



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

A question of Survival, or Revival?

As I write this article a number of the benefice, those on Diocesan Synod, will be preparing to go to what is probably the most important synod this century so far. Sadly it is about money.

The diocese has used most of its reserves; many deaneries are struggling to pay their parish share and many parishes are using up their reserves, or have done so already. As Rural Dean I receive letters from parishes explaining why they can no longer pay their share in full and I have sympathy because in different ways our benefice is no different.

Parish Share has gone up in large leaps for many parishes including our own with double figure increases in parts of the benefice. Each church is suffering in different ways but the problems at Egton-cum-Newland are the greatest. For the last two years almost ten thousand pounds of reserves have been used to pay the Parish Share, not because of mismanagement, but due to a dwindling supply of regular givers, and rising costs.

Throughout the centuries people in the parishes have been extremely generous in their giving to support the church building, the mission and ministry, the social and community work and all other aspects of the Christian life.

Today is no different and at Egton-cum-Newland, for example, substantial amounts of money have been raised in the Parish to fund essential repairs (re-roofing) and improvements (disabled access toilet) over the last few years. Without the generosity of parishioners these works could never have been done and in some cases would have threatened the survival of the church.

Now the churches in our benefice are facing a new challenge and the situation at Egton-cum-Newland is most at risk. We are not talking closure but the challenge of engaging new people in its life and work, to ensure it has the resources to face the future.

This is not just about bricks and mortar but about people. The church stands as a focal point in the Parishes for many momentous occasions – weddings, funerals and baptisms, Christmas, Harvest and Easter - but without people it is just an empty shell with a lot of slates and stones that need warming and maintaining.

The Good News about Jesus Christ is exciting. It has touched and still touches the hearts and lives of many people. As well as the celebrations mentioned above we want to share the Good News, in school, where we visit, in the pubs and throughout the benefice.

In part the money needed is to keep the building open for those celebrations; in part it is to pay for the vicar; in part it is to provide to share the Good News but mainly we should want to give as a response to God's many gifts to us in our lives.

Joanna Henson

Many will be aware that Joanna Henson (reader in the benefice) is to be ordained on **Sunday 24th September at 10:30am in Carlisle Cathedral**. I hope that many people will make the journey to Carlisle to support Joanna but it is essential that the numbers are known well in advance. Please let either Joanna or Donald Wroe (01229 861275) know by Sunday 17th August.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



My Favourite Bible Passage

The worst physical calamity I have ever suffered was breaking my left leg. It happened on Saturday 1st March 1969 (St. David's Day!) on Stickle Pike, above Ulpha, when a rock (which I was pushing) fell sideways and shattered it. Eventually they got me to the North Lonsdale Hospital in

Barrow, and on Sunday morning, groggy and in some considerable pain, I half-heartedly tuned in to the Morning Service on the BBC, expecting some less-than-helpful anodyne offering. But instead, by the grace of God, it was a fellow “David”, (David Watson) from St. Cuthbert’s, York with a message that seemed directly for me. It was based on **Psalms 34**.

“I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
Let the afflicted hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His Name together!
I sought the LORD, and He answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
Look to Him and be radiant;
So their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around
those who fear Him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the LORD is good!
Happy is the man who takes refuge in Him!”

And it goes on with other verses, such as:

“The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous,
and His ears toward their cry.”

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
And saves the crushed in spirit.”

and, “The LORD redeems the life of His servants;
None of those who take refuge in Him
will be condemned.”

According to its preamble the psalm was written when David was at his very lowest ebb. He had fled for his life from Saul, and taken refuge with the King of Gath, who had then also turned on him, and he had escaped, alone, to the cave of Adullam. When, like me, you bear the name of “David” (I was actually named after an (honorary) Jewish Uncle who was directly named after him) and come to grief on St. David’s Day, and then receive such a word from the LORD at the hand of a fellow “David”, as I

did on that morning, it does become something very personal and special. The name “David” means “beloved” (as in “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased”), and that morning I was overwhelmed with a wonderful sense that I was in my Heavenly Father’s care, which comes back to me every time I turn to this lovely Psalm. (I do have to admit, though, that I was *not* over impressed with *one* of David’s sentiments. Verse 20 says, “He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken”! Still, 21 verses out of 22 can’t be bad!) David.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Since the Benefice of Colton, Lowick & Penny Bridge was formed in March 2003 its success has surprised many, even the doubters, including this editor. There is a warmth, love and friendship between the parishes that has exceeded all expectations and the Crake has proved a link rather than a barrier. Much of this success is down to our Vicar who has worked hard to weld us together, often when not in the best of health.

It is such a pity then that our benefice services are not always as well attended as they might be; they seem to be getting like the fifth Sunday of the month – an excuse to have a morning off. At our Patronal Festival on Trinity Sunday there was a good turnout but not **from Colton**. Less than a dozen were present and frankly that is not good enough.

