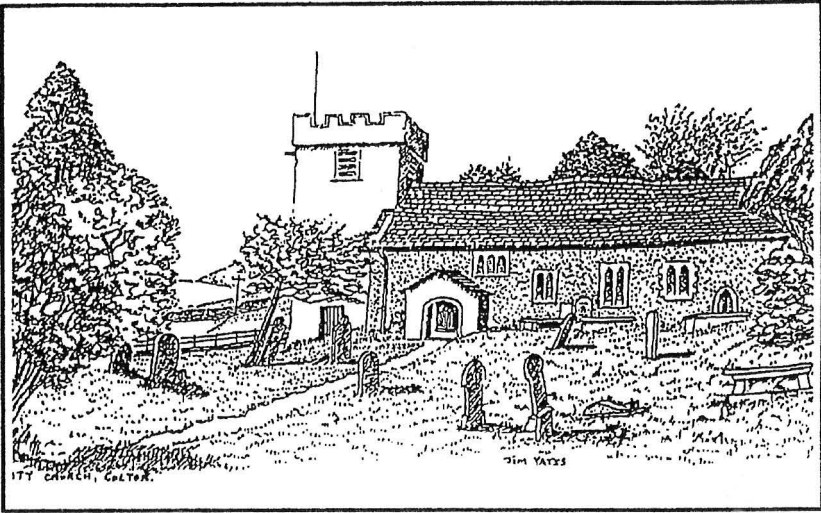




# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear friends*

### A MESSAGE FOR GOOD FRIDAY - 22 April

In my lifetime there has been amazing progress in technology – box cameras to digital, cars with starting handles to hybrids, tape recording spools to CDs, record turntables to I-pods and the whole I.T. phenomenon. But even I was astonished, one quiet Saturday morning in our Buckinghamshire Vicarage, to turn the page in the “Independent” and see a large advert by Canon Copiers saying, “Now that we have perfected the photocopier and the fax machine, we are researching the ‘teleporter’, which will atomize actual documents, pass them along the telephone wires, and reconstitute them at the other end.” “Wow!” I thought. “Whatever next?”

A page or two later I came upon an advert by Virgin Airlines. It said that their medical experts had advised them that drinking fizzy Champagne at high altitude could be dangerous, if the bubbles got into your bloodstream. So they had commissioned a special *flat* Champagne, which they were going to call “Chateau de Plateau”, for the safety of their passengers! “Hang on! Hang on!” I thought. “Champagne is made by co-operatives. *No* Champagne *anywhere* is called ‘Chateau de ...’ anything!” For some reason I then glanced at the *date* at the top of the page – Saturday *April 1<sup>st</sup>*!! I groaned, and went back to the front page, and sheepishly re-read an article that had so impressed me – about the French archaeologists who had unearthed the birthplace of Asterix the Gaul!!

Some of you may well be reading this on April Fool’s Day. Interestingly, the Bible suggests that there are *no* sides to foolishness:

“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God’. (Psalm 14:1)

Fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7)

The foolish rich man built bigger barns. (Luke 12:20)

The foolish man built his house on sand. (Matthew 7:26)

The foolish virgins ran out of oil. (Matthew 25:2)

But there is another side. *We* may be counted foolish for our Christian faith (1 Corinthians 1:27), and *we* may sometimes be called upon to be “Fools for Christ’s sake” (1 Corinthians 4:10). The apostle Paul writes: “For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

On **Good Friday**, the Local Churches will again be holding a procession of witness in **Greenodd**, starting at **10:30 a.m.** at the far end of **Main Street**, and with a short open-air service on the triangle outside the **Village Hall** (or inside, if wet!). You are cordially invited to attend.

*Yours sincerely*

*David*



## **HOLY WEEK**

**Good Friday:** In the afternoon there will be a Service of Meditation at **Penny Bridge Church, 2:00pm** comprising readings, prayers, hymns & music. All, of any denomination or even none at all, are welcome.

**Easter Day** is a day of rejoicing as Christ’s resurrection from the dead witnesses to his conquering of sin and the fear of death. There will be a service in each of the churches in the benefice – **9:30am at Lowick and Colton** and **11:00am at Penny Bridge**. I hope and pray that many of you will be able to worship with us on this important day in the church’s year.

