort on your part; you will receive the little family at some point in the evening of the night you have chosen, join in some simple prayers with the 'bringer' and then, perhaps, you might entertain them with a cup of tea or something more sustaining. The next day you take the little Family on to its next resting place. For those of you who don't like going out at night but who would still like to accommodate the Family for a night, there are special arrangements to collect and deliver on your behalf.

Watch out for the lists in the three churches and sign up early to ensure the Family stays a night with you!

AND BE SURE TO COME TO THE 'SENDING OUT' SERVICE IN GREENODD VILLAGE HALL ON 29 NOVEMBER AT 4.p.m.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The 'Come back to Church' Sunday was hardly a resounding success, not helped by the good residents of Bouth deciding that their communion would be with nature. It was Village Green tidy up day, which for some unknown reason is held on a Sunday, but at least they were on their knees and the Green is now looking pristine.

As is the Churchyard following the good work done by the Probation Service, although there was a near tragedy as Sue and Roderick Smith generously decided to burn the rubbish, which was not unexpected, as Roderick has tendencies towards pyromania. In the event, his misplaced enthusiasm almost set himself and his good lady alight. Any remaining sparks were extinguished later in the White Hart, with equal enthusiasm, it has to be said.

Bishop James, recently enthroned, has already lost his house. The Church Commissioners have decreed that the 22 room Rose Castle is costing too much to maintain and must go. One suspects however, that the good Bishop will not be too sad as beautiful as the old 1340 building is, it must be a horror to live there.

The latest PCC was hardly exciting but then that applies to most meetings, whose primary task is to get things done and that is exactly what is happening, although not as swiftly as some would like. Our congregation might be small but it comprises some magnificent workers; how else would the church be so well decorated for Harvest and the Supper be so well organised. Thank you to those concerned.

Our Curate, from the pulpit, wondered what this editor had against Kenya beans; simply that they are imported and our Farmers Harvest is about local products. It is fashionable today to sing and dance about fair trade, forgetting that charity begins at home; our farmers need all the support they can get and each one of us should ask the questions 'how many dairy farms are there now in Colton'? And 'how many were there ten years ago'? And why?

Signpost

Signpost International is a Christian Charity that aims to eradicate poverty worldwide. Our Church has been specifically asked to help the Dalits (untouchables) of the Hindu communities in India, by sponsoring a child. We are asked for a minimum of £18 per month for 5 years, £1 per month for 18 people. Half of the Dalit people are illiterate and as such are powerless to extricate themselves from their life of poverty. Our contribution, together with others will go some way to reverse this sad state of affairs. Please contact Christine Holden Tel: 861 223. Thank you.



£5 The cost of the Colton Parish News remains at **£5**. Please have this amount ready in **December** when your magazine is delivered. *Donald.*



"Politics and the pulpit are terms that have little agreement. No sound ought to be heard in church but the healing voice of Christian charity."

Edmund Burke.

FLOWER ROTA

1 November Flowers for Barbara
8 November Remembrance Sunday
15 November The Revd. Joanna Henson
22 November The Revd. Joanna Henson
29 November ADVENT



COFFEE

1 November Mrs. Hilary Brooks + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

The speaker at our last meeting, Mr. Stanley Walmsley, gave us a most interesting talk on Hand Bells following which our members, who did not know one end of a hand bell from another, created a joyful if not harmonious noise. We thanked him for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our A G M brought about changes in that in the New Year the Branch Leader will be Christine Holden, Secretary, Judy Redhead whilst Julia Crowe will continue as Treasurer. All our thanks are due to Wendy Smith and Barbara Watson, who have now retired and Julia who continues her stalwart work, for their sterling efforts over the years

Our next meeting will be held on **10 November, Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2:00pm**, when Mrs. Brenda Cole will speak on 'Diocesan and Deanery Membership'.

Wendy & Donald.



PARISH NEWS

October has been a reflection of life from beginning to end, the happiness and the sadness, a coaster roll of emotions that is reality.

The sad death of Nigel Buckley was a hard reminder that we are all mortal; he was a Churchwarden and Treasurer at Satterthwaite for what seemed forever, a staunch supporter of our Anglican Church and of our previous

Benefice of Colton, Rusland and Satterthwaite. Not only will he be missed but as the old saying goes, ‘they don’t make them like that anymore’.

Even sadder is the death, at a much younger age, of Dr Katherine Wynne, wife of Giles Wingate Saul, mother of Lucinda and Rupert and younger sister of Jane Johnson. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on **Saturday 7 November, Rusland Church, 2:00pm**. Please note: a colourful occasion please.

