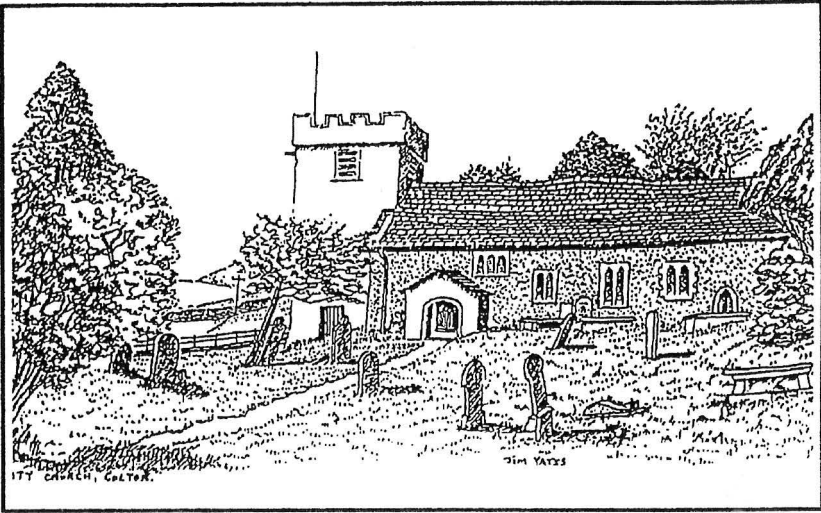




# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear friends*

The season of Lent is approaching rapidly as I write this and it made me think about how the church's year still gives shape to our lives. Christmas is still a universal holiday and nearly everybody enjoys Shrove Tuesday aka Pancake Day, after which lots of people, even those who never come to church, talk about what they will be giving up for Lent – usually wine or chocolate!

It wasn't always like that of course because in the first place, in the early part of the first millennium, Christian missionaries "borrowed" local festivals from the community in which they found themselves living and preaching. These days it feels as if much of society is returning to the pagan festivals, Halloween being a good example, but for many Christmas has lost its faith significance as has Whitsun, which is just another Bank Holiday now.

Does this matter?

Well – yes – I think that it does. I feel that it is very risky to lose contact with our faith and the original Biblical teaching – held in common with the other Abrahamic faiths of Judaism and Islam – about the moral values which we have enshrined in our law. It is all well and good to convene committees to pronounce on the ethics of key issues such as abortion, cloning and euthanasia but it is all too easy to be led not just to the brink but well down a slippery slope by cogent argument.

We need to keep referring back to the source of the original law that we seek to change in order to accommodate new science and new thinking, if we are not to be irrevocably led astray.

What does this mean for us? Well - Lent is a good time to take our values out, dust them off and see if they hold up to scrutiny. What is our attitude towards abortion? IVF? Promiscuity? Single parent families? Social

Benefits? Mental ill-health? Disability? Crime? Punishment? Pornography? And so on and so on – for there is a whole raft of issues that call out for our active attention and social action. Do our attitudes truly reflect Jesus' second commandment to us to love one another as we love ourselves? To love members of our society as much as we love ourselves? So Lent is a time to reconnect with God's commandments and bring ourselves "back in line" to create a world in which all can contribute to the freedom, justice and economic stability some of us enjoy.

Have a good Lent!

*With love and prayers for you all from your sister in Christ.*

*Joanna*



### **Big Stories for Little People**

This is a reminder that this is still running! We meet on the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at 3:30pm.** in the Community Hall at Lowick and will welcome all little people and their carers. We have a lovely time listening to a story, enjoying a snack and "sticking and gluing". Do please join us!



### **COLTON CHRONICLES**

There has been the odd comment, although hardly a grumble, about the increase in the cost of the Parish News. The hard fact is that the cost to the Church is £7.25 per copy and the charge to you is only £6.00. The even harder fact is the Church has had a financial deficit for two years running and is existing on reserves. Why is this you might ask?

