



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

So far this year the summer has been very kind to us. My measure of whether it is a good summer or not is to count the number of times we have been able to eat our evening meal outside and so far this year we seem to be eating outside at least four times a week – not too bad at all. However – isn't there always a price to pay for any pleasure? The grass grows! This was never more apparent than when I took some visiting friends up to the Church the other evening to show them our fine little building nestling under the fell. The grass in the churchyard was knee high and someone had written some very harsh words about it in our Visitor's book.

It set me thinking about quite a few things.

I feel that one of the best things about Colton Church is that it is truly here for all people – not just the people who choose to worship in it Sunday by Sunday, not just for those who have been confirmed in the Church of England, but for everyone who lives in the parish and anyone who happens to be passing by. But here for what? To be a picturesque tourist attraction? To be a last resting place of loved relatives who are visited once a year? To be a source of strength in times of trouble?

To be the means of marking significant life events such as birth, marriage and death? Or a place where we can return time and time again to be part of the deep sense of otherness that has been built up during four centuries of Christian worship and that exists inside the building. It enfolds us and enables us to offer up our own stumbling prayers to God for the spiritual and worldly help, support and renewal that we need to go out into the world and get on with our lives.

It is so easy to take this for granted, but without the continuance of Christian worship, Colton Church will become a dusty, empty mausoleum offering no

solace whatsoever to those who come in search of inner peace, whether they be parishioners or passers by.

This is a grave and heavy burden to place on a few faithful people who come Sunday by Sunday. Seen in this light, cutting the grass is merely incidental and no doubt by the time you read this the church yard will be spick and span anyway.

But how will you be? Do pop in soon – come on a Sunday and you would be most welcome but come at any time and find out for yourself what a short time of peace and tranquillity in God's presence can do for you.

With love and prayers

Joanna



COLTON CHRONICLES

Congratulations

It is tugging of forelocks and doffing of caps time as from the 1st. August the Bishop of Carlisle has decreed that our Vicar, the Revd. Gary Wemyss is to be the Rural Dean of the Furness Deanery and no doubt in the future he will be known as Canon the Revd. G. Wemyss.

This honour is in sure recognition of his organisational abilities, his mastery of the art of delegation and leadership qualities. It is not an easy task but I am sure with the support of Elizabeth and ALL of us in the three parishes the job will be well done.



Two charming ladies have taken your editor gently but firmly to task. It appears that the collective noun for Vicars is Prudence not flock. More seriously is the comment that the church, especially before service, is not a peaceful place. Joanna did try to persuade us that for a few minutes before we should take joy in reflective silence. Time to gossip afterwards.

Donald

REVIVAL IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP

With this magazine comes the first of the six leaflets on Revival with the other five following over the next five months.

The thoughts in these leaflets are from the Bishop of Carlisle to the Christian Community in the Diocese and for some of you may seem heavy going! Do not be put off. We are all at different places in our Christian Pilgrimage. For some prayer is the most important part of their discipleship; for others it is reading the Bible; for others it is gathering together in worshipping God and for others it may be through silence.

As Christians we all need to grow in our discipleship and to become more like Our Lord Jesus Christ. But so often we fail because we are human.

The leaflet contains thoughts of encouragement and challenge, not just for the Parochial Church Councils, nor for those gathered in church week by week but for all who believe that the Christian way of living is the guiding way for God's creation.

A disciple is a pupil, or one who follows a particular teacher. We are called to follow Jesus and learn to live our lives as he did. What mattered most to the first disciples was knowing and following Jesus. They spent time with him, listening to what he said and watching what he did. Jesus wants us to do the same and through prayer, Bible reading and worship we can know Jesus with us today.

Growing in our discipleship will be difficult. It can be costly to be known as a Christian in this increasingly materialistic world. But just as training in a skill or sport gives way to joy as we reach our goal, so we can find great joy in getting to know Jesus better and in the encouragement of other Christians on the pilgrimage.

To find out more about discipleship, praying, reading the Bible, worshipping together, or about Jesus **contact one of the PCC members, or the vicar.**

Gary



"Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises."

Samuel Butler

GARDEN FÊTE

Our Annual Fund Raising event will be held this year on **Saturday 17 July at the Old Vicarage – 2.00pm.** and will be opened by Mrs Elizabeth Wemyss.

