



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Christmas – then what!

May I first extend greetings to you all – as I write I’m looking forward to seeing you all towards the end of November, before the ‘new era’ comes in to operation.

A new word seems to be bandied around when I go to theological gatherings – ‘reflection’. We are asked to reflect upon what we do, say and that which comes our way i.e. theological way, presumably meaning ‘prayerful way’. We can however find ourselves too busy to reflect, too driven, too distracted to stand back and think – and dream.

We will be assailed at present from all angles – shops, papers, television, mail and school – about Christmas and presents. Shortly we will hear the wonderful story of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus and we will sing hymns, some old some new, but let’s stop and think and dream.

For example, the shepherds went to Bethlehem ‘to see things that had come to pass’. But, what happened afterwards?

They were working men, not particularly religious, perhaps slightly embarrassed by it all, but all the same impressed by it all. Perhaps one of them was so impressed he stayed the course and was not far away at Calvary, having followed at a distance from the stable.

Some, if not all of them, will have gone back to their hillside and carried on with what they were doing, pleased to have been part of the scene, for everyday life must go on and the sheep need looking after – that is what we are paid for!

Doesn’t that ring bells with most of us? Year after year God comes to us in a new born babe – helpless, powerless, in weakness and silence, God does not force himself upon us; he is easy to overlook.

Most days he comes to us in quiet, undemanding signs, hoping we will notice and stay long enough for us to read, listen and take on board his presence. So often though, we are busy and walk on.

Do go to church wherever you happen to be this Christmas and meet Him. Perhaps it will be a novelty for you, it was for the shepherds; whatever the reason, do meet Him!

Then, I wonder, what will happen to us after Christmas?

A happy and blessed Christmas to you

Anthony Clegg, Rural Dean.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Doreen, our priest for the last six years, has gone off into so-called retirement and it may be some time before the pastoral reorganisation is determined. There has been a local hiccup in the process, not in this parish, so the start date of the new benefices has been delayed. It should be the first week in January 2003 but don't hold your breath. In the meantime we will have our normal services with visiting priests but there may be some last minute alteration to the type of service.

The General Synod has been meeting and both the House of Clergy and the House of Laity voted against a 16.5% increase for clergy but, and it is a big but, the Bishops apparently have the right of veto and approved the increase, which will cost the church an extra £35 million a year.

Divorcees with a former spouse still living can remarry in church although clerics will retain the right to refuse to marry anyone if they are opposed in principle.

Events

The ‘**Christmas Get Together**’ will be held this year at **Burn Knott, Bouth on Saturday 7 December, 5 – 7pm**. It will cost you £1.50, for the church, and there will be coffee, mince pies and as Judy says it wouldn’t be proper without a raffle, cake stall and etc, whatever etc is. A good guess is – it will cost you!

The **Carol Service** is to be held on **Sunday 15 December at 4.30pm**.

The fifth Sunday seems to cause problems as some do not like matins and others think they can have a day off. On the **29 December**, you are **ALL** invited to an **Ecumenical Service at Penny Bridge at 10.30am**. Don’t let Colton down!

The ‘**Carols Round the Christmas Tree**’ in **Bouth** will be held as usual on **Christmas Eve at 6.00pm** led by the **Revd Doreen Harrison** and music by the **Ulverston Victoria High School Brass Ensemble**. If wet, in the White Hart and no praying for rain.

A past event was very successful in that Zella Slater accumulated £360 from her Coffee Morning on behalf of the NSPCC.



FLOWERS

1 December – First Sunday in Advent – No flowers

15 December – Carol Service – Christmas Decorations

✠ *Decorating the Church – Saturday 14*

✠ *December- 10.00am.* > ✠



COFFEE ROTA

1 December – Mrs M Campbell & Mrs B Watson



MOTHERS UNION

The **Deanery Advent Service** will be held, this year, at **Allithwaite Parish Church on Friday 6 December at 2.00pm**. On **Tuesday 21 January** we are invited to join the **Leven Valley M U at Haverthwaite Church Hall at 2.00pm**.