A recent report on *Social Trends* stated that 82 per cent of adults in England and Wales said they followed a religion, with 72 per cent of these (equivalent to 32.4 million people) calling themselves Christian. But just 32 per cent of Christians said they actively practised" their religion. In contrast 80 per cent of Muslims practised their faith.

The adult population of the Parish of Colton is 432 and if 32 per cent attended church we would have a congregation of 138 whereas on a really well attended Family Service we would be lucky to have 30, or 7 per cent; is it any wonder that we are struggling financially? Life is not made any easier as there have been some necessary repairs to the structure of the church,

not helped because it is a listed building, and the boiler is on its last legs. Not a lot of change out of £12,000, and who pays? The faithful few!!!

If the populace wants an active church, instead of an empty shell, then it is time to start coming to church and putting your hands in your pockets. That may not be a diplomatic statement and might possibly give offence, but, it is the stark unadorned truth.

The question of the future provision of priests in the Deanery was discussed at a slightly fractious Synod in February. The powers that be proposed a reduction from 9 to 7 stipendiary priests, based on highly suspect financial figures, which your representatives robustly opposed. The outcome was ‘back to the drawing board’ with, one hopes, for a more sensitive, comprehensive and better written report in the future.

We have also had a PCC which came and went benignly, as is usual, although there was some disquiet over the fact that though the new boiler being delivered still remains in its wrappings. Action has been promised shortly! The draft accounts were presented but did not make happy reading. See above.

This disquiet was well illustrated on 6 February when with the boiler ‘resting’ we had to retire to the warmth of Hall but had a happy service. Thank you to Joanna for her efforts in making this possible. Perhaps more!

There is a severe shortage of cutlery in the kitchen at the Hall, in fact we haven’t got any. So, search your cupboards and lofts and if you find anything half decent please either bring it to church, to Nigel Priestley at Bandrake Head or phone Nigel 01229 861 866 and he will collect. *Donald.*

### **“Signpost”**

Judy Redhead is now our representative and writes “May I thank all those who very kindly contributed to this Charity. We have made a commitment for 5 years after which it is expected that those whom we help will be able to support themselves

I have received Christmas cards from ‘our’ two children and letters of thanks; our money makes a huge difference to their communities. If anyone would like to be a ‘contributor’ please let me know.” Tel: 588 684.

**Flowers:** Susan Smith will be ‘doing’ the flowers on 6 March after which it is Lent and the Church will be bare until **Saturday 23 April. 10:00am.**

## MOTHERS UNION

During February and Exhibition was held in Cartmel priory to celebrate Marriage and to emphasise the importance of marriage to family life. We were invited to contribute our wedding memorabilia and many brought photographs but the star was the Wedding Dress of Charlotte Sharphouse who married in Colton last year.

At our normal meeting we were privileged to hear an inspiring talk by the Revd. Chris Jenkins about his journey with his wife to Uganda to visit the Kasese Street Kids. They had managed to raise £2,700, in and around Orton, for a centre for these abandoned and frightened children.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** The Annual Service, this year, "How many loaves do you have?" will be held at **Sawrey Church, Friday 4 March, 2:30pm**, Parking is available alongside the field on the right just before you reach the church. Refreshments will follow the service.

The **Lady Day Service** will be held at **Cartmel Priory, 25 March, 2:30pm.**

*Judy & Edrina.*



## PARISH NEWS

There have been a fair few newcomers to our parish and we do like to give them a warm welcome, but unfortunately as nobody has let us know who they are, they will stay anonymous. There is, however one family that we are delighted to welcome into our fold. Gia and Stephen Grinrod with daughter Neave are now happily installed at Mill Gate Snows (ex Ross home). Gia is a hairdresser and does voluntary work at Leven Valley School which Neave attends. Stephen is a builder.

Most people seem to be wintering moderately if not well and the good news is that Thomas Woodburn after torrid time in hospital is very much better. Allan Lovegrove has also had an uncomfortable time with his second knee replacement and is also improving. You can see him on the swings on the Green, allegedly exercising.