Please start collecting for the *Tombola* (prizes to Judy), *Toys & Books* (Items for sale again to Judy), *Plants* (bring on the day preferably am.), *Nearly New* (items for sale to Mrs Lambert **after 9 July**, no jumble please.), *Cakes* (items for sale to the stall on the day or to any helper beforehand) + *all the usual stalls and of course the Raffles.*

Prizes for the raffle to Peter Smith

Let's hope it is a fine day and that it will be a great success. For the fit and able the marquee will be erected on the **Thursday before – 15 July.**



GARDEN FÊTE APPOINTMENTS

Gate	Bryan Redhead
Tombola	Bonzo and helpers
Plants and Produce	Alastair MacIver, Gordon Pickles and Sue Dean
Teas	Margaret Campbell, Barbara Watson, Chris Holden & helpers
Toys & Books	Sue Lydon
Cakes	Sue Smith. Hilary Brooks, Pam MacIver and her family
Nearly New	Wendy Smith and helpers
Big Raffle	Peter Smith, Jack Burns and Mrs Marjorie Edmonson
Other Raffle	Margaret Sanders
100 Squares	Mollie Jackson
TEAS	Joanna Henson, Barbara Watson, Carolyn Lambert, Debbie Perry and Margaret Campbell. More offers of help would be appreciated. Cakes to the Vicarage on the day or to any helper beforehand.

Details can be altered and if your name isn't there then step forward and volunteer. If you are unable to attend don't worry, just send a donation. Let's make it a success!!!!

Almost Judy

CHURCH FLOWERS

4 July Wendy Smith

11 July Wendy Smith

18 July Pauline Parkin

25 July Pauline Parkin

COFFEE ROTA

4 July Sue Dean & Margaret Sanders

CHILDRENS SOCIETY

Robert Alty who ran the London Marathon for funds for the Childrens Society raised a magnificent £2,700. We would like to thank everyone from the Colton area who donated £302 towards this total. Well done Robert!

Wendy & Peter Smith



PARISH NEWS

The sad news is that Old Hall Farm, Bouth has been put up for sale and may well be split up which would result in another blow to our rural heritage. Men in grey suits appear to think only about money and have no idea of the havoc and anxiety they cause in the pursuit of wealth.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Peel, Fran and their children Hazel and Brian as their future is uncertain. They have worked the farm successfully over the years, have been part of the community and friends to many. We all wish them well in whatever the future holds for them.

On a personal note and as a near neighbour, I will miss Peel's hollering at any four legged animal that chooses to ignore him; my vocabulary has been greatly increased.

If any reader thinks that this is one of Donald's rants then you are correct; but I submit, not, without just cause!

We are sorry to hear that Miles Newton is in hospital and Mollie Jackson is struggling with ill health. We wish them and others with problems better times.

Donald



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The Annual Outing with the chaps on a lovely summer evening was a joy, although there were some defectors in the male ranks where, no doubt, retribution will be meted out.

The visit was to Swarthmoor Hall where we were given a super tour and an intriguing commentary on the history, not only of the Hall but also of the 'Friends' (Quakers). From George Fox to the present day; ministry without a minister?

We dined at the Coot on the Tarn with fine food, delectable drink and pleasant company. (Ed. On behalf of the guests we thank the WI and those responsible for organising this wonderful evening.)

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 July, 7.15pm in the Village Hall**. The speaker will be Mr Crake and his subject '**Kendal to Kathmandu**'. There is no meeting in **August**.

Based on notes from Judy.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK.

A very enjoyable evening of fun and friendship was had by all when we celebrated our 60th Birthday at our May meeting. Members welcomed back four past members, which included two past presidents, Mrs. Sheila Parkinson the Federation Chairman, Mrs. Noreen Leese our Buddy Adviser and Mrs. Peggy Mathers who is our Group Delegate at the AGM this year. The business was swiftly dealt with, and Mrs. Mathers was given instructions on our votes for the resolutions.

Then the serious part of enjoying the Evening and the lovely Buffet Supper, which members had made, began. Small tables were dotted around the room, so that people could mingle and not have to juggle with plates and drinks, and the room buzzed with happy conversation. The crowning glory was sharing a toast with a glass of Sherry while Mrs. Phizacklea our oldest member and Mrs. Robinson our longest standing member cut the cake, which had been made by Mrs. M. Edmondson, and beautifully iced by Mrs. Robinson's daughter. A truly enjoyable Evening.

Margaret



MOTHERS UNION

Ten members enjoyed a trip out this Month, when we went to “Ostley House”, a Residential Home for people with visual impairment; this was after receiving an invitation last year from Director, Wilf Proctor when he had come to speak at one of our meetings. Mr. Proctor and a member of staff showed us around this very impressive Home, which has a lovely homely happy atmosphere. We were able to meet and talk to a few of the residents, and one delightful gentleman showed us around his beautiful self contained bungalow.

We ended our trip by stopping off at the Candle Factory for naughty but nice Tea & Cake, and a little retail therapy in the shop.

Margaret



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The School Uniform furore appears to be settling down after an explanatory letter from the Headteacher explaining the ‘new’ suppliers were preferred not obligatory; change is never welcome.

The Rural Academy is up and running and Cartmel has now the status of being a Technological School; this has brought funds for both building improvements and additional equipment. We now have a Video Conferencing facility with Coniston and Settlebeck, Sedbergh schools.

