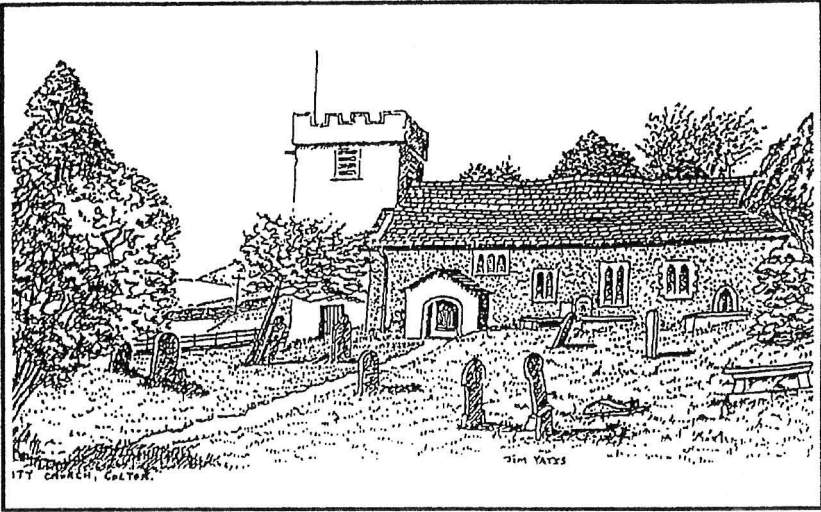




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PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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July 2005

Dear Friends

Refreshment

Ex 23:12 "Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest and the slave born in your household, and the alien as well, may be refreshed."

Rest, refreshment and holidays are important to all of us. The verse in Exodus makes clear that we should take a day of rest each week. Although this day is often a day when we do not have to go to work, with so many people being able to work from home, it is difficult to avoid doing something each day.

As we move towards the holiday season I hope that many of you are able to enjoy a holiday away from work – a time of rest and refreshment. For some it will be an opportunity to visit new places, or to revisit favourite destinations. Others will be able to catch up on things around the house, or garden, which need doing and the change may be "as good as a rest!" Some of you may not be able to have a holiday but I do recommend a time of rest to re-charge and be ready for the days, weeks and months ahead.

Lives today are busy and are filled with many activities as well as work. Sometimes we need to be at peace, to be quiet and to reflect. Where do we go to avoid the noise of mobile telephones, car stereos, etc.?

Many people tell me how important it is to them that some churches are still left open during the day. It is important because they are places of calm, quiet and peacefulness. Unfortunately Lowick Church is kept locked but Colton and Penny Bridge are open. If you feel you need a quiet place to sit drop in and experience the peace which the Lord offers in his house to those who call round. More importantly that same peace can be found when we have a real knowledge of God's presence with us day by day.

Ex 33:14 The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Gary Wemyss, Vicar.

COLTON CHRONICLES

'Lay people should be encouraged to take on huge new responsibilities in the Church, from running parishes to officiating at church services. As demands on parish priests have increased, there has been greater delegation to lay people of those tasks which have often been (wrongly) assumed to belong exclusively to the ordained priesthood.'

Sounds familiar? Well yes, but that report in a National newspaper was not referring to the Church of England but to the Roman Catholic Church. Seems we are all in the same boat!

Not quite though, as the Anglican Church has a talent for the near ridiculous; the Salisbury Diocese was reported to have told parish priests to cast their eyes over the quality of cars in the church car park in order to assess the worth and so the ability of the congregation to contribute to church funds.

The chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance explained "Clergy in the diocese are not asked 'to turn financial detectives'. Parishes – not vicars – are asked to assess a congregation's general capacity to contribute to the church community." That's alright then!

One cannot help but think that if you had a look in Colton car park the pickings would be very thin indeed, in fact in one case of a well worn dark coloured car of foreign extraction that looks about ready for the knackers yard, you could be forgiven for thinking that the church, as an act of charity, should be contributing something to the owner.

Congratulations to those in the parish who attended the Diocesan Road Show – 'Resourcing Revival' – it was a good turn out and those who were there heard some hard facts with regard to church finances. Attendance has dropped by 20% and the number of clergy by 15% whilst stipends and pension costs continue to rise.