*Gary.*



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

Unsurprisingly there has been some comment about the Church finances and queries about how we go about arranging to have work done on the fabric of the church and in the churchyard. Like any other enterprise whether in the private or public sector we follow good commercial practice and ask for competitive tenders but also like those bodies, we do not necessarily accept the lowest price. In certain circumstances where specialist work is concerned, the church being a listed building, the number of contractors available may be strictly limited.

Some may think that the PCC consists of well meaning people with little knowledge of the realities of life. Nothing could be further from the truth as there is professional expertise in the fields of management, finance and construction. There is an Annual Church meeting every year and if you think you can contribute any expertise why not be nominated for a place on our PCC. There is rarely an election as usually it is difficult to find people willing to put their names forward. There will be a form in church or contact a member of the present PCC. Do not worry about being proposed and seconded, it will be taken care of. It is called democracy!

The next APCM, as it is known, will be held on **Tuesday, 19 April in Church, 7:30pm.**

**Decorating the Church for Easter: Saturday 23 April (St. George's Day) 10:30am.** Contributions for the flowers would be more than welcome. Contact: Sue Smith, **Tel: 01229 861 370.**

**Christian Aid:** Twelve months ago we reported that after 30 years the Annual Christian Aid Lunch had come to an end; tears were shed. It was suggested that "it could be resumed if enough willing volunteers come forward." There are now tears of joy as prayers have been answered, a committee established with Judy Redhead at the helm and in an incredibly short space of time arrangements put in place for a **Soup & Cheese Lunch** to be held on **Tuesday 10 May, 12 noon 'til 2:00pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.** Tickets, a mere £5.

Usual ways of parting with your money so, the need of *Cakes, Books, Plants & Raffle Prizes*. In deference to the ladies there will be a 'Gin Board' rather than a 'Whisky Board'. Please contact Susan King, Tel: 01229 8610173.

**Weekly Donation Envelopes:** The 2011 weekly donation envelopes are now ready for distribution. Would those who have not previously used such envelopes let me know if they would like a booklet of them; a useful reminder for weekly giving for those who cannot attend church every Sunday. Our church badly needs your support. And would you consider including Colton Church in your Will? Contact Gordon Pickles – see inside front cover for details.

Finally there has been a wonderful response from nearly all of you for the payment for the magazine, some generously. If you have not yet paid please do, as we really need the money.

*Donald.*

## MOTHERS UNION

At our last meeting in Bouth Village Hall we were treated to a fascinating talk by Mrs. Wilton, an Optometrist from Dalton, on 'Vision Aid Overseas'. A team of Eye Specialists spent two weeks in Ethiopia not just to treat patients but more importantly to train local people to carry out minor eye procedures. Mrs. Wilton collected some unused spectacles and if anybody has any unused spectacles please take them to her at 80 Market Street, Dalton, They are urgently needed.

Our next meeting will be a Service **Colton Church, Tuesday 12 April, 2:00pm** followed by a Tea party and other branches have been invited.  
*Judy.*

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## PARISH NEWS

Apologies for spelling the Grindrod's name incorrectly last month; you cannot get the staff these days but one suspects the family are used to such errors. This editor certainly is, and it is hard to believe how many variations there are of spelling Wroe; perhaps the best and the least applicable is Wise.

There seems to be some improvement in those who are not so well; Tommy Woodburn is back home and Allan Lovegrove is 'striding' round Bouth with intent although, it must be said, not without some grumbling. The truth is that we sometimes expect too much from our Health Services.

Roderick Smith tells us that the 'Hay Bridge Nature Society' is to hold its **Annual General Meeting at Hay Bridge, Saturday 30 April, 2:00pm.**

Cathy Styles bids us to inform you that the 'Furness Bach Choir' will be performing Handel's 'Israel in Egypt' on **Saturday 9 April. St. James Church, Barrow, 7:30pm.** Tickets £10, students £5, 10% reduction if bought in advance at Sutton Books, Ulverston.

**St. Mary's Hospice:** A reminder that the Leven Valley Support Group are holding a fashion Show at the Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum on **Friday 8 April,**

Tickets will be £7 which includes entry into the Motor Museum between **6:00 & 7:00pm** for those who are interested and then a **7:30pm** start of the Fashion Show by kind permission of Mr Andrew Southcott. Tickets also include refreshments. Come along for a wonderful night out!

**Tickets available from Two by Two or by telephone prefix 015395, Sylvia Chadwick: 31685, Pam Harris: 31251, Dot Crabtree: 30132 & Marian Wilson: 31779.**

*Donald.*



## **BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE**

At our March meeting congratulations were given to Noreen Smith who has become a grandmother and to Linda Perkins for achieving 25 years of married bliss (ed. why no mention of husband Steve?). The other good news is that we now have 24 members.

Paul Tinning our speaker introduced his presentation 'Water Supplies in India' with Indian music and burning incense sticks. It all began when his son, Simon, went to West Bengal to teach English and Paul and his wife Sheila visited him. The villagers had to walk a great distance to collect water. Paul was struck by how friendly and generous the people were with what very little they had.

He showed slides of the area and of the village and folk that lived there. Everything seemed very colourful, but basic in the extreme with no plumbing or sanitation. Paul raised funds at home in the Furness area with family and friends and over a period of time managed to supply 90,000 litre tanks of fresh filtered drinking water, that would, in the end, benefit 1,700 people. He intends to return next year to put in a pumping system working on solar power. It does make you realise how very fortunate we are (mostly) in our lives here.

We grumble about the state of our roads in the winter, theirs get entirely swept away by the monsoons every year (the women rebuild them!)

Hazel Coates won the raffle and the competition won by Noreen Smith.

**Spring Walk & Cream Tea: Saturday 9 April, Bouth Village Hall, 1:00pm. Teas, 3:00pm(not before!).** Helpers are required to prepare and set out the Hall from **1:30pm** onwards.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 April, 7:15pm** when the speaker will be Tim Boardman, his subject, 'It's a Vet's life'. This is an open meeting which interpreted means, chaps you will be there, about 8:00pm. Competition, a Limerick, first line, 'There was a vet living in Bouth.' *Penny.*

## MORE CHURCH NEWS

**Confirmation 2011:** It may seem to be a bit premature to be talking of something that will not be happening until the end of November, but it is important that our candidates are given sufficient time to be properly prepared for what should be a very meaningful and committing declaration of their faith and desire to be worshipping members of the Church of England. To this end, Gary and I are collecting names of children and adults who would like to take this.

*Joanna.*



**Big Stories for Little People:** Big Stories for Little People has never really “taken off”, so I have come to the conclusion that this is not what God wants me to be doing at the moment. Gary and I have taken the decision to call it a day, at least for the time being, and put something else in place that will not require the same level of monthly commitment from our families. The few meetings that we have had together have been fun for the children and it is good to know that there is a core of interest that we can build on in the future. Watch this space!

In the meantime, JAM Club continues to prosper at Penny Bridge School and we are able to contribute to the Christian ethos of the school for which I am very grateful.

*Joanna.*



## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our former Lengthsman, Mr Slater, has decided not to renew his contract for the coming financial year, and we are very sorry to lose his services. This means that we are now looking for a replacement - please see the advertisement below.

There is still no information about how the Council is supposed to liaise with Highways under the new 'Better Highways' scheme. We are all dismayed at the bad state of our roads - especially along the Rusland beeches and the Newby Bridge to Finsthwaite road through Lakeside. Beware also the very large pothole under the flood at the 'field of pigs' above Ealinghearth; we are told that the Environment Agency are taking action in connection with the pollution here and that Highways cannot deal with the road surface until the flooding is solved. We have asked that they



place warning signs around the pothole. As always, to report defects, please use the Highways Hotline: 0845 609 6609.

We are chasing the issue of speed limits at Bouth and arranging a site visit with a traffic engineer from Highways. The issue seems to be whether Bouth qualifies as a 'village' and therefore subject to policy on speed limits through villages. Watch this space.

**Policing:** Sgt Stuart Flett came to explain the new neighbourhood policing arrangements at our last meeting. The 'Ulverston & Lakes' policing area now excludes Dalton and includes the Cartmel peninsula. The High Furness sub-area (which includes Colton) now has ten police officers and two support officers, including our former main contacts PC Baldwin and PCSO Diana Wilcock. PC Baldwin remains as wildlife protection officer. For non-urgent reporting, use the central call centre number (0845 3300247) or email [ulverston&lakesnpt@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:ulverston&lakesnpt@cumbria.police.uk)

Our next meeting is the **Annual Parish Open Meeting** followed by a **Parish Council** meeting on **Monday 28 March, 7:30pm** at **Rusland Reading Room**.



### **Colton Parish Council Seeking a New Lengthsman**

\* Colton Parish Council is seeking the services of a Lengthsman to work on a self-employed basis under contract with the Council for 2 days per month. The work includes cutting back vegetation, clearing gullies and headwalls, rodding blocked drains where possible, and cleaning signs. Applicants must have their own personal and public liability insurance, vehicle, tools and clothing.

The closing date for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> April. For further information, please contact the Clerk, Mandy Lane, on 01229 861408 or by email on [coltonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:coltonpc@btinternet.com). \*



### **OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB**

The last show of the season will be '*The Asgard Project*' and will be a supper evening. **Saturday 2 April, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms**. For more information contact Carol McNeill Tel: 01229 861 507.

## The Croft Surgery Penny Bridge

Dr Moore will be retiring in April 2011 and we would like to wish him a well-deserved happy retirement.

Dr John Adams will take over as lead GP here and join with Dr Frey who will continue to work on Fridays. Deena will continue as practice manager/dispenser and Moira will continue as receptionist.

An appointment only system will commence on the **4 April** with surgeries available with either Dr John Adams or Dr Frey. This is probably the biggest change that most people will notice. It should ensure that patients get to see the doctor without a long wait and at a time convenient to themselves. We will be monitoring the availability of appointments to ensure that there are enough available to meet demand

We hope to be employing a practice nurse who will be able to do dressings, smears and ECGs as well as the routine management of illnesses such as asthma and diabetes.

§ Over the coming months The Croft Surgery will work in close co-operation with Haverthwaite Surgery. The aim is to improve services for patients at both surgeries. It is hoped that once the IT systems have been merged patients will be able to attend either surgery and that some services could be shared such as minor surgery, nurse and counsellor. It will also ensure that the telephones are manned from 8 am to 6.30 pm on working days

Bookable appointments and telephone consultations can now be made; to make an appointment please phone 01229 861 249. Appointments will be allocated in 10 minute slots.

| <i>Monday</i>                           | <i>Tuesday</i>                          | <i>Wednesday</i>                      | <i>Thursday</i>                         | <i>Friday</i>                          |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <i>Dr Adams</i><br><i>08:30-11:00am</i> | <i>Dr Adams</i><br><i>08:00-10:00am</i> | <i>Dr Adams</i><br><i>11:00am-1pm</i> | <i>Dr Adams</i><br><i>08:00-09:30am</i> | <i>Dr Frey</i><br><i>08:30-10:20am</i> |
| <i>Dr Adams</i><br><i>4pm-5:30pm</i>    | <i>Dr Adams</i><br><i>4pm-5:30pm</i>    | <i>Dr Adams</i><br><i>4pm-5:30pm</i>  | <i>Half Day</i>                         | <i>Dr Frey</i><br><i>3:50pm-5:50pm</i> |