Clive

LEVEN VALLEY

“Making Music” is a marvellous event at Kendal where the children sing with a large choir from local schools. This involved us in learning ‘welly dancing’, all great fun. Our next big event an ‘*Out & About*’ two weeks at the end of term and our final trip is to Leighton Moss, travelling by train.

You are invited to a *Cookery Demonstration* (using local produce) and the launch of our recipe book. Venue – **School dining room – Tuesday 13 July – 7.00pm.** On **Thursday 15th** we are making out own dinner so eating time is uncertain! Help is not only welcome but needed.

Best wishes to our pupils moving to other schools. Phillip Airey, Abbie Baglin, Danielle Kerr, Alex Lee and Evie Wilson to Cartmel and Anna Shaw and Harriet McCullough. We will miss you all. To everyone else we will see you next term.

Susan



GRAND SALE AND AUCTION

SUNDAY 18TH JULY 2004.

GREENODD VILLAGE HALL

1.00pm–3.00 pm

Auction of Superior Items 2.30 pm

In aid of Rusland and Satterthwaite Churches

Saleable Items Wanted-Furniture, Pictures, Silver, Jewellery, Glass, China, Ornaments, Linen, Books, Kitchen and Garden Equipment|, Bric-a-Brac

Please Contact (01229)-Elsie Wilkinson (860 253), Edward Collins (860 312), Nigel Buckley (860 212), Sue Brooke (860 250), Jean Moreton (860 347), Giles Wingate-Saul (860 300)

PLEASE SUPPORT US ON THE DAY

Cinema News

We will be showing three 12 – 18 films. 1) *Pirates of the Carribean* – **28 August.** 2) *Big Fish* – **4 September.** 3) *Phone Booth* – **18 September.** Refreshments and music **7.30, films at 8.00pm.** Special price **£1.** Look out for us at the Lowick & Rusland shows and please come and support us at our **AGM – Tuesday 24 August – Rusland Parish Rooms – 7.30pm.** Carol

DIARY DATE

- 3 July **Thomas, Apostle**
- .4 July Family Service (The vicar calls it something else) **10.30am**. Coffee afterwards
- 11 July Benefice Communion – **Penny Bridge – 10.30am**. No service at Colton
- 13 July Leven Valley School Cookery Demo & Recipe Book launch – **7.00pm**.
- 14 July Bouth WI – Village Hall – **7.15pm**.
- 15 July **Erection of marquee – Whitestock Barn – 6.30pm**.
- 17 July GARDEN FÊTE – OLD VICARAGE – 2.00PM. PLEASE COME!**
- 18 July Holy Communion & Baptism – **9.30am**.
- Rusland & Satterthwaite Auction & Sale @ Greenodd Village Hall – **1.00pm**.
- 22 July **Mary Magdalene**.
- 25 July **James, Apostle**. Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 24 August Cinema Club **AGM** – Rusland Parish Rooms – **7.30pm**.
- 28 August Cinema Club – 12/18 Film - Rusland parish Rooms – **7.30pm**.



Footnote

Joanna has asked me to thank all you good folk who turned up the other Sunday afternoon and transformed the Churchyard, albeit with inferior equipment.

This issue has been beset with difficulties not altogether unrelated to the sheer incompetence of the typographical operator who is threatening to sue for unfair dismissal and he hasn't been sacked yet, but it cannot be far off

They say that talking to ones self is the first step towards insanity, but there again, having edited this rag for best part of a decade, what other state would I be in. The result is some heavy editing and changes of font, one in particular at the stubborn insistence of the computer, and perhaps more mistakes than usual.

My apologies to anyone or any organisation that might have been affected.

There will not be an issue next month, you will have to wait until September.

Donald

4th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Sunday School Thanksgiving	
Readings:	First Reading	2 Kings	5: 1-14	
	Second Reading	Galatians	6: 7-16	
	Gospel	Luke	10:1-11, 16-20	
Readers:	Colton	M Campbell	M Sanders	P Ball
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	Sunday School		
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	Sunday School		
11th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity			
St Mary	Penny Bridge	10:30am	Benefice Communion Service	
Readings:	First Reading	Amos	7: 7-17	
	Second Reading	Colossians	1: 1-14	
	Gospel	Luke	10:25-37	
Readers:		Penny Bridge School		
Sidesmen:		Penny Bridge School		
	No service at Lowick or Colton			
18th	Sixth Sunday after Trinity			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion & Baptism	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Amos	8: 1-12	
	Second Reading	Colossians	1:15-28	
	Gospel	Luke	10:38-42	
Readers:	Colton	A MacIver	G Pickles	J Pickles
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	E Wemyss	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& A MacIver	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
25th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Jeremiah	45: 1-5	
	Second Reading	Acts	11:27-12:2	
	Gospel	Matthew	20:20-28	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	B Watson	W Smith
	Lowick	G Jager	& J Thomas	
	Penny Bridge	R Atkinson	S James	C Dykes
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson	& C Holden	
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	TBA		
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge			