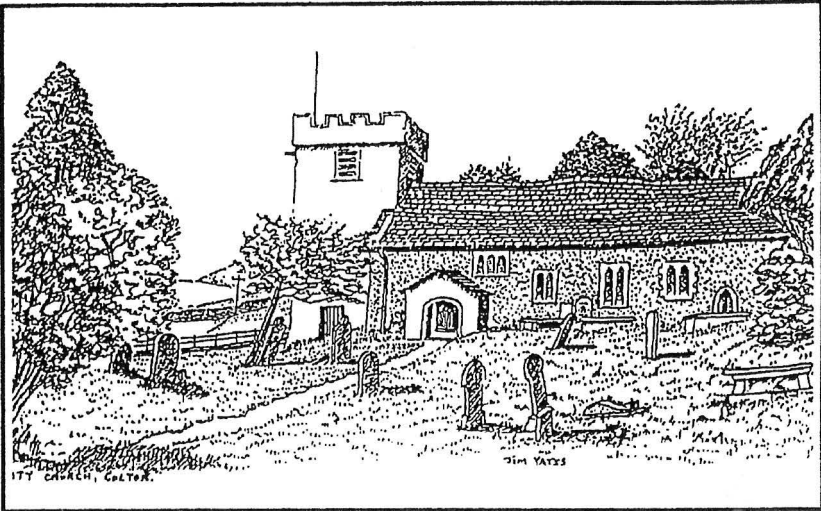




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

Woodside Cottage
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Dear Friends and Neighbours

As each year comes around we wonder what new experiences it will bring us and this year is no exception. Abroad, as I write this, a peaceful future in the Middle and Near East seems very uncertain; and near to home in the parish of Colton, we are having to negotiate our way through an interregnum which is to be far longer than any of us could ever have envisaged.

It seems to me, at times like this, that we would do well to remember these words of Jesus. "Peace I leave with you. I do not give to you as the world does. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

"Yes – times are uncertain, we may well be fearful of the future and it may be hard to perceive the hand of God in what happens from day to day, but I am convinced that His plan for us is unfolding.

Jesus did not promise us worldly peace – that is for us to work out through the power of the Holy Spirit – but he did promise us inner peace.

The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope commends to us "a commitment together in prayer and in hope, that the God of peace will bestow on all humanity His Mercy and grace." Through prayers for ourselves and for others, however bad times may be, be certain that we will be given quiet minds and the assurance of that inner peace that Jesus spoke of.

With love and prayers

Joanna

Joanna Henson, Lay Reader



COLTON CHRONICLES

As Joanna has said the interregnum will be lengthier than any of us expected but this is not because the Church Commissioners have received any objections to the proposed scheme. Some comments however, have been made to the Commissioners, who, in their wisdom, have decreed that rather than 'rubber stamp' the proposals they will review the situation. Which is perhaps what they are there to do.

Unfortunately their pattern of meetings means it will be February before they meet and then they will have to consult with the Diocese and the Bishop. It all takes time but then democracy never was a swift process and though it may be tedious it is better than autocracy.

Joanna continues to work hard organising our services and it was wonderful to welcome the Revd Sheila Wareham back to Colton. We are assured that she will return. This is a time for us to take stock of our church and the pattern of our services and the way we conduct them. If any of you have any strong views, and most people in Colton have, please contact Joanna or any member of the PCC.

No news yet of the window as the process for approval from Carlisle is as slow as the workings of the Church Commissioners. We live in hope and thank Gordon (Pickles) for his sterling work in managing this project and in trying to get the wretched 'faculty'.

Faculty - Consecrated buildings and land and their contents are in the guardianship of the bishop. To make additions or alterations to these, a faculty (permission) is a legal requirement.

A Diocesan Synod was held in December when most of the morning was taken up with an initiative from Bishop Graham on the 'Ministry of Healing'. He would like to see people trained to provide this, in every parish. The Synod was not quite so sure.

The afternoon was taken up with the vexed question of the Apportionment of the Parish Share. The new system based on 50% income, 25% clergy and 25% attendance was overwhelmingly adopted. The Windermere Deanery is far from happy and sees this as just fudge. Parishes will be able to have their say when the

Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Harry Caldwell, pays a visit on the 3rd. of March. A venue has yet to be agreed.

The first service of the New Year was held in arctic conditions as the heating was having a sulk. It would have been gleeful to blame Bonzo, as is usual, but he is holidaying in warmer climes. On second thoughts, did he know about the fault and went away to escape? Fortunately Judy used her charms and got it fixed.