**Village Hall:** All change! Sadly, Mrs. May Lambert has retired as Booking Secretary and her successor is Penny Lovegrove Tel: 01229 861091. May has served in this capacity and others for many decades and we are grateful for all that she has done for our small community, unlike others, without >

grumbles; it is proof of the old cliché ‘They don’t make them like that anymore.’ A big, very big thank you, to May.

There has also been changes to the management committee as Cllr. Ian Cunliffe is now the Parish Council representative and Steve Perkins has joined Penny on the committee. *Allan.*

**Youth Bus Fare Scheme:** The A2BNoW Concessionary Bus Fare scheme for young people aged between 5 and 18, living in South Lakeland, is now up and running. Fares are capped at £1 single and £1.80 return fare on scheduled bus services every day, 9:30am to 3:00pm and after 5:00pm, during school term times.

You will need to apply for a “smartcard” - cost £5, but is valid until March 2012. Application forms are available now from your local library, online at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/a2bnow](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/a2bnow) or Tel: 01539 713180.



## BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

At our February meeting we were pleased to learn that we now have 21 paid up members and 4 more possible. Our speaker that evening was Colin Barr who regaled us with the story of his unusual way of celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup>. birthday, visiting 60 West Coast Scottish Islands by bicycle, foot ferry, bridges, roads and even a kayak, attempting to reach the highest point of all of them. He illustrated his talk with some impressive, scenic, interesting and amusing photographs. It was not only for his own ‘pleasure’ as he raised a considerable sum for the RNLI.

We will, once again be holding our ‘Spring Walk & Cream Tea’ on **Saturday 9 April, Boots on 1:00pm. Bouth Village Hall.** Tea will be served from **3:00pm.** onwards. There will be three walks to suit all ages and fitness levels and please keep children and dogs under control, the latter on leads. Cost £5.00per head, children under 5 £1.

There has been a suggestion that the Village should hold a ‘bit of a do’ on the Village Green to celebrate the Royal Wedding on **Friday 29 April.** Anyone with ideas, offers of help etc., please contact Jane Chaloner email address [janechaloner@btinternet.com](mailto:janechaloner@btinternet.com).

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 9 March, 7:15pm. Village Hall.** A talk on ‘Water supplies in India’. Competition ‘An Indian Artefact.’ *Penny.*

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Sale of Public Forests:** Defra has published its consultation paper on the proposed sale of Forestry Commission woodland (deadline is **Thursday 21 April**). You can download it at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/forests/index.htm>

You can submit your individual response. Disappointingly, the consultation does not appear to offer any reassurance on the key concerns of public access and ecological protection; as the situation stands at the moment, FC woodlands in Colton Parish (e.g. at Bessy Bank, Bouth and Rusland) could be fenced off and some or all public access denied. We were also dismayed that, once again, Defra has failed to consult local communities directly; the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) and the leaders of the principal local authorities in Cumbria have written to the Minister, Jim Paice MP, expressing their serious concerns.

If you wish to keep track of the local campaign, go to [www.savelakelandsforests.org.uk](http://www.savelakelandsforests.org.uk), or for the national campaign, go to [www.38degrees.org.uk/save-our-forests](http://www.38degrees.org.uk/save-our-forests). If you don't have access to the internet, contact Mandy Lane (Clerk, 01229 861 408) for information.

The National Park have decided to go ahead with the installation of a pay-and-display machine at High Dam car park. We have asked that they liaise with Highways on the control of roadside parking, consider reduced charges for local people, review the effects of the new system, increase investment in the High Dam area and properly police the by-laws.

The County's new 'Better Highways' scheme has meant the withdrawal of our local Highway Steward for fixing potholes and flooding problems. We are awaiting further information, but for the time being, the more people who report defects through the Highways Hotline: 0845 609 6609, the better!

