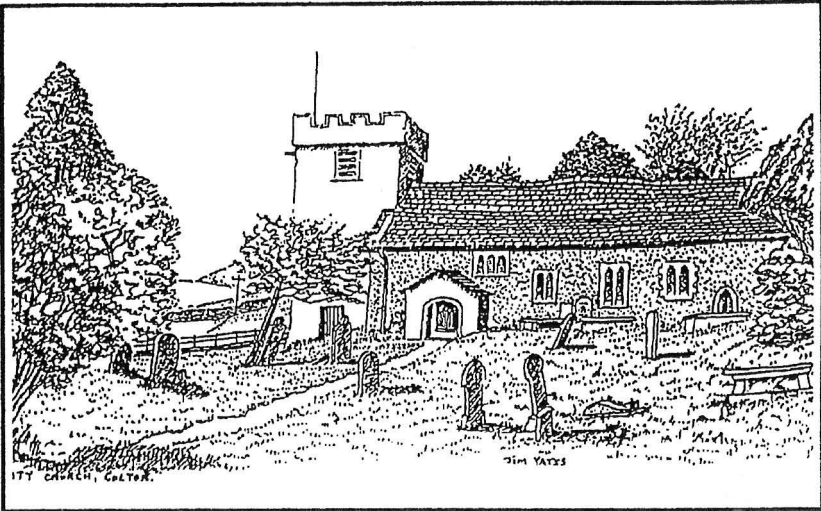




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

The Vicarage
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Dear friends

"A Cunning Plan"

"Baldrick, I have a cunning plan".

"Yes, my Lord Bishop. Is it about turnips?"

"No, Baldrick, you turnip head, it is about revival".

"Is that about getting up in the morning, my Lord?"

"You are past revival, Baldrick, but the church isn't. A plan from survival as it is, to revival where we should be, is what I am talking about".

Rose Castle 1632

Probably not - but perhaps Rose Castle 2003 - who knows.

The Bishop has a plan with the major title of **"From Survival to Revival"** which is to be taken on board by all parishes during the next few years.

The Plan is to give clear direction for the next few years and through that give hope, confidence and a focus for prayer. It is to make clear our priorities and it is to make certain we have clear targets.

The idea is that we build on what we have already done and are doing; that we realise our budget's limitations but also have a vision to motivate us to give more; that it is simple and points to the kind of church we are hoping to see developed in the next ten years; that it supports the strategies for ministry development and that it assists parishes in working out the development of their ministry strategy.

During the six weeks of our Lenten Study we are to look at one subject week by week. These are *Worship in a Healthy Church; Discipleship in a Healthy Church; Ministry in a Healthy Church; Outreach in a Healthy Church; Young People in a Healthy Church* and *Resources for a Healthy Church*.

From this study each parish or benefice is to prepare a response with objectives and priorities which will be shared within the deanery and diocese. I pray many will be able to share in this exercise, details of which are below.

Lent Study Groups.

Two groups are on offer to allow those who have commitments on one evening to have an alternative evening to join in. We begin together with the first of the meetings after the Ash Wednesday Service in Colton Church and Church Hall. These are followed by meetings on Mondays and Thursdays with the venue yet to be decided.

Wednesday 25 th February	Session One
Monday 1 st March or Thursday 4 th March	Session Two
Monday 8 th March or Thursday 11 th March	Session Three
Monday 15 th March or Thursday 18 th March	Session Four
Monday 22 nd March or Thursday 25 th March	Session Five
Monday 29 th March or Thursday 1 st April	Session Six

If you are intending to join us please fill in a registration slip and details of the venue will be sent to you. All the evenings will be from 7:30 - 9:00pm except for the Ash Wednesday one which will be from 7:30 - 9:30pm

Alongside these we have worship for Lent on Wednesday evenings as follows:

Worship on Wednesdays at 7:30pm:

25 th February	Service in Colton Church
3 rd March	Service in Penny Bridge Church
10 th March	Service in Lowick Church
17 th March	Service in Colton Church
24 th March	Service in Penny Bridge Church
31 st March	Service in Lowick Church

Each service will pick up a theme from the Plan.

We pray that many of you will be able to join us in worship and study during Lent.