I wonder if she did what she always does to this poor editor when she wants something done. Just told him! This is something the chaps in the parish recognise as normal from the female of species hereabouts. Yes, I do want to live!

We should have held a PCC but it has been deferred until Bonzo, and to be fair Ian, return. Looking at the minutes of the last meeting there was not anything of great moment – your editor has got his licence to preach. In church, that is. The lightening conductor is partially disabled so please everybody behave, as we do not want any pre-emptive strikes.

A plea to everybody in the parish to keep notes of people, who are sick or in hospital, and require prayers.

Donald.



Advice on how to keep healthy,

“He had much experience of physicians, and said ‘the only way to keep your health is to eat what you don’t want, drink what you don’t like and do what you’d rather not’”

Mark Twain

FLOWER ROTA

2 February Margaret Campbell

9 February Margaret Campbell

16 February May Lambert

23 February May Lambert



COFFEE ROTA

2 February Sue Dean & Helper

2 March Margaret Campbell & Helper

Wendy

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MOTHERS UNION

There have not been any meetings since the Deanery Joint Advent Service at Allithwaite. A meeting is scheduled to be held on 21 January, but more next month and the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 18 February at Haverthwaite at 2.00pm**. There is also to be a meeting of Colton, Rusland & Satterthwaite MU on **Wednesday, 5 March at Satterthwaite Parish Room at 2.00pm**.

Margaret/Wendy

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A Woman's

Who would plant
petunias by the fence or
impatiens under the trees
or put daisies in a pot on
the porch? Without
women, there would be
no jasmine on warm
summer nights or roses
to grace your table.

Touch

PARISH NEWS

It is with regret that we have to tell you of the sad and sudden death, on Monday 13 January, of George Booth of Ealinghearth. We pray for, and send our condolences to, Patricia and the family. A man of many parts he will be remembered locally for his knowledge of flora & fauna and his work and dedication in caring for, maintaining and improving our indigenous woodlands.

Apologies to Dr Hind, as in the last issue I inexplicably called him Martin. As many of you know his name is Matthew and I trust my senior moment did not cause any embarrassment.

On a happier note we welcome the return of Sarah and Nigel Grunshaw to Oxenpark and the celebration of the birth of a daughter Sophie, a sister for Thomas and Alisdair. Gale and Martin Roscoe of Colton are also celebrating the birth, but of a son Philip, a brother for Michael. Our congratulations to both families.

Christmas

Our Carol Service this year was very much a D I Y affair but brilliant. Joanna conducted the service with flair and the confidence of a veteran, which she nearly is, and we take this opportunity of offering all our congratulations on her 60th. Birthday and our thanks. The music was, as always, well musical and we thank Judy for her efforts and also to all those who decorated the church and who worked hard with the crib, the Christingle and the host of other things that made the service such a success. We don't know how much was collected for the Childrens Society as our money man is away.

A sincere thank you to Jane & Bonzo for their wonderful and generous party and would the lady, it could be a fella' I suppose, who left a Black & White chiffon scarf please collect it as apparently it doesn't suit Bonzo and the cat fancies it.

The weather just behaved itself for the carol singing round the tree at Bouth kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Miners (the tree not the weather). The music was provided by the Ulverston High Ensemble led by teacher Richard Butler, the scene illuminated by flares provided by Penny Buick and Allan and the welcome mulled wine and mince pies by mine hosts Cath and Nigel Barton of the White Hart. Truly a community effort!

The Blessing was given by our friend and mentor the Revd Doreen Harrison. £97+ was collected, £77 to the Hospice and the rest to the Ensemble.

At our Midnight Communion Service we welcomed our Archdeacon to a well-attended gathering where we remembered the true meaning of Christmas.

It is Judy & Brian time, again. Our gratitude to the Burn Knott benefactors for giving so much for our 'Festive Get Together' in December it was kind of good! What is more £420 was raised for the church.

May Lambert and Alma Pennington worked extremely hard and Judy shouted well (I was tempted to add something but thought better of it) for the Village Hall Bingo night which was not as well attended as before but £280 was still raised for Hall funds. Thank you ladies.

The next item should perhaps be in the WI News but as it came in the form of a letter I thought it better here.

Judy/Donald

Dear Members of Bouth W. I.

You really "DID US PROUD" yet again at the Christmas Party on 11 December. This year you truly excelled yourselves by your Cabaret after the meal, we were hugely entertained and envied your ability to get up and perform so well for your fellow 'Bouthians'. The meal, as always, was superb in quality and quantity and appreciated by us all.

Our evening was made even more special by winning the 'star' raffle prize, which we are still enjoying, and we thank sincerely all who contributed to a really wonderful evening.

A happy and prosperous 2003 to all

Sincerely

Hazel and Peter Ross

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our January meeting the delightful Liz Goyder spoke to us about 'Memory Problems' and how to deal with them. She helped members understand that forgetting day to day things was not the onset of 'senility' and that as they get older it is quite normal. Such an enjoyable meeting greatly enjoyed by everyone.

A week later a group met at Burn Knott to watch the Video of the Christmas Extravaganza (see above) It was super to re-live and enjoy the evening. Much thanks to Peter Boundy - producer, director and camera man.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 February at 7.15pm.** when Mrs S Nicholls will be talking on Whispering Dolls. The competition is 'An Old Fashion Doll' (Ed. – a comment would be very tempting.)

Judy.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

We ended the year, 2002, by having a festive Jacobs Join with the exchange of presents after the Annual General Meeting in November. As only 8 members were nominated for the 8 committee places no voting was necessary. Mrs Pat Goyder was welcomed as a new committee member joining the 7 from last year.

A wonderful Christmas Dinner at the Manor, Oxenpark, in December was enjoyed by all and we thank our hosts, Lorraine and her hubby for their hospitality.

We start the New Year on **Wednesday 29 January at 7.30pm. in Lowick Sunday School** when Sarah Atkinson will be talking on 'Herbal Remedies'. We welcome all ladies to come and join us.

Margaret



A Woman's

Without women in
the world, all lawns
would look just alike: flat,
boring grass and a tightly
trimmed hedge.

Touch



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The number of students at the school is now 344 and should rise to 375 in September, which is about the limit, and it is pleasing to note that there has been no rejection of applicants from within the catchment area. It is also pleasing that there have been no changes in the teaching staff. But Jenny Weir is off 'sick' recovering from a badly broken leg, the result of a riding mishap.

The student's efforts to support 'Children in Need' were outstanding as they raised £2372. Thanks to all the helpers, both staff and community, especially Alan Coulson's 24 hour support, without whom it could not have happened.

Plans are in hand for an extension to the Design & Communications block but as the current financial situation of the school is uncertain the work may have to be deferred.

Half term holiday is from **Monday 17 February to Friday the 21st.**

Clive/Donald



LEVEN VALLEY

Thanks to the hard work of our PTA and other helpers our Kristkindle was a great success, raising £550 for school funds. Our production of 'Cinderella' written and produced by Mrs Julia Jones was a marvellous spectacle! Again many thanks to all, who helped so willingly behind the scenes.

As I write this, we are in the midst of making cards, calendars and decorations and preparing for our Nativity. This is always a lovely time of the school year, and my personal favourite.

We welcome two new families, the Flemings and the Hambleys; sadly we say goodbye to the Orrs and the Irvings who are moving to Barrow also goodbye to the Harnby family who are going to Nepal.

The Spring Term has started, staff and pupils have come to school with good resolutions to work diligently in this New Year.

A happy and peaceful year to you, from all at Leven Valley.

S. Holohan



NEWS EXTRA

It is not really extra or even late it is just that on my shambles of a desk things tend to get mislaid. Or even lost. Zella tells me that her Coffee Morning raised £360 for the NSPPC and she has a receipt to prove it. Well done Zella, again!

The donations to the Hospice and the Macmillan Nurses, in memory of Barbara, reached the total of £740. Again, on behalf of the family and myself thank you.

Donald

'No sound ought to be heard in the church but the healing voice of Christian Charity'

Burke

DIARY DATES

29 January Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.

2 February **Presentation of Christ at the Temple.**

Family Service – 9.30am. – Coffee in Hall afterwards.

9 February Holy Communion – 9.30am.

12 February Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.

14 February ♥ **St. Valentine** ♥ (Also the Patron Saint of Beekeepers)

16 February Holy Communion – 11.15am.

17 February Half Term.

18 February M U – Haverthwaite – 2.00pm.

23 February Holy Communion – 11.15pm.

28 February Back to school.

1 March **St. David.**

5 March M U – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 2.00pm



Why I believe in God – By an eight year old boy.

‘One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn’t make grown-ups, just babies, because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn’t have to take up His valuable time teaching them to walk and talk.

He can just leave that to their mothers and fathers.

Gosforth with Nether Wasdale & Wasdale Head Parish News.



‘Love is blind, friendship closes its eyes.’

Anon.

