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Dear friends

Whenever it is my “turn” to write this letter to you all, I sit and wonder who will be reading it when the magazine comes out.

Some of you know me well and worship with me in the churches in the benefice but the great majority of you either know me because you have met me elsewhere than church or wouldn't know me if you met me in the street! Some of you share my belief in our wonderful Creator God and some of you don't - so you are a really mixed audience and finding a message that will resonate with all of you is never easy!

This month I want to ask all of you to think why you take this little magazine? Is it for information? - For local news? - For dates for your diary? - To keep in touch with the church maybe?I would like to think that it is for the pearls of theological wisdom contained in these little letters – but I rather doubt it!

Whatever your reason, I am asking you now to think about my message today because it concerns something that is very dear to my heart, and that is your peace of mind and your sense of well-being and purpose in what sometimes feels like a mad and chaotic world. Things that seem in short supply but are amongst the many benefits that Christian faith in God can bring you.

This month, for a week from **Sunday February 10**, Bishop James is coming to help the people in the churches in this area celebrate and share their Christian faith with others. As Christians we know we don't have all the answers to life's problems but we do have a good road map to help us find our way and it is this that we would love to share with all of you.

If you wonder what other good things Christians have that non-Christians don't have, please come to some of the events that we have planned for. If you wonder what other good things Christians have that non-Christians don't have, please come to some of the events that we have planned for that week and find out. I promise that you won't be "nobbled", "preached at" or "cornered". If all you want is a cup of coffee and a chat to see what a Bishop is really like (warm, friendly and easy to be with) come along on **Monday 11 February** to Greenodd Village Hall between **10.00 a.m.** and **11.30 a.m.** for coffee or to our other activities planned throughout the week, culminating on **Sunday 24 February 10.30 a.m.**, starting with coffee and croissants and then some less formal, relaxed worship.

And to those of you who already worship with us, we need you to come as well – **because without you Christ can achieve nothing in this world** – remember..... you are the body of Christ as head of the Church. Although there will be a **9.30 a.m. Eucharist** on the morning of the **17th at Colton** I will be there to encourage any of you who attend to join me in going down to **Greenodd at 10.30 a.m.** for coffee and croissants followed by what we hope will be a truly inspirational time of worship with Bishop James.

See you there!

With love and prayers from your sister in Christ,

Joanna



LENT COURSE

Lent is very early this year – **Ash Wednesday is the 6th February** – and so I invite you to join us in looking at the Diocesan Course – *Growing in Generosity*. Apart from the first session (on **Ash Wednesday**) we will start at **7:30pm and end at 9:00pm (9:30pm for Ash Wednesday)**.

The six sessions and venues are:

The Generosity of God	6th Feb	Penny Bridge School
Growing more like Jesus	13th Feb	Colton Church Hall
Generosity in practice in the Church	20th Feb	Lowick Farm House

Generosity between churches	27th Feb	Penny Bridge School
Generosity within our Communities	5th Mar	Colton Church Hall
Sharing our Faith	12th Mar	Lowick Farm House

The course is open to anyone interested – not only church attendees – and if you would like to join the group, please contact the vicar (01229 861285) to register.

If any one feels a day time group would be helpful, please let me know.

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COLTON CHRONICLES

Herod is back in his palace quietly gnashing his teeth whilst Joseph and family have, equally quietly, moved to Egypt, the five golden rings are back in hock until next Christmas and the mouse that found a haven in our crib has departed. The Bleak Mid-winter is upon us although thankfully snow did not fall on snow but you might have thought it would if you attended the Blue Peter Carol Service when it was so cold that Christina Rossetti's carol, which was not sung, would have been most appropriate.

From time to time we hear the plea of 'where is the vicar?' Recent figures show that in 1900 there were 24,000 full time priests in the UK whereas now there are 9,000, most with three or more parishes to care for. Added to which our man is also Rural Dean which means he has another eighteen or so parishes to oversee and ensure that each has a service every Sunday.

For this work the Rev'd. Gary Wemyss is deservedly to be made a Canon - an Anglican one not a 'loose one', which has three ns – although!! There is to be a service in the cathedral, so watch this space.

A curate's work is never done and Joanna has been hard at work over the Christmas period not only taking Holy Communion to Colton House but also organised a mini Carol Service with all the trimmings and played the keyboard. Christine led the prayers, Susan reading and supported by Wendy, Peter, Barbara and Ruth. The rest of us are searching for excuses.