Yours sincerely

Gary Wemyss

Vicar.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The pear tree has been chopped down for firewood, the partridge, calling birds and the French Hens are but carcasses and the five golden rings are in hock. The less said about the maids, dancing girls and leaping lords the better but we hear that the drummers are being prosecuted under the Noise Abatement Act!

It was though, a Good Christmas and, to us the innovative Services, the Advent Carol on Advent Sunday and the Benefice Ecumenical Communion on the First Sunday of Christmas were a joy. Thank you Gary.

It appears that Father Christmas came early, as when those wonderful ladies who decorate the church so beautifully at all our Festivals, arrived at church they found breakfast nibbles and sherry, which were much appreciated.

The church looked beautiful for OUR Carol Service with its Christingle, which was delightful. Thank you to the flower girls, those who took part and to you the congregation. Also a big thanks to Jane & Bonzo for their warm welcome and hospitality at their annual Christmas party which, as always is a real start to the festive season.

The Midnight Mass was well attended as usual but the Christmas Day service at Lowick, for the family, took some beating. And whilst we are on the subject of services there are many who read this rag but do not attend church.

This is a pity because there is a relaxed atmosphere, the services are quite joyful and if you stay away because you have doubts don't worry, we all do.

There are a few newish parents and grandparents hereabouts, so make a start by coming to our Family Service on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am. Come and meet Bernie, Joanna's little dog who always comes, mainly to look after Joanna who is delightful but who needs taking care of.

Sorry if you are fed up with Christmas but one more thing. The now traditional Carols on Bouth Village Green was very well attended and although the hardy souls did their best the weather won and the singing was completed in the White Hart. By the grace of someone, there were no injuries in the rush and everyone was comforted by the mulled wine and mince pies generously provided by mine hosts Kath and Nigel Barton. The collection raised a bounteous £168.75 for St. Mary's Hospice.

Judy/Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

1 February Mrs Campbell

8 February Mrs Campbell

15 February Mrs Lambert

22 February Mrs Lambert

29 February Lent



Coffee – 1 February S Dean & Helper

Wendy.



MOTHERS UNION

On Friday 5th December our Branch were hosts to all the Branches of the Deanery, for an Advent Service at Satterthwaite Church. Deanery President Mrs. Campbell and Branch Leader Mrs. Watson led the service, which looked back to those who figured in the unfolding story of God's coming to rule his people in justice and peace, and looked forward to when Christ shall come again to establish His Kingdom on earth. After the service everyone enjoyed tea, scones and mince pies in the Parish Room, again served by our small branch.

We began the New Year on Tuesday 20th January, when we joined the Leven Valley ladies in St. Anne's Church Hall, Haverthwaite when Mrs. Pam McIver explained the benefits of Aromatherapy.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17 February – 2.00pm. at Haverthwaite**. When we will hear a talk on “Inshore Rescue”. Please note that ‘Women’s World Day of Prayer’ is on **Friday 5 March**. Details next month.

Margaret/Wendy



PARISH NEWS

We are sorry to hear of the death of Nellie Hine of Penny Bridge sister of Myles Newton who himself has been in and out of hospital lately. We send her family sympathy and also wish Myles better health in the New Year.

We are also sorry to tell of the recent death of Mrs. Peggy Burrows who was well known by everyone and the mother of Margaret Saunders late of Old Hall Farm, Bouth.

Mrs. Beatrice Burgon sadly died on Christmas Eve aged 92. She was a truly wise and Christian lady and will be missed by all who knew her. She lived for many years in Sayles Cottage and was involved in Colton Church activities until with her late husband moved to Ulverston.

Grandparents are growing at an alarming rate and congratulations to Sue & Ken Dean joining the happy band for daughter Jane Dean-Wilcox produced a darling girl Molly on Christmas Eve weighing in at 6lbs. 14ozs. Husband John was thereabouts as well. Congratulations all round.

Congratulations are also in order for Andrea Callen, grand daughter of Cynthia and Jack Burns on attaining her Degree in Nursing and becoming a Staff Nurse. There could be a fair chance that Jack will now do as he is told.

The 18th.January might be the Saints Day of Ulfrid, an unknown Scandinavian who was lynched for chopping off the head of a statue of Thor but in these parts it is, more importantly this year, the **90th. Birthday of Mrs. Teasedale**. Tiesy celebrated the occasion by inviting all her friends along to enjoy a drink and cake after church. Thank you Tiesy, Zella and Frank.