Our next meeting is the Annual Parish Open Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting on **Monday 28 March, 7.30 pm.** at **Rusland Reading Room.**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### LEVEN VALLEY

Pupils, staff and especially the cook at Leven Valley Primary School were pleased to move back into the dining room for lunch now that the flood damage has been repaired. The school hall which had to be used for dining could be returned into use for other activities. However, work is continuing to improve the facilities in the dining hall by providing better insulation, installing a “greener” air to air heat source heating system and creating a kitchenette for use by groups hiring the hall.

This work has been funded by capital grant from the Carlisle Diocese, the LDNPAA Sustainable Development Fund and a number of other user groups including the PTA, Toddler Group, Neighbourhood Forum and Haverthwaite Parish Council.

Class 1 are busy preparing for a Teddy Bear’s Picnic to which they are inviting parents, younger brothers and sisters, all with teddies of course. The whole school is looking forward to **Wednesday 30 March** when they have been invited to watch “The Lion King” and “Despicable Me” respectively at screenings after school provided by the Oxen Park Cinema Club. Two new after school clubs are starting on **Wednesday 2 March & Thursday 3 March**, a Craft Club making things for the Rusland Spring Show and an Orienteering Club. Monday Club will also be available in March, dates to be arranged. The whole school will be participating in World Book Day on **3 March** when children will be coming to school dressed as book characters and bringing their books with them. Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded. Collections of Nestle Box tops and Tesco Vouchers are being organised to augment school resources, please save them and hand them into school.

*Sue Sanderson.*

### CARTMEL PRIORY

Pupils not in the final year of their GCSE exams had the opportunity to go on the ski course to Austria. Cartmel Priory C of E School pupils sharing a coach and hotel with pupils from John Ruskin School, Coniston. As is always the case with the ski course it was a physically demanding trip and the Cartmel pupils were glad of the weeks of training they had done after school at the Kendal dry ski slope in advance of the visit. Once they got to Austria there was plenty of snow and skiing and lots of other fun too. The

trip being thoroughly enjoyed by staff and pupils, though both arrived back exhausted on the Saturday evening.

*Paul Williams.*



## ST. MARY'S HOSPICE

Leven Valley Support Group for St Marys Hospice are pleased to announce details of the first charity event to be held at the recently opened Lakeland Motor Museum Complex situated on the banks of the River Leven. A Fashion Show "Best of British Fashion" staged by Two by Two of Ulverston, **Friday 8 April, 'The Café Ambio'** featuring local designers and including handbags, jewellery etc.

Tickets will be £7 which includes entry into the Motor Museum between **6:00 & 7:00pm** for those who are interested and then into the Café Ambio for 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.**

*Dorothy Crabtree.*



## OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

We have 2 films to go before the end of our season. 'Goodbye Lenin' on **Tuesday 1 March Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm** and 'The Asgard Project' - an award winning film from the Kendal Mountain Film Festival. This is a Supper Special, **Saturday 2 April, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.** Book your seats beforehand with Carol Tel: 01229 861 507. Our last Children's film at Leven Valley Primary School is on **Wednesday 30 March not the 24th as advertised;** we are showing 'Despicable Me' at **4:00pm.** - Everyone welcome.

*Carol.*



## LENT COURSE

O ye of little faith, who have not as yet signed up for the Lent Course, do so now! Details of times and places are not yet known and will be determined by how many people join the group and in which part of the benefice most signing up live. Contact the Vicar ASAP Tel: 01229 861 285.