Also, the sad and sudden death of Wils Procter of Bandrake Head, father of Michael and Peter. Wils was a true countryman and farmer whose great passion was Hound Dog Trailing; he bred many good winners all with the prefix “Bandrake”.

† Our prayers and condolences go out to all the families †

At the other end of the scale was the baptism of Isabel Sarah Hool on 4 October. Isabel is the daughter of Amy and Martin who will always be remembered for their wedding when Martin’s dog trotted down the aisle with the marital ring. It was a lovely service and how nice it was for Baptismal party to join us for coffee afterwards.

Heartiest congratulations to Bridget Hughes, of Bouth who celebrated her ninetieth birthday on 2 October. Bridget is the second nonagenarian in Bouth; Birkett Cooper attained this glory several years ago; must be something to do with the water, or more likely, the White Hart, which recently got an honourable mention in the Sunday Times.

There was an article in that paper on hidden gems which included the Furness Peninsula and its splendours; apparently the source of the information was one Sally Broom, daughter of Cath and Paul. This should come as no surprise as all three of them are not infrequent visitors to the above hostelry.

Donald.

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At the Vicar’s request.

“The **Allegri Singers** are in concert on **Saturday 4 November, The Priory, Cartmel, 4:00pm – Sunday 8 November, St. Mary’s, Greenodd, 7:30pm**. When they will be performing **Palestrina , Missa Dies Sanctificatus**. Anthems by Lotti, Monteverdi, Gesualdo, Harris, Higginson & Sweelinck.”

BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our October meeting our speaker was the delightful Ada Wood who regaled and amused us with dialect stories and poetry all of which were hilarious. The laughter was so great that there were many aching sides.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 November, Village Hall, 7:30pm**. As this will be our **AGM** when a new committee and officers will be elected, please make an effort to be present.

We are currently 'practising' for our Christmas party with the theme for our cabaret loosely (the theme not the participants) based on WWII. As none of the ladies are old enough to even remotely remember those days any useful material will be welcome.

Donald, with much help from Judy, in the absence of Penny.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council webpage on Colton's 'Green Roads' now includes copies of correspondence between the Parish Council, Highways and the National Park on this topic. The Council's request for a temporary TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) on the Nibthwaite-to-Parkamoor track brought a fairly negative response from the Park, who are unwilling to impose one unless Highways have a definite intention to make repairs.

Our County Councillor, Rod Wilson, is lobbying hard in an attempt to get some agreement from Highways for the allocation funds.

At the High Furness Neighbourhood Forum meeting on 12 October, we heard about new private water supply regulations coming into force in December which will mean changes in practice and charging regimes. In particular, householders will be asked to complete risk assessments of their water supplies every 5 years, for which there will be a charge. There was concern at the late notification of these regulations and the lack of information available. We will try to find out more detail and keep you informed.

We are hoping that Elizabeth Bruce, a local sustainable energy consultant, will be coming to speak at our meeting on **7 December, Rusland reading Room, 7:30pm**. about suitable green energy initiatives for Colton – all welcome, as ever. *Many Lane, Clerk, Tel: 01229 861408 – colton@btinternet.com*
www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

We began the new school year welcoming ten new Reception Children and a new member of staff who is supporting Class One.

Phase 1 of the new building work has been completed; the new access to school, improved office and staff accommodation and new toilet facilities for the children has made a positive contribution to everyone's wellbeing. We have also received many appreciative comments about the new signage. A meeting was held in school on Thursday 15 October about the next development of the building which involves the quadrangle and will result in an improved learning environment principally for the youngest pupils but all children will be able to enjoy it.

Class 3 attended a performance of Macbeth by Shakespeare4Kids at the Coronation Hall in Ulverston, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Class I will be visiting the Aquarium at Lakeside with the added excitement of travelling by the steam train from Haverthwaite. Anne Blackburn, an officer of the Lake District National Park, came to speak to pupils in Classes 2 and 3 about the initiative: "Fix the Fells" and explained how important it was that footpaths were looked after. A teacher from Cartmel Priory High School, Mr Richard Bilton, came to work in school to introduce older pupils to practical secondary science.

The School Harvest Service was held in school and was led by Rev'd Canon Peter Calvert. Each class led a part of the service with lively singing and thought provoking readings, reminding us how lucky we are and also about our responsibilities for life on our planet. The event was well supported by parents, governors and friends of the school.

Sue Sanderson – Vice Chair of Governors



LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP

The Group supports St. Mary's Hospice and has been donating much needed funds to the Hospice for many years and welcomes all the support it can get.