The trouble is that as there are fewer clergy they are less visible to their parishioners – dissatisfaction grows – people stop coming to church – people stop giving. It is a vicious circle.

There are times when, for all of us, we wonder whether it is really worth it but then we remember that our church does not belong to the Diocese or the Church Commissioners but to the people of Colton however weak or

strong their Faith may be and even if they only come to church twice a year or just to weddings and funerals. **The brutal truth is we need you all to give more**, always providing that you can, and that is probably most of us.

For some unaccountable reason the last verse of 'In the bleak mid-winter' comes to mind;

*What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,-
Yet what can I give Him,
Give my heart.*

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

3 July Mrs Joanna Henson
10 July Mrs Christine Dobson
17 July Mrs Christine Dobson
24 July Mrs Wendy Smith
31 July Mrs Wendy Smith
7 August Mrs Pauline Parkin



COFFEE ROTA

3 July Mrs Margaret Sanders + Helper(s)



Wendy.

HELP

During this year we shall be losing two of our 'flower ladies' who share in putting and arranging the flowers in church for each Sunday. Help is needed on **21 & 27 August and 4 & 11 September**. Your assistance would be very much appreciated – please contact Wendy Smith, Tel: **015395 31872**. Incidentally if anyone would like flowers in church either for a Remembrance or to celebrate an Anniversary please also contact Wendy.



MOTHERS UNION

At very short notice the Revd. David and Mrs. Jackie Gregg very kindly came to our meeting in May at Haverthwaite. Both spoke about their experiences fostering children with their own family of four; a great achievement giving love to so many children. We thank them for giving us the opportunity to hear this wonderful illustration of selfless love which was an example to us all.

The June Outing to Swarthmoor Hall was most enjoyable on a gorgeous afternoon, just a pity there were so few of us.

We are now closing down for the Summer break and will resume our activities on **Wednesday 7 September in Bouth Village Hall at 2.00pm**. A member of the police will be talking about the 'Neighbour Watch' scheme and there will be a raffle and a 'Bring & Buy' stall, all to raise funds for the M U overseas. Followed by afternoon tea. Please support us and learn more about 'Neighbourhood Watch'. Everyone is welcome.

Wendy.



GARDEN FÊTE – SATURDAY - 16 JULY

This year the Fête will be opened by Mrs. Wendy Smith and we hope it will be a successful day, socially and financially (see pages 3 & 4) . As usual help will be needed to erect the marquee; helpers to meet at **Whitestock Barn at 6.30pm on Thursday 14 July. BE THERE!**

Tombola gifts to Susan King & Judy - Cakes for the stall to Susan Smith and cakes for the teas on the day. Toys & books (saleable) also on the day to Judy.

PARISH NEWS

Condolences to the family of Bill Jackson who died recently; Bill who farmed at Oxen park for many years was a lovely old character and will be sadly missed by those who knew him.

It was good to see Ruth Pearson back in church after her op. but since, she has had a small relapse but is now picking up again and we send her our very best wishes.

Belated congratulations and best wishes to Christine Dobson who celebrated her 85th. birthday on 28 May. Unfortunately Christine has difficulty getting to Colton church but does manage to get to Rusland where the access is easier. Their gain is our loss.

More congratulations, to Rachael Dean and Russell Greally who were married in Colton Church on 11 June. We wish them both a very happy future together in somewhere called Leeds.

*** Following a recent funeral service a Blue Lightweight Anorak was left in church. If anyone knows who it belongs to could they please contact Susan King Tel: 01229 861 173. If you have been trying to contact Susan recently and failed it is due to the incompetence of BT, but what is new; their phone has been out of action for three weeks but happily they are now re- connected.

Most of you will know that William Mortimer better known as Postman Bill is shortly to retire. I have two complaints about Bill 1) he failed to get the 'Postman of the Year Award' which he so richly deserved and 2) he will persist in putting Monday's post through my letter box rather than in the dustbin and won't let me do it until he has gone. Bill is more than a postman he has been a social worker, friend and confidante.