## Services and Rotas for March

|                        |                                              |               |                             |             |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>             |               |                             |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                       | 9:30am        | Communion                   |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                       | 10:30am       | Morning Worship             |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                 | 11:00am       | Communion                   |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                | Exodus        | 24:12-18                    |             |
|                        | Second Reading                               | 2 Peter       | 1:16-21                     |             |
|                        | Gospel                                       | Matthew       | 17: 1-9                     |             |
| Readers:               | Lowick                                       | W Keegan      | & A Naylor                  |             |
|                        | Colton                                       | E Fleming     | S Lydon                     | M Sanders   |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | p Ashton      | M Henderson                 | S James     |
| Sidesmen:              | Lowick                                       | S Wood        |                             |             |
|                        | Colton                                       | S King        | & N Priestley               |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | A Greateorex  | & W Greateorex              |             |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Ash Wednesday</b>                         | <b>7:30pm</b> | <b>Communion – Colton</b>   |             |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>                  |               |                             |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                       | 10:30am       | Benefice Communion          |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                | Genesis       | 2:15-17 & 3:1-7             |             |
|                        | Second Reading                               | Romans        | 5:12-19                     |             |
|                        | Gospel                                       | Matthew       | 4: 1-11                     |             |
| Readers:               |                                              | B Watson      | E Wemyss                    | M Calvert   |
| Sidesmen:              |                                              | S Wood        | & J Wood                    |             |
|                        | <b>No service at Colton and Penny Bridge</b> |               |                             |             |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Second Sunday of Lent</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                                | Genesis       | 12: 1-4a                    |             |
|                        | Second Reading                               | Romans        | 4:1-5 & 13-17               |             |
|                        | Gospel                                       | John          | 3: 1-17                     |             |
| Readers:               | Lowick                                       | G Mitchell    | & B Mitchell                |             |
|                        | Colton                                       | S Smith       | I Pirnie                    | P Priestley |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | R Long        | C Sadler                    | C Styles    |
| Sidesmen:              | Lowick                                       | A Wood        |                             |             |
|                        | Colton                                       | R Smith       | & M Sanders                 |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | R Long        | & T Long                    |             |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>                  |               |                             |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                       | 9:30am        | Methodist Communion Service |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                       | 9:30am        | Communion                   |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                 | 11:00am       | Communion                   |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                | Exodus        | 17: 1-7                     |             |
|                        | Second Reading                               | Romans        | 5: 1-1:1                    |             |
|                        | Gospel                                       | John          | 4: 5-42                     |             |
| Readers:               | Lowick                                       | D Gregg       | & J Davis                   |             |
|                        | Colton                                       | R Smith       | J Tarr                      | G Pickles   |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | R Atkinson    | J Lancaster                 | G Wemyss    |
| Sidesmen:              | Lowick                                       | G Mitchell    |                             |             |
|                        | Colton                                       | S Dean        | & S Smith                   |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                 | C Line        | & E Line                    |             |



## 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.**

- 1 March St. David. Patton Saint of Wales.  
Cinema Club – Finsthwaite Village Hall – 7:30pm.
- 3 March Leven Valley School – ‘World Book Day’.
- 4 March **M U - Women’s World Day of Prayer – Sawrey Church – 2:30pm.**
- 6 March **Family Morning Worship – 10:30am. Coffee afterwards.**
- 8 March M U Meeting Bouth Village Hall – 2:00 & 2:30pm.
- 9 March **Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion – Colton – 7:30pm.**  
Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7:15pm.
- 13 March **Benefice Holy Communion – Lowick – 10:30am.**
- 19 March **Joseph of Nazareth.**
- 20 March **Holy Communion – 9:30am.**
- 25 March **The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**  
**M U – Lady Day Service Cartmel Priory – 2:30pm.**
- 27 March **Holy Communion – 9:30am.**  
Big Stories for Little People – Lowick Community Hall – 3:30pm.
- 28 March Parish Council - Annual Open Meeting – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7:30pm.
- 20 March Cinema Club – Leven Valley School – 4:00pm.
- 8 April St. Mary’s Leven Valley Support Group – Fashion Show – Motor Museum,  
Backbarrow – 6:00pm Museum entrance – 7:30pm- Fashion Show.
- 9 April Bouth W I Spring Walk – Village Hall - 1:00pm. – Tea – 3:00pm.



The Light of Life

*Put out that light,  
Put out that bright light,  
Let darkness fall.*

*Put out the day,  
It is time for nightfall.*

*Stevie Smith*

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