On **Wednesday 25 November at Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm.**, they are presenting a Concert featuring the **Barrow Male Voice Choir**.

Tickets are £5 including refreshments and are available from Sylvia Chadwick Tel: 015395 31685 also from Marian Wilson Tel: 015390 31779 & Eileen Wilkinson Tel: 015395 31040.

Sylvia.



“Musical people are so absurdly unreasonable. They always want one to be perfectly dumb at the very moment when one is longing to be absolutely deaf.” Oscar Wilde.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The Forum is an occasion when members of the public can not only find out what the County and District Councils are up to but can ask questions in the fervent hope you will get a straight answer from the elected members. If you like a moan or even a good whinge, this is the place to be.

The County also has funds, up to a £1,000 available for community projects and at the October meeting Leven valley Bowling Club were awarded £1,000 towards toilet facilities and Bouth Village Hall a similar amount towards disabled facilities.

The meeting heard about child fostering and the need for foster carers. If anyone is interested contact your local County councillor.

A Park Ranger brought the meeting up to date with the National Park Authority's Local Development Framework, for more information try their web site www.lakedistrict.gov.uk

The National Park is offering three apprenticeships to young people; they will be full time for 18 months with day release. Contact Katy Eastham Tel: 01768 210703 for details.

Donald.



Cinema Club

Program for the next month: *“The Reader”* **Tuesday 3 November, Rusland Reading Room, 7:30pm.** *“Bolt”* **Thursday 26 November, Leven Valley School, 6:00pm.** Contact: Carol McNeill Tel; 01229 861507.



“On Saturday 31 October the YMCA at Lakeside are having Floodlit Activities at 1:30pm and a Bonfire & Fireworks at 6:45pm. Donations £1 per person”

Services and Rotas for November

1st	All Saints			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	Wisdom	3: 1-9	
	Second Reading	Revelation	21: 1-6a	
	Gospel	John	11:32-44	
Readers:	Colton	H Brooks	M Sanders	S King
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	C Sadler	C Styles	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
8th	Remembrance Sunday			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Said Service of Remembrance	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday	
Readings:	First Reading	Jonah	3:1-5, 10	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	9:24-28	
	Gospel	Mark	1:14-20	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	I Pirnie	J Redhead
	Penny Bridge	Royal British Legion	D Lancaster	E Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton			
	Penny Bridge	D Lancaster	& P Ashton	
15th	Second Sunday before Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Daniel	12: 1-3	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	10:11-14, 19-25	
	Gospel	Mark	13: 1-8	
Readers:	Colton	S Smith	R Tarr	W Smith
	Lowick	B Mitchell	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	P Ashton	R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	A Greatorex	& W Greatorex	
22nd	Christ the King			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Daniel	7:9-10, 13-14	
	Second Reading	Revelation	1:4b-8	
	Gospel	John	18:33-37	
Readers:	Colton	J Tarr	J Pickles	M Sanders
	Lowick	D Gregg	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	E Wemyss	C Styles	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Penny Bridge	R Long	& D Lancaster	
29th	Advent Sunday - Confirmation			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	with the Bishop of Carlisle	
Greenodd Village Hall		4:00pm	Advent Tea with the Outset of Posada Processions	

DIARY DATES

***A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30am as does the second Sunday whilst the third and fourth are at 9.30am.**

1 November **All Saints.**

Royal British Legion District Remembrance Service – Rusland Church – 2:45pm.

4 November The Allegri Singers – Cartmel Priory – 4:00pm.

8 November The Saints and Martyrs of England.

Remembrance Sunday.

The Allegri Singers – St. Mary’s Church, Greenodd – 7:30pm.

10 November Mothers Union – Haverthwaite Church Hall – 2:00pm.

11 November Bouth Womens Institute – A G M – Village Hall – 7:30pm.

25 November Leven Valley Support Group – Concert – The Barrow Male Voice Choir
Greenodd Village Hall – 7:30pm.

29 November Advent Sunday.

Posada ‘Sending Out Service’ – Greenodd Village Hall – 4:00pm.

30 November **Andrew, Apostle**



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Poppy Appeal last year was a record but with the ongoing activities in Afghanistan with the growing numbers of deaths and other casualties we really need to dig deep for this worthy cause. Give generously.

The District Group Remembrance Service is to be held on **Sunday 1 November, Rusland Church, 2:45pm.**

Our Branch Service will be held on **Sunday 8 November, St. Anne’s, Haverthwaite, 3:00pm.**



“The Soldier and His Service”

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the unions, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a free trial.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag !!!!!