To commemorate his service the good residents of Bouth will be making a presentation to him on his last round before retirement. Bill will be opening the letterbox by Chris Holden's house at **9.30am. on Friday 1 July**. We expect all those who have contributed and signed his card to be there and if you have forgotten or not got round to giving, please see Mrs May Lambert ASAP.

We are all going to miss him!!!

Judy/Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The June meeting was mercifully brief, after which we traipsed off, with fellas in tow, to Furness Abbey. The serene beauty and grandeur of the Abbey was enhanced by the most gorgeous summer evening. A delightful occasion was completed with a super meal at the 'Coot' in Urswick, which was, from time to time, noisy and hilarious. It was the men!

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 July, 7.15pm, Village Hall** when Mr. Brodie will be telling us about the 'South West of Ireland and the Ring of Kerry'. There will not be a meeting in **August**.

A trip is being planned to Tatton Park on **Friday 22 July**, details from Sec. Sue Smith Tel: 861 370.

Judging day for 'Cumbria in Bloom' is **Wednesday 20 July** so get your trowels ready and let's have the village, if not beautiful, at least spick and span.

Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

An evening of fun and games was enjoyed at our May meeting. After the 'Resolutions' members settled down to a few games of card bingo followed by a beetle drive which produced a lot of groans and laughter, especially at the strange looking creatures that were 'drawn'.

On **Tuesday 26 July, Lowick Sunday School, 7.30pm.** ladies are invited to come and listen to Jenny Case who will be giving her talk on 'Kitchen Antiques'. [The Editor has been assured that this does not refer to members of the W.I.]

Margaret.



A priest had spent a lot of time preparing a sermon and was disappointed to find a congregation of one elderly farmer.

He enquired if he would like to hear the sermon. 'If I took a bucket to the yard and only one hen turned up, I'd still feed her', said the farmer; so the priest delivered his long address.

Afterwards the farmer commented 'I said I would feed her, but I am blowed if I would give her the whole bucketful.'

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The monthly School publication 'First Friday' is now produced and written by the pupils and without sounding patronising, it is exceptionally well written and the humour and wit is quite adult.

In order to prepare pupils for the 'real world' a series of Mock Job Interviews are held for year 10 pupils. Comments from the interviewers was complementary – "Very impressed by the pupils and enjoyed meeting them. They were an excellent advertisement for Cartmel School."

The Friends are holding a 'SUMMER FASHION SHOW' on the evening of **Friday 1 July, 7.00pm.** when there will be 50% of retail prices.

The good news is that the school year ends on **Wednesday 20 July** and the not so good news is that the Autumn term starts on **Monday 5 September.**

Donald.



LEVEN VALLEY

May we take this opportunity to invite you to the grand opening of our new tiled entrance hall feature, on **Monday July 11th, at 3.00pm.**

Our Sports Day will be on **Monday 18th July at 1.30pm,** weather permitting.

The Leavers' Service will be on **Tuesday 19th July at 2.30pm.** Do join us for any of these occasions.

Our end of year visit is to Manchester airport, as part of a whole school topic on Flight. We're looking forward to it!

Good luck to our Year 6 children, as they move on to Cartmel Priory, and Dallam Schools. We'll miss you.

Susan.



Music

"What the English like is something they can beat time to, something that hits them straight on the drum of the ear."

Handel.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The following is a summary of the Chairman's Annual Report for the year 2004/05. A full version will be posted on your local notice board.

- It was formally agreed that we work towards becoming a Quality Parish Council. To achieve this status and maintain it, every member will need to undergo some formal training.
- A web site is being set up with links to other local groups which will help the council to keep residents informed of our activities.
- The parish plan working group continues to meet on a regular basis to constantly review the plan and work towards implementing those things identified as a need by the residents during the consultation.
- During the year we secured funding to replace old worn out notice boards around the parish. Funding came from The Lake District National Park (£3000) and Cumbria County Council's Local Committee for South Lakeland (£900). The first new boards are to be fixed in place during the next few weeks.
- During the year the council reviewed 33 planning applications, objected to 4 of these and raised concerns over certain aspects of 5 others.
- The council held 9 planned meetings during the year supported by district and the county councillors. The council welcomed Cllr Peter Harrington to the May meeting, Peter was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the sad death of Cllr Geoff Mather.
- After much debate and planning a budget was set to increase our precept by 2.5% for 2005/6 in line with inflation. This was subsequently raised by S. Lakeland to 12.5% to cover election costs.
- In addition to notice boards, future projects include; flower beds at Oxen Park and Lakeside, a new seat at Colton and also replanting a replacement tree in Rusland. It is hoped that other projects to improve our parish will be identified.
- The schedule for meeting dates for the year 2005/6 is available and copies of this and the minutes of each meeting can be requested from the Parish Clerk Judith Dove on 01229 885647.



