



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

My younger '*home-grown*' son delights in making me feel old. For instance, I recently blurted out, on the phone, "I ought to know – I'm a lot older than you". His reply was "Well yes, you probably remember when Blondin (Minstrel of Richard 1st.) won the European Song Contest!" But, as Autumn comes on, especially with its theme of 'Thanksgiving', it does move us to look back on the blessings we have received, and so it is with the 'Autumn' of our lives.

My main project in retirement is to try and get down on paper, my record of the wonderful blessings I have experienced. I am calling it 'With a Merry Heart – a Testimony to a Joyful Life', which draws on Proverbs 15:13 'a merry heart makes a cheerful countenance', and Proverbs 17:22 'a merry heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones'. It is primarily addressed to my six children and (so far) fifteen grandchildren. My life has fallen, fairly naturally, into four sections, which I am calling BUDDING – BLOSSOMING – MATURING and MELLOWING.

As I reflect on this a strange thing strikes me – if you ask an average person to name the four seasons they will nearly always say "Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter". My sequence however, , would seem to put *Winter* first and *Autumn* last. The more I think about it, (especially in these days of global warming, perhaps) the more logical it seems to be,

Winter is the season of hidden germination, with the first signs, at its latter end, of the growth that is to come. And it is Autumn that really marks the culmination of the year, with the gathering and reaping and harvesting of the Lord's good bounty.

Two lessons from the bible spring to mind for, from the beginning, God's covenant promise to all humankind has been, 'While the earth remains, *seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night* shall not

cease.’ In the same sense, even Autumn is not ‘The End’, but we do face an end, which the harvest exemplifies. In the words of Jesus, explaining the parable of the wheat and the tares (weeds), ‘The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.’ So we sing again our harvest song.

“May we, the angel-reaping o’er
Stand at the last accepted,
Christ’s golden sheaves for evermore,
To garner bright elected.”

With love and prayers

David Gregg.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Far be it for this illiterate editor to disagree with an educated and learned clergyman but, it seems a touch more cheerful to start the seasons with summer and its warmth of the sun and glorious beauty of the countryside, finishing with spring where the virgin green shoots emerge shyly to greet a new world. Just a thought.

Apologies for the more than usual ‘typo’ errors last month and, for the eagle eyed, the writer does know the difference between roll and role; the difficulty is communicating this information from the brain to the fingers.

The Anglican Church is striving to be up to date but it still does not understand the phrase ‘open government’. Trouble is afoot once more, but no more than usual, for apparently you should have not have been told that we have a new Electoral Roll (got it right) Officer because technically we have not, at least not until the next Annual Meeting. However, Ian will be working to bring the Roll up to date for that meeting.

Neither should you have been told of the new Patrons before being discussed and approved by the PCC., which has now met, so it is official.

“For secrets are edged tools, to be kept away from children and fools.”

A quick glance at cover page will show a welcome change as our dear Joanna has now been ordained and is the Reverend J. Henson, Curate. Our congratulations to this lovely and dedicated lady to whom we send our

love, support and prayers for a long and successful ministry. One wonders what one should now call Bernie. This for those who actually go to church.

A reminder that on **Friday 6 October** is the date for the **Farmers Harvest Service and Supper, 7.00pm.** There may be a few places left for the supper so, if interested, please contact Sue Dean Tel: 01229 861 435.

As at Christmas and Easter the church is beautifully decorated, usually by the same dedicated ladies but help is always welcome so why not come along. Be warned though, for this editor once went and has still not recovered as the ladies were working and NOT talking. The silence was deafening.

‘Work’ starts at **10.00am. on Friday 6 October.** There may also be a little treat in store. Wendy reminds me that ‘Gifts and Flowers’ for decorating the Church are not just welcome but needed and appreciated. Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

1 October Mrs. S Smith

6 October Harvest

15 October Harvest Flowers

22 October Wedding

29 October Mrs. T Teasdale



COFFEE

1 October Mrs. C Holden & Helpers

Wendy.



MOTHERS UNION

Our September service in Rusland church was also attended by M U members from Leven Valley and Crosscrake and was taken by the Revd. Derek Goddard. During the service we welcomed Dale Park as a member. We all enjoyed the refreshments after the service where we had an opportunity to thank Derek and wish him well in his ‘retirement’ in Sicily.

Our next meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 4 October, Bouth Village Hall, 2.00pm.** when there will be a presentation on 'The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme' followed by afternoon tea where proceeds will go towards the M U overseas. All are welcome, come and support us. Wendy.



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The Sunday, following the sadness of the funeral of young Bernard Walker, was a timely reminder that church is not just for regular worshippers, it is there for the community. Our service was well attended and comfort was given and received, in both directions.

The family write: "Karen, Neville, Richard, Rob, Tom, also Hetty and Jim, would like to taken this opportunity to thank all their friends and neighbours for all the beautiful cards and flowers they received on the tragic loss of their beloved son Bernard, and dearest grandson.