We wish Bill, husband of Molly Jackson, a swift recovery as presently he is in Furness General.

Not having a magazine last month means the bits of paper are more disorganised than usual and reading Judy's notes, which we couldn't do without, doesn't help so this section is a little disoriented. Bear with us.

Another congratulation, this time to Sharon and Daniel Phillipson-Reid on the birth of son Nathan. Sharon is the daughter of Walter Phillipson of Colton.

Bouth Village Hall has been re-clad and now looks as though somebody owns it. The Annual Bingo night for funds was extremely successful and raised £362.50. Thanks to all who did what they did.

If you are wondering what happened to the other days of Christmas, the doves are off on a peace mission, the geese are in dire danger as they have not laid a golden egg for some time, the swans have swanned off and the pipers are earning a fortune as plumbers.

Judy/Donald



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The Christmas party for the Village was uproariously delightful; the food was bounteous the wine flowed but the cabaret was something else. It would have graced the Palladium or perhaps better still 'Stringfellows'. Calendar Girls eat your hearts out! On behalf of everybody – THANK YOU!

Donald.

Back to reality and nature as at our January open meeting Mr. Crawley gave a fascinating talk "Woodland Ways" He and his wife who could not be present are currently working in the woods above Burn Knott using their horse to drag out the timber for charcoal burning.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11 February** when Mr. Steele will talk with pictures on "Lakeland Allsorts". The competition is 'Lakes Photos'.

Judy.



SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK

The final meeting of the year, went off in fine style, one table was laden with festive eats, while another with beautifully wrapped Christmas presents. This was our AGM, and as only members of the existing committee had been nominated, business was very brisk and short, with Mrs. Campbell being returned as President. Mrs. Leese our speaker then read some humorous verses

from a book she had received for her recent birthday, setting the feel for a happy hour eating and exchanging of gifts.

December is our holiday month, when traditionally we meet for our Christmas Dinner Party, so on Tuesday 2nd December eleven members met at The Manor, Oxenpark, and partook of a gigantic sumptuous meal, beautifully served by Mine Host Lorraine.

We start the New Year on **Tuesday 27th January at 7-30pm in Lowick Church Hall**, when Fred Barns will talk on “Growing Roses”, when we hope those members who have been suffering from ill health will be feeling fit enough to rejoin us bringing our numbers back up again. We also will welcome any ladies who would like to join us for fun and friendship.

Margaret.



SCHOOL NEWS.

LEVEN VALLEY

We are now well into the New Year but we must tell you that the Kriskindle raised a magnificent and welcome £720 which will help to offset travel costs for out of school visits. Many thanks to you all.

The current topics for our pupils include “Mountains” in the Upper Juniors who will be going to Rheghed, “The Body” in the Lower Juniors who are going Barrow Hospital and “Transport” in the Infant class who are going to a Steam railway.

We have a smart new handle on our elderly school bell, but the bad news is we are not ringing it as much! Like most primary schools, the Juniors no longer have an afternoon playtime. We are trying to be brave.

Our Upper Juniors are joining together with other feeder primary schools for Cartmel Priory School to see a multi-cultural play ‘Ali Comes to Cumbria’. We also have plans for joint sports activities which are popular with staff and pupils alike. Our infant children have been introduced to swimming lessons this term with much excitement and we hope that this will become a regular event as being safe and confident in water is of paramount importance.

After half term we shall be having second year students from St. Martins Ambleside for their teaching practice. This is scary on both sides: they wonder what we are like, and we wonder what they are like. It was ever thus!

Looking forward to Shrove Tuesday, we hope you will be able to join us in pancake races, hopefully outside.

Susan.



PHYSICALLY DISABLED? VISUALLY IMPAIRED?

Advice & Training on equipment that can help you is available FREE! You can get help if you are over 16, physically disabled or visually impaired and live in South Cumbria.

FOR DETAILS:

Contact Charles Ely ☎ 01537 42633

Email slvsb_charles@hotmail.com

☒ SLSB Resource Centre, Stricklandgate House, KENDAL,

PENNY BRIDGE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Require a Play Leader Monday to Friday Term Time only

3.00pm. – 6.15pm.

As from 23 February and Job Share considered

Requires NVQ Level 3 or equal and subject to CRB Check.

Tel: 01229 587 332 or 861 139 after 6.00pm for details.

Oxen Park Cinema Club - Thanks to a grant from