Churchyard

Help is desperately needed to assist in cutting the grass in the churchyard. It is a labour of love but any volunteers, willing or not, would be much appreciated. Please contact Bonzo Tel:01229 861 437. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

- 1 July Postman Bill's Presentation – Post Box, Bouth – **9.30am.**
Cartmel School Fashion Show – **7.00pm.**
- 3 July Morning Worship/Family Service – **10.30am.** – Coffee in Hall after.
Thomas, Apostle
- 10 July Benefice Communion & Baptism – **Penny Bridge – 10.30am.**
- 11 July Leven Valley Entrance Hall opening – **3.00pm.**
- 13 July Bouth W I - Village hall – **7.15pm.**
- 14 July Marquee erection – Whitestock barn – **6.30pm**
- 16 July **Garden Fête – Old Vicarage – 2.00pm.**
- 17 July Extended Communion – **9.30am.**
- 18 July Leven Valley Sports Day – **1.30pm.**
- 19 July Leven Valley Leavers Service – **2.30pm.**
- 20 July Cumbria in Bloom Judging.
- 22 July **Mary Magdalene.**
Bouth W I trip to Tatton Park.
- 24 July Holy Communion – **9.30pm**
- 25 July **James, Apostle.**
- 26 July Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday school – **7.30pm.**
- 31 July Ecumenical Benefice Holy Communion – **Lowick – 10.30am.**



POSTSCRIPT

● When remembering Bill Jackson we should have told you that Molly is now in Elmhurst. We send our sympathy and good wishes to her and hope she is now comfortable.

LOCAL HISTORY

A little piece of local history was unveiled when Robin Higham, following the sale of Underfield, gave Roderick Smith an old estate map of Abbots Reading circa 1905 which covering an area from Haybridge to Pool Foot and the Leven Estuary.

The map was a touch fragile but has now been copied using the latest digital technology, laminated and mounted. It now hangs in Bouth Village Hall and is well worth a visit. The map is now on CD and so can be copied. Thanks are due to Roderick who did all the hard work and the hall committee who funded the project.

Roderick/Donald.

Services and Rotas for July

3rd	Thomas the Apostle		
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship & Baptism	
Readings:	First Reading	Habakkuk	2: 1-4
	Second Reading	Ephesians	2:19-22
	Gospel	John	20:24-29
Readers:	Colton	J Tarr	R Smith D A Wroe
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan
	Penny Bridge	TBA	
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& C Holden
	Lowick	E Phizacklea	
	Penny Bridge	TBA	
10th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity		
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am Benefice Communion & Baptism	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	55:10-13
	Second Reading	Romans	8: 1-11
	Gospel	Matthew	13:1-9, 18-23
Readers:		J Gregg	G Wemyss J Redhead
Sidesmen:		TBA	
	No service at Lowick and Colton		
17th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity		
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Extended Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am School Leavers Service	
Readings:	First Reading	Wisdom	12:13, 16-19
	Second Reading	Romans	8:12-25
	Gospel	Matthew	13:24-30, 36-43
Readers:	Colton	M Sanders	R Tarr B Watson
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell
	Penny Bridge	School	
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& M Campbell
	Lowick	A Wood	
	Penny Bridge	School	
24th	Ninth Sunday after Trinity		
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	1 Kings	3: 5-12
	Second Reading	Romans	8:26-39
	Gospel	Matthew	13:31-33, 44-52
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	A MacIver W Smith
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis
	Penny Bridge	TBA	
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& A MacIver
	Lowick	A Wood	
	Penny Bridge	TBA	
31st	Ecumenical Benefice Communion Service at Lowick 10:30am		