Special thanks for all the kind support shown to them from all their friends at Colton Church."

Our continued prayers and condolences go out to all the family in this, their time of grief.

On a happier note Joyce Metcalfe tells us that on 4 August, in Canada, a son, Liam Sean, was born to Joanne and Timothy O'Neill weighing in at a healthy 8lbs 4ozs (none of this silly metric).

Joanne and Tim were married by Doreen and Major Guevremont in September '01. Tim at that time was serving in HMCS Submarine Windsor, based at Barrow. Congratulations to the parents and proud grandparents, Gwen (née Longmire) and Geoff Earle.

After a series of seeming hiccups, probably due to poor communications, the Church Yard has looked in good order this summer. Our thanks are due to our stalwart grass cutters for this work, which is a far from easy task.

Donald.



"Beside those things that are without, that which cometh on me daily,
the care of all the churches."

Paul to the Corinthians.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

Our September meeting was a highly entertaining affair as Mrs Eileen Belshaw regaled us with humorous, sometimes black humour, anecdotes from her time as a Midwife and District Nurse. As one member proclaimed not only was it brilliant and extremely funny but therapeutic.

On August Bank Holiday we held our delayed Annual Walk and were lucky to experience a lovely sunny afternoon. The tea as always was a delight and thanks are due to the providers.

The numbers were down, probably due to it being a Bank Holiday and the closure of the A590 due to a traffic accident didn't help. However we still managed to collect £130 for funds. All of us, members and walkers alike, owe a debt of gratitude to the redoubtable Judy Redhead for all her work organising the walk.

Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday 11 October, Village Hall, 7.15pm.** when the topic will be 'The National Garden Scheme' and the speaker, Mr. B Adams. The competition will be 'A small autumnal arrangement'.

Mostly Penny.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

In July one of our members, Mrs. Marilyn Henson kindly stepped in to tell us her experiences of 'Being a Magistrate'. She explained the training she had to go through and everyone found her talk very interesting.

In August instead of a speaker we went on an outing to Santon Bridge, which is between Eskdale and Wasdale and importantly is well known for its Gift Shop and Tea Room. As the weather was foul there are prizes for guessing where the ladies spent their time.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 24 October, Lowick Sunday School, 7.30pm.** and the speaker is to be arranged.

Barbara.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Colton Parish Plan is now 3 years old and the 'Action Plan' is in the process of being updated. A consultation leaflet went out with the August Newsletter and I would appeal to members of the parish to return the slips with suggestions as to what they think should be on the updated Parish Plan 'Action Plan'. Anyone who hasn't received a copy of the Newsletter and would like to see one can visit the Colton PC website coltonparishcouncil.org.uk or contact the clerk 01229 885 647.

We have been asked by **Shelter Cumbria** to advertise their 'Older Persons Project'. This is a pilot project aimed at reaching older people who have housing related problems. **Shelter Cumbria** can offer support and advice tailored to an individual's need and circumstance, and can arrange to make a visit to an individual at home. They would particularly like to hear from anyone in the community who may know of someone who is living in below standard housing or who may be in need of support or advice. They can be contacted on their local call help line 08445 151 945.

The next parish council meeting is on **23 October, Bouth Village Hall, 7.30pm.**

Judith D.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

A new year, a new term, a new start and all change to say nothing of a upsurge of girl power. The new deputy head is Catherine Ashworth who teaches history and drama; head of modern languages is Christine Jennings and head of maths is Wilma Robertson.

The GCSE results were most encouraging this year coming in at 69% (A to Cs) up on last years 64 % and well up on the national average.

Speech Night this year will be held on **Tuesday 10 October. 7.00pm.** The Founders Day Service is on **Friday 13 October, Priory, 9.15pm.** to round the month off there will be a Summer Concert, not to missed, on **Wednesday 20 October, 7.30pm.** School numbers are keeping up well and to date are 400 and counting. We hear that the Chairman of the Governors, Jon Miller, is to retire next month, after two years in the post;

His successor will be appointed next month.

Lynda & Donald (in the absence of anything from Clive).



LEVEN VALLEY

We have had a busy summer, with new furniture arriving, and new central heating boilers being fitted. We have also had new cloakroom furniture fitted for Classes One and Three, and the tunnel to the dining room revamped, so we are looking very smart!

We now have seventy pupils on roll, which is far more than we anticipated a couple of years ago. Welcome to all our new families.

We have received funding for some of our older children to work with the Dock Museum on a historical walk for children around the centre of Barrow, so we're looking forward to an interesting time.

As a school we would like to bid a fond farewell to Derek (Goddard) who has been such a good friend to us over the years. We will miss his kindly and supportive presence, and his obvious love and delight in all the children do.

Susan.



More Church News.

Some six months ago Stephen Pye resigned from the Benefice of Hawkshead, Low Wray, Sawrey, Rusland and Satterthwaite to move to a parish further north, no doubt to be nearer to his beloved Carlisle United.