Our next meeting will not be until **5 March – 2.00pm. – Satterthwaite**. There will be more information in February as we do not have a Magazine in January.

Wendy.

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PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to report the deaths of Les Sproat of Bouth and my lovely Barbara. Les was a quiet man who started here in poultry and when things in that line got bad he turned to the taxi business and with the help of his family turned it into Sproats Coaches. Our thoughts and prayers are with his daughter Kathy in Kirk Stanton nursing home

Barbara had an operation for cancer 6 weeks before we moved to Bouth in January 1991 and treated it over these last 11 years more of an irritation than anything else, life was for living. She was a multi-talented lady who used her gifts mainly for others; she left school at 16 to study architecture at the Manchester College of Art in 1945 and despite the majority of students being ex-servicemen she remained, throughout her life, delightfully innocent.

Like many women in the fifties she gave up her career to be a mother and wife and was brilliant at both; she worked very hard in an attempt to keep me on the straight and narrow and almost succeeded. Giving joy and help to others, in strictly practical ways, was her life. She would be embarrassed at being missed, but she will be.

Gillian, Simon and I will be ever thankful for everybody's love, support and prayers; particular thanks must go to Doreen whose pastoral care over the last few months has been beyond her call of duty and her conducting of Barbara's Service of Celebration was magnificent. **Thank you!** The donations to-date, amount to £563.

We are pleased to hear that Ken Dean, who has been rather poorly, is now on the mend. Stan Woods has not been too well and is back in hospital in Manchester. His wife Doreen writes "We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to friends in Bouth for cards, best wishes & telephone calls and also to Revd Doreen for her prayers in the three churches during Stan's stay in hospital. Thank you and God bless."

Best wishes to Ken Lomas and Molly Jackson both of whom have had knee operations and are back home. We hope that they are now free of pain and will

soon be mobile; those of us who have been through it wish them well and have courage.

Congratulations to Connie and Paul Rushforth of Yew Tree Barn, Bouth on the birth of their first grandchild. There must be more information but that is all I have.

Congratulations also to Dr Martin Hine, son of Margaret Dryden of Oxen Park who must be very proud, on being awarded the 'Young Investigator of the Year' award from the British Thoracic Society and the European COPD award from the European Respiratory Society for his work on lung regeneration.

Martin a former pupil of Leven Valley and Ulverston High is currently a specialist in Respiratory Medicine at the Royal Free Hospital, London.

It is adventure time for Eric, son of David and Rowena Thornthwaite, who is shortly off to the Antarctic for eighteen months with the British Antarctic Survey which is managed by the Natural Environment Research Council and funded by the government.

He will be based on Rothera Station on Adelaide Island (for the nautical members of our parish, 68°S, 68°W); it seems that Eric prefers living at minus 30°C and 100 knot winds to working for a living. We wish him the best of luck.

Back to reality, Judy reminds me that we cannot have 'Get Together' without help and you should know by now what that means. Mince pies from the members of the PCC, cakes, produce, raffle prizes, anything 'Christmassy'.

Donald/Judy



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our AGM in November Noreen Leese gave a very amusing talk on her long term interest in sailing. There was great appreciation of the work of the retiring officers who were promptly re-elected.

There were a healthy 11 nominations for committee for 8 places and being a flexible group the committee now has 11 members to share the load.

We shall be holding our Christmas party on Wednesday 12 December Bouth Village Hall at 7.15pm. Invitations have been sent out and it would be appreciated by the 'caterers' if you could reply in good time.

Judy



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Our speaker at our October meeting was Vanda Lampton who showed a video and explained the work of the “Bendrigg Trust”, which is a centre at Old Hutton near Kendal, originally established in 1978 to give disabled and disadvantaged people safe, versatile and high quality adventure experiences.

A girl with disabilities realises that she can reach the top of a steep climbing wall and paddle a canoe; a boy from an inner city can smile at a breathtaking view of Howgill Fells and both grow in confidence and self-esteem.

The Trust runs from Bendrigg Lodge and provides a wide range of activities and supervised courses designed to promote integration, independence and self-belief.