## Services and Rotas for April

|                        |                                              |                       |                                   |             |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>Mothering Sunday</b>                      |                       |                                   |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                       | 9:30am                | Communion                         |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                       | 10:30am               | Morning Worship + Baptism         |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                 | 11:00am               | Morning Worship                   |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                | 1 Samuel              | 1:20-28                           |             |
|                        | Second Reading                               | Colossians            | 3:12-17                           |             |
|                        | Gospel                                       | Luke                  | 2:33-35                           |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                       | E Fleming             | M Sanders                         | S King      |
|                        | Lowick                                       | A Naylor              | & W Keegan                        |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | School                |                                   |             |
| Sidespersons:          | Colton                                       | S King                | & N Priestley                     |             |
|                        | Lowick                                       | S Wood                |                                   |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | B Law, J Law & School |                                   |             |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>                  |                       |                                   |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                       | 10:30am               | Benefice Communion + Baptism      |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                | Ezekiel               | 37: 1-14                          |             |
|                        | Second Reading                               | Romans                | 8: 6-11                           |             |
|                        | Gospel                                       | John                  | 11: 1-45                          |             |
| Readers:               |                                              | M Calvert             | P Ashton                          | I Pirnie    |
| Sidespersons:          |                                              | S Dean                | & M Sanders                       |             |
|                        | <b>No service at Lowick and Penny Bridge</b> |                       |                                   |             |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Palm Sunday</b>                           |                       |                                   |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                       | 9:30am                | Communion                         |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                       | 9:30am                | Communion                         |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                 | 11:00am               | Communion                         |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                | Isaiah                | 50: 4-9a                          |             |
|                        | Second Reading                               | Philippians           | 2: 5-11                           |             |
|                        | Gospel                                       | Matthew               | 27:11-54                          |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                       | R Tarr                | P Priestley                       | R Smith     |
|                        | Lowick                                       | B Mitchell            | & G Mitchell                      |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | M Henderson           | S James                           | D Lancaster |
| Sidespersons:          | Colton                                       | R Smith               | & P Priestley                     |             |
|                        | Lowick                                       | A Wood                |                                   |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | R Atkinson            | & W Greatorex                     |             |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Monday in Holy Week</b>                   | 7:30pm                | Communion at Lowick               |             |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b>                  | 7:30pm                | Communion at Colton               |             |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>                | 7:30pm                | Communion at Penny Bridge         |             |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Maundy Thursday</b>                       | 7:30pm                | Communion at Lowick               |             |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Good Friday</b>                           | 10:30am               | Act of Witness – Greenodd Village |             |
|                        |                                              | 2:00pm                | Devotional – Penny Bridge Church  |             |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Easter Day</b>                            |                       |                                   |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                       | 9:30am                | Communion                         |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                       | 9:30am                | Communion                         |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                 | 11:00am               | Communion                         |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                | Acts                  | 10:34-43                          |             |
|                        | Second Reading                               | Colossians            | 3: 1-4                            |             |
|                        | Gospel                                       | Matthew               | 28: 1-10                          |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                       | J Tarr                | B Watson                          | D Wroe      |
|                        | Lowick                                       | J Davis               | & D Gregg                         |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | C Sadler              | C Styles                          | E Wemyss    |
| Sidespersons:          | Colton                                       | S Smith               | & N Priestley                     |             |
|                        | Lowick                                       | G Mitchell            |                                   |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | D Lancaster           | & J Lancaster                     |             |

## DIARY DATES

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



2 April Oxen Park Cinema Club, Film & Supper, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.

3 April **Mothering Sunday, Family Morning Worship + Baptism, 10:30am.**

8 April St. Mary's Hospice Fashion Show, Motor Museum, 7:00/7:30pm.

9 April Bouth W I Spring Walk & Cream Tea, Walk, 1:00pm, Tea 3:00pm.

Bach Concert, St. James Church, Barrow, 7:30pm.

10 April **Benefice Holy Communion + Baptism, Colton, 10:30am.**

12 April Mothers Union, Service, Colton Church, 2:00/2:30pm.

13 April Bouth W I Monthly Meeting, Village Hall, 7:15pm.

17 April **Palm Sunday, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**

19 April APCM, Colton Church, after Holy Communion, 7:30pm.

22 April **Good Friday, Procession, Greenodd, 10:30am.**  
**Service of Meditation, Penny Bridge, 2:00pm.**

23 April **St. George - Decorating the Church, 10:30am.**

24 April **Easter Day, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**

25 April **Mark the Evangelist.**

30 April Hay Bridge Nature Society, A G M - Hay Bridge, 2:00pm.



## EASTER

Every year people ask why the date of Easter does change and the simple answer is that it is connected to the Jewish Festival of Passover which commemorates the Exodus and is celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month of Nisan in the Jewish calendar. Unfortunately this calendar is based on the lunar system whilst our calendar is based on the time it takes for the earth to circumnavigate the sun.

Something had to be done and in the year 325 A D it was established that Easter Sunday would, forever more, fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. The reason Easter is late this year is that the equinox, 20 March falls one day after a full moon the next full moon being 18 April. I told you it was simple. *Donald.*



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