Colton Church is a special church in a special place and needs supporting, not just with money, although plenty of that is needed, but also with your presence on a Sunday. One hour a week is hardly too much to ask!

One suspects that most do not know that our parish, as well as being in the Diocese of Carlisle, is also in the Windermere Deanery, which stretches from Flookburgh to Langdale and from Staveley & Ings to Hawkshead and down to Colton.

The other two parishes are in the Furness Deanery which goes from Rampside to Coniston and Penny Bridge to Broughton; our Vicar is Rural Dean. Now we have integrated so well it is a little inconvenient for Colton to be in a different deanery to the other two parishes so moves are afoot to move Colton into the Furness deanery,

Formal consultation processes will be put in hand but if anyone has any views, for or against, could you please let your editor know. For contact details see inside cover.

- There has been another PCC meetings and once again the question of updating the Memorial Stone for those whose Ashes are interred was raised. Please let the Vicar know ASAP if anyone wants to have a name or names inscribed!!!!

The grass in the churchyard has, recently, resembled a hayfield and people have grumbled, although they have been a bit shy of coming forth with their mowers. It has now been cut but we do have a problem and are attempting to get quotations for regular mowing as voluntary help is scarce.

Garden Fête

Saturday 15 July, Old Vicarage, 2.00pm start. But before, the marquee has to be erected, so all and any able bodied persons are needed on the previous **Thursday evening, 13 July, 6.30pm. at Whitestock Barn.**

- **On the day** Cakes etc for the Teas & Cake stall also plants and produce.
- **Before** 'Bits' for the Tombola, Books, Toys and 'Nearly New' (NO rubbish) to Judy.
- **Importantly** your presence is requested, nay, needed on the day; this is the Church's big and only fundraising event – please make it a huge success.

August/September

We have ten issues of the Parish News each year leaving out the months of January and September. The latter seems a little odd so this year there will not be an issue in August but there will be one in September. As the Vicar does not like you to be ignorant of church affairs the 'Egton & Lowick Advertiser' will, no doubt, be distributed in Colton. Donald/Judy.



COFFEE ROTA

July Mrs. Barbara Watson + Helpers

FLOWER ROTA

2 July Mrs. Wendy Smith

9 July Mrs. Margaret Campbell

16 July Mrs. Margaret Campbell

23 July Mrs. Ruth Pearson

30 July Mrs. Ruth Pearson



MOTHERS UNION

On 25 May, Colton & Leven Valley members joined Rampside with a service in church followed by lovely refreshments.

Our outing took place on Tuesday 13 June when we spent time looking round St. Thomas's church, Crosscrake together with their M.U. members. Later we all went to Eaves Hotel, viewing the gardens before having a delicious afternoon tea. We were blessed with glorious weather.

There will not be any meetings in **July & August**. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 6 September**, with a service at **Rusland Church, 2.00pm**.

Wendy.



PARISH NEWS

We hear that Betty Hall, from Bouth, is poorly and in hospital but according to visitors, is improving and hopes to be home before long. Our best wishes and prayers to out to our friend.

Celebrations in the Redhead household as son Guy was married to Sally Bowden at Osmotherly church, Broughton Beck on Saturday 27 May. We send our congratulations, best wishes and pray for a long and good marriage.

All change, as we say a fond and sad farewell to Connie and Paul Rushworth who are defecting from Bouth to Manchester ere long. Most outside Bouth perhaps will not know them as they regularly worship at St. Mary's, Ulverston but they have supported Colton events and been a strength in the village; we shall miss them.

Donald.

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The matriarch syndrome continues as Catherine Ashworth from Wigan has been appointed Deputy Head. As a member of the administrative staff remarked, somewhat pointedly and unnecessarily, “*Men can’t manage!*” She was female, of course. Catherine teaches history & drama.

Congratulations to Head Girl, Amy Doffegnies, who wrote an extended article, on inequality in the world, for a magazine competition winning a prize of a visit to Mozambique to see the work of World Vision.

Five teams successfully took part in Netball & Football competitions in Lloret de Mar, Spain. They also received coaching from England netball players and Premiership Academy football coaches. Donald.

LEVEN VALLEY

Our end of year topic is “fabulous birds and animals”, and we are holding a “Pets Service” **at 2.45pm on Wednesday 28 June**. All pets and people are welcome!

To fit in with the topic, our end of year visit is to Dalton Wildlife park.

We have done a lot of work in the school garden this year, and to celebrate this we are having a **“Garden Open Afternoon” on Tuesday 11 July, starting at 2.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend, and a big thank you to all who have helped us in any way.