Our next meeting will be held on the 28 January at 7.30pm. in Lowick Church Hall. Speaker is herbalist Sarah Atkinson, subject ‘Allergies’. Please join us!

Margaret.



JUBILEE WINDOW

Installation and fund raising for the window has been delayed as the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) has not, as yet, recommended our design for a Faculty. A meeting with the chairman of the DAC is to take place shortly.

Gordon



POLICE NOTICE

It is almost all good news as our Community Copper, John Baldwin is now fit, well fairly fit, and well and is back working and he tells us that there are now THREE officers Policing the Ulverston Rural area. John, PC 1126 Janice Keen and recently started PC 1005 Victoria Wilding. All based in Ulverston which means the cover is best since 1994. It appears that money, which is ring-fenced has finally trickled down from Westminster.

We live in one of the safest areas of the country but still beware as there were two burglaries last month (average 20 per year) and the usual crop of traffic accidents.

PC 896 John Baldwin

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Congratulations to Rhiannon James on her success on being chosen to play violin at the Yamaha and Classic *fm* School of Music. She is one of only 75 students selected nation wide and will perform with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall.

Our **Christmas Concert** this year will be held on **13 December at 7.00pm.** Clive



LEVEN VALLEY

Just a **reminder** that our **Annual Kristkindle Fair** will be held at **School on Sunday 1 December at 3.00pm.**



SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

Yet another reminder - the **School Play** will be held the **Grizedale Theatre** on **Saturday 7 December at 7.30pm.**

For those of you that indulge in junk food could you please choose Walkers crisps and save the crisp books for school tokens. They can also be found in the Sun and News of the World newspapers.

Lorna.



BITS AND PIECES

NOTICE

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be “What is Hell?” Come early and listen to our choir practice.



“The late Archbishop Temple, when he was Primate of England, related this story. One morning, in a house where he was a guest, he heard from the kitchen a voice singing lustily, ‘Nearer My God to Thee’. He reflected on the piety of the woman who went about her morning tasks to the strains of the noble hymn, and so spoke of it to his host Oh yes,’ replied the host, ‘That’s the hymn she boils the eggs to – three verses for soft boiled and five for hard.’



CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Where are you born today
O Baby King?
What girl labours to give you life,
Her husband watchful by the stable door?

What teeming pavement,
What muddy hovel,
Hears your newborn cries?

Which toilers in the rice fields
Or on bleak hillsides
Look up and hear an angel's song?

Which learned men
Fly across all the world
To bring you richest gifts?

Who is the ruler, cruel and proud,
That sends his soldiers out
To fire and slay?

Beyond the tinsel and the toys,
The festive candy floss,
Look to a star above
And find the clarity of love.

Jean Sly



‘Heap on the wood! – the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We’ll keep our Christmas merry still.’

Sir Walter Scott.

DIARY DATES

- 1 December Advent Sunday, Family Service, 9.30am. – Coffee in Hall afterward.
Leven Valley School Kristkindle at School at 3.00pm.
- 6 December M U Deanery Advent Service, Allithwaite at 2.00pm.
- 7 December ‘Christmas Get Together’ at Burn Knott, 5 ‘til 7.00pm.
Satterthwaite & Rusland School Play, Grizedale Theatre at 7.30pm.
- 8 December Holy Communion, 9.30pm.
- 12 December Bouth W I Christmas party, Village Hall at 7.15pm.
- 13 December Cartmel Priory School, Christmas Concert at 7.00pm.
- 14 December Decorating the Church, 10.00am for as long as it takes.
- 15 December Carol Service at 4.30pm.
- 19 December Bouth Village Hall, Bingo at 7.30pm.
- 24 December Carols at Bouth Village Green at 6.00pm. Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.
- 25 December **Christmas Day, Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 26 December **St. Stephen, First Martyr.**
- 27 December **St. John, Apostle.**
- 28 December **The Holy Innocents.**
- 29 December Ecumenical Service, Penny Bridge at 10.30am. No service at Colton.



B I N G O

Bouth Village Hall will be holding their Annual Festive Bingo Evening in the
Hall on **Thursday 19 December at 7.30 for much needed funds**