Susan King is yet another of our quiet tireless workers, and not just in our parish; recently she organised a 12 hour swim raising over £1,000 for Rusland and Satterthwaite and is threatening to do the same for Colton.

Susan wishes to thank all the swimmers and ‘Cascades’ for their cooperation. It is always odd that those who work the hardest always want to thank others; big thank you Susan.

It is also odd that whilst so many supported the move of Colton into the new benefice how few attend Benefice Services which is a pity as the Confirmation Service at Egton led by the Bishop was both moving and uplifting, the bishop being in fine form and preaching a memorable and forthright sermon.

There is a nagging thought in the fragile mind of this editor that something is missing and knows not what. Clearly a case of déjà vu. Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

27 January Mrs. M Lambert

3 February Mrs. M Lambert

10 February Lent

2 March Mothering Sunday

COFFEE

3 February Mrs. S Dean + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

Our first meeting of the New Year was held in Haverthwaite Parish Room when the Revd. Canon Peter Calvert spoke to us about his ministry of 25 years in Todmorden. We all enjoyed his talk and look forward to hearing more and we thank him very much for coming. We remembered Stella Hartley who sadly died at the end of November.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12 February 2.00 pm.** In **Bouth Village Hall** when our speaker will be Mrs Mary Newman, her subject – “Teaching – A Vocation?” Wendy.



Organ – “*A mythical instrument part man part beast, known to inhabit churches.*”

PARISH NEWS

The perennial lamentation has, like the daffodils outside my house, flowered early this year. "That the Parish News is only about Bouth". Not true and only appears so because we only print the information that is given to us and the good burghers of Bouth are more forthcoming. This editor spends an inordinate amount of time on the telephone trying to fill these pages.

So, if there is anything you think of as of interest please let me know, preferably by email or a note, as the casual remark is likely to be forgotten by this ancient scribe.

The Carols on the Green, yes, in Bouth, on Christmas Eve was well attended as usual but charity was a little lacking as the collection for the Hospice was a little less than before but still a creditable £171.41. Our thanks to Kath and Nigel Barton, hosts of the White Hart, for warming everyone up, with mulled wine and mince pies. Much appreciated.

Sadly Christine Dobson is seriously ill in hospital and although she is still weak she is showing remarkable spirit; those of us privileged to know Christine are hardly surprised. Our thoughts and prayers are with her in this time of need. They are also with Cynthia Burns who, at the time of writing, is in Colton House and Michael Taylor from Greenodd who is also seriously ill.

A very warm, if belated, parish welcome to Jane and Nick Chaloner who recently moved from East Sussex to High Haybridge. Jane is the niece of Tissie Fooks the founder of Hay Bridge Nature Reserve. We hope you will be happy and contented in this beautiful part of England where the natives are not only friendly but caring and loving.

It is sad to have to tell you of the death of Mrs. Kaye Marsh who lived in Rose Cottage, Bouth for around 17 years before moving closer to her family in Ulverston. She was a most gracious and gentle lady involving herself in the W I and Hay Bridge making endless refreshments for the 'dos' held there. She always had time and patience for everyone and was very proud of her family and many grandchildren. Sadly her final years were at Hollow Oak. She will be much missed by all those who knew her.

The Church, as usual, was beautifully decorated for Christmas and we thank all those, men and women, who spent their time and used their skills to such good effect. We also thank Mr. & Mrs. Miner of Underfield for the trees both in the church and on Bouth Village Green.

Congratulations and best wishes to Marion Brown and David Hamer of London & Bouth who did the unfashionable thing in December and got married. Apparently the motive was that Marion did not like her surname; one supposes there are worse reasons.

It is not only the church that lacks support for the A G M of the Bouth Village Hall was attended by only ten or so good citizens out of the 160 or so who live in the hamlet. Everyone wants the Hall to continue and a little support would be welcome. The only change is that Donald Wroe has stepped down as chairman after ten years and Alan Lovegrove has graciously consented to take over.

Judy, Susan + Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The Christmas Party was its usual success and our thanks are due to all those who pitched in to decorate the Hall, the splendid caterers who we have already booked for next year, Donald for the wine (excellent and in three flavours!) The Bouth Belles and Neville, without whom we could not manage. Rudolph with his red nose will be back next year.

The January meeting was also a huge success when Mrs. Jennifer Snell gave a fascinating talk “The Hearts of Oak”, the story of a Morecambe Bay Prawner built at Greenodd, with some wonderful photographs. It was an open evening and it was lovely to see the Village Hall packed with everybody enjoying a superb evening.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 February 7.15pm., Village Hall.** The speaker will be the redoubtable Ron Mein on “The History of Bouth” and the Competition will be a limerick starting with ‘There was a young lady of Bouth’.

There are plans afoot to resurrect the ‘W I Spring Walk & Cream Tea’. The exact date will be announced later.

Penelope.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

In December the Council said farewell to Judith Dove, Clerk for the last five years; over this period she has set all round high standards particularly in developing the website (www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk). Our thanks and appreciation were shown at a get-together at the Manor.

We welcome our new clerk: Ms. Mandy Lane, Lilac Cottage, Oxen Park, Ulverston, LA 12 8HG. Tel: 01229 861 408. coltonpc@btinternet.com

We now have an Affordable Housing Working Group which will consider the findings of the recent survey; information from the clerk or website. The Council have been delighted to accept the provision of a seat donated by David Oldham, including a plaque, in memory of his wife Ann. It will be placed on the Bouth Road out of Oxen Park offering one of Ann's favourite views.

The Parish Plan and 'Community Statement' is to be updated and we need your views. A short questionnaire will be sent out with the Parish Newsletter. The next meeting is on **Monday 18 February, 7.30pm. Bouth Village Hall.**

Mandy.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

A long and busy autumn term ended with our celebrations of Christmas and the end of the school term. The school's Priory Service on the last Thursday morning was led by Father Robert who gave a moving talk on homeless children and the importance of charities such as the Children's Society. This was followed later in the day by a traditional Christmas dinner with the prefects serving the other students and staff at their tables, with some of the school's musicians providing a festive musical background.

Lessons ended the next day at lunchtime (Friday) and in the afternoon the children were treated to an excellent talent show with a tremendous variety of performances from children in all year groups. In a fitting finale our two German visitors Vanessa and Christina were voted the best KS4 act for a fabulous duet on violin and piano. This was a perfect way to end the term they spent with us. They made so many friends in the school I am sure they

will never forget Cartmel Priory and we will certainly remember them. It was lovely to send the children and staff off for a well deserved. Paul.



CINEMA CLUB

Our Program for February is the showing of three films:-

- 1) **Tuesday 5 February** - *Little Miss Sunshine* at **Rusland**
- 2) **Wednesday 6 February** - *Notes On A Scandal* - a WordMarket Festival Event. Jack Bradley (ex Director of the National Theatre) will talk about the book and film followed by the film with Judy Dench and Cate Blanchett.

This will be held at **The Coronation Hall 7.30pm.** start. Usual prices £3 members £4.50 non members. Look out for WordMarket publicity as well.

- 3) **Saturday 23 February, 4.00pm.** - B - *Barnyard* at **Colton.** Our last children's film of the season. B. ONLY £1.

And for your diary - **4 March** *Amazing Grace* at **Finsthwaite.** Also showing is Tim Fleming's acclaimed (in the Gazette) film about modern slavery in the form of a selling pairs of trousers.!

We have had three very successful Saturday Supper Special films this season - if you have missed them then look out for more of them later in the year. Carol.



Prima Donna – *The most important female role in opera. This is, of course, largely a matter of opinion. Derived from an Italian phrase that may roughly be translated as “pain in the neck”, although some have a lower opinion.*

Wrong Notes – *It must be understood that this is a relative term, and applies only to those examples performed by someone else.*



DIARY DATES

- 2 February **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas.**
- 5 February Cinema Club, Rusland.
- 6 February **Ash Wednesday** – Lent Course, Penny Bridge School, 7.30pm.
Cinema Club, Coronation Hall, 7.30pm.
- 10 February Start of Mission Week
- 11 February “Meet the Bishop” – Greenodd Village Hall, 10 – 11.00am. +Coffee.
- 12 February Mothers Union, Bouth Village Hall, 2.00pm.
- 13 February Lent Course, Colton Church Hall, 7.30pm.
Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7.15pm.
- 14 February St. Valentine – Do not forget the card!!!
- 17 February Coffee & Croissants – Greenodd Village Hall, 10.30am.
- 18 February Colton Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- 20 February Lent Course, Lowick Farm House, 7.30pm.
- 23 February Cinema Club, Colton Church hall, 4.00pm.
- 27 February Lent Course, Penny Bridge School, 7.30pm.
- 5 March Lent Course, Colton Church Hall, 7.30pm.
- 12 March Lent Course, Lowick Farm House, 7.30pm.



*“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.”*

Christina Rossetti