As if there isn’t enough football on television, we are holding our own World Cup on **Thursday 13 July from 6.00pm until 8.00pm**. We are going to have a five a side tournament of mixed teams of adults and children, and a barbeque. Again, all are welcome.

Do join us for our Leavers Service in school on **Wednesday 19 July at 2.30pm**.

Good luck in the future and best wishes to our Year 6 pupils, who are to continue their studies at Cartmel and Dallam Schools. Sue.

“Example is the school of mankind, and they will learn at no other.”

Edmund Burke.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

A good evening was enjoyed by members, husbands and friends on the occasion of our Annual outing, which this year was to the gardens of Graythwaite Hall followed by a meal at the Anglers.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 12 July, Village Hall, 7.15pm.** Ex-postie Bill Mortimer will reminisce, knowing Bill, it will be a good evening.

Spring Walk – Will be held a little later this year – on **August Bank Holiday. £4.00** including a delicious Cream Tea. Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our May meeting we discussed resolutions a) Renewable Energy and b) Sport for a Healthy Population. They were both voted to go forward to the A G M in Cardiff.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25 June, Lowick Sunday School, 7.30pm.** Barbara.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The second of our quarterly newsletter is being delivered to every home in the Colton Parish. If anyone else would like a copy the clerk would be pleased to pass one on to them. After the first edition, there was positive feedback, mainly about the photographs of the councillors, as until then many people said that they didn't know who their councillors were! Now all is revealed, we hope that you will feel that councillors can be approached with any concerns you may have that affect you and the parish. As you know, we are working towards Quality Parish, and good communications are a vital prerequisite. The next parish council meeting is on **10 July at Finsthwaite Village Hall at 7.30pm.** Judith.

RUSLAND SHOW SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

Entries for the Show have to be with Secretary Jon Woddy by **Saturday 12 August.** Schedules and entry forms from any member of the committee or the secretary, Tel: 015395 31928. Giles.

DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 2 July **Family Service – 10.30am.** (Joanna). Coffee to follow.
16 July **Extended Communion – 9.30am.** (Joanna).
23 July **Communion – 9.30am.** (Gary).



Other Dates

- 3 July **Thomas the Apostle.**
12 July Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
13 July Erection of Marquee – Whitestock Barn – 6.30pm
15 July **Garden Fête – Old Vicarage- 2.00pm.**
16 July **Benefice Communion – Penny Bridge – 10.00am.** (Gary).
17 July P C C – Church Hall – 7.30pm.
22 July **Mary Magdalene**
25 July **James the Apostle**
Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
28 July Leven Valley School ‘Pets Service’ – 2.45pm.
30 July **Ecumenical Benefice Communion – Penny Bridge – 10.30am.** (David).



Oxen Park Cinema Club

The new program for 2006/2007 should be out for **The Rusland Show on 19th August.** Come and visit us and pick up a copy. The **AGM** is on the following **Tuesday (22nd) at Rusland Reading Room** when we hope to have some sort of film attraction to bring in the crowds - watch out for posters.

All updates and activities will be on the website:
www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk Carol.



“The ear of jealousy heareth all things.”

Solomon.

Services and Rotas for July

2nd	Third Sunday after Trinity				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am Morning Worship			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Communion			
Readings:	First Reading	Wisdom	1:13-55, 2:23-24		
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	8:	7-15	
	Gospel	Mark	5:	21-43	
Readers:	Colton	B Johnson	E Fleming	J Redhead	
	Lowick	W Keegan& A Naylor			
	Penny Bridge	TBA			
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	E Phizacklea			
	Penny Bridge	TBA			
9th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity				
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am Benefice Communion			
Readings:	First Reading	Ezekiel	2: 1-5		
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	12:	2-10	
	Gospel	Mark	6:	1-13	
Readers:	TBA				
Sidesmen:	TBA				
	No service at Lowick and Colton				
16th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity				
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am Communion			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am Extended Communion			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am Morning Worship – School Leavers			
Readings:	First Reading	Amos	7: 7-15		
	Second Reading	Ephesians	1:	3-14	
	Gospel	Mark	6:	14-29	
Readers:	Colton	G Pickles	J Pickles	M Sanders	
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	School			
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	A Wood			
	Penny Bridge	Schoolx			
23rd	Sixth 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	Jeremiah	23: 1-6		
	Second Reading	Ephesians	2:	11-22	
	Gospel	Mark	6:	30-34, 53-56	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	D Wroe	R Tarr	
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis		
	Penny Bridge	TBA			
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA			
	Lowick	F Inman			
	Penny Bridge	TBA			
30th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity				
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am Ecumenical and Benefice Service			
Readings:	First Reading	2 Kings	4:42-44		
	Second Reading	Ephesians	3:	14-21	
	Gospel	John	6:	1-21	