On Wednesday 13 September his successor the Revd. John Dixon was installed as the new Vicar. John is married to Judith and they have two small children C(K)atherine and Edward. The service was held at Hawkshead, our Mother Church, and it was good to see a good turnout from Colton and even one from Penny Bridge.

It was a warm, well attended and wonderful service with a down to earth instructive sermon by Bishop Graham. It was just a pity that not more of you and our Vicar were not there to hear it.

In short he explained, in simple terms, that parishes cannot expect the Vicar to do what they used to do when they only had one parish and that we, the lay people, must get involved in the ministry of the church. He was insistent that the Vicar must not dash from one church to another on a Sunday. Donald.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

The new season has started and we are planning a programme of family and children's films starting with *March Of The Penguins* on **Saturday 14 October, 4.00pm., Rusland**. Only £1 entry and that includes mums & dads,- everyone welcome.

CRASH is the next monthly film. **Tuesday 3 October, 7.30pm., Rusland** again. This film won Best Film AN 'OSCAR' the 'Best Picture of the year, 2004' - collision of lives and lifestyles.

More details on the website: www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Please book seats if possible through Carol on 01229 861 507.

Carol.



With apologies to the rest of the parish:

Bouth Village

Like a homing pigeon seeking rest
Sped o'er the trackless ocean, and I found
A home in Bouth. Beauty and peace abound
Within the fells, the people are the best
And friendliest. The fields are dressed
In living green, the cattle's lowing sound
Mingles with birdsong, and the hills surround
The village like a cosy nest.

The errant plant within the crannied wall,
The murmurous beck's soft sound, the gentle deer,
The ghostly barn owl evening's fall,
The cool sweet rain, the air so fresh and clear.
All these and many more, are kin of mine,
All parts of the incredible design.

Perhaps not the best poem ever written but by Gilbert Batty, who was born on 8 August 1908 in Mossley, Manchester and died on 5 March 1978. Buried in Colton church yard. He married a Canadian in 1940 and lived in Canada for 27 years and returned to England in 1973.



DIARY DATES

Colton Church Services

- 1 October **Family Service – 10.30am.** (Joanna). Coffee to follow.
6 October **Farmers Harvest & Supper – 7.00pm.** (Joanna).
8 October **Harvest Benefice Communion – 10.30am.** (Gary). Coffee to follow.
15 October **Extended Communion – 9.30am.** (Joanna).
22 October **Holy Communion – 9.30am.**(Gary).



Other Dates

- 3 October Cinema Club - Rusland – 7.30pm.
4 October M U – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm.
6 October **Decorating the Church – 10.00am.**
10 October Cartmel Priory School – Speech Night – 7.00pm.
11 October Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
13 October Cartmel Priory School – Founders Day Service – Priory – 9.15am.
14 October Cinema Club – Rusland – 4.00pm.
18 October **Luke the Evangelist.**
20 October Cartmel Priory School – Summer Concert – School – 7.30pm.
23 October Colton Parish Council Meeting – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm.
24 October Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
28 October **Simon and Jude, Apostles.**
29 October **Ecumenical Benefice Communion – Lowick - 10.30am.** (David).



Note:

Reference has been made to the Revd. Derek Goddard who is the Priest to the Leven Valley Benefice. Derek is to 'retire' at the end on October; this so called retirement consists of Derek being appointed as the Anglican Chaplain to the Church of Palermo in Sicily. We wish both Derek and his wife God Speed and a long and happy 'retirement'.



Services and Rotas for October

1st	16 after Trinity – Proper 21			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Harvest	
Readings:	First Reading	Numbers	11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	
	Second Reading	James	5:13-20	
	Gospel	Mark	9:38-50	
Readers:	Colton	R Tarr	W Smith	R Smith
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	School		
Sidesmen:	Colton	S King	& C Holden	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	School	C Line	E Line
8th	17 after Trinity – Proper 22			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Harvest	
Readings:	First Reading	Joel	2:21-27	
	Second Reading	1 Timothy	6: 6-10	
	Gospel	Matthew	6:25-33	
Readers:		I Pirnie	B Watson	J Redhead
Sidesmen:		B Watson	& C Holden	
	No service at Lowick and Penny Bridge			
15th	18 after Trinity – Proper 23			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Harvest	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Extended Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Amos	5:6-7, 10-15	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	4:12-16	
	Gospel	Mark	10:17-31	
Readers:	Colton	W Smith	M Sanders	J Tarr
	Lowick	F Inman	& G Mitchell	
	Penny Bridge	P Ashton	D Lancaster	J Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& M Sanders	
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	S James	& N Lord	
22nd	19 after Trinity – Proper 24			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	53: 4-12	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	5: 1-10	
	Gospel	Mark	10:35-45	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	G Pickles	J Pickles
	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	S James	J Lambton
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson	& C Holden	
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	J Lambton	& V Lambton	
29th	Last after Trinity – Proper 25			
St Luke	Lowick	Ecumenical Benefice	Communion Service	
	No service at Colton or Penny Bridge.			
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	Elizabeth & Gary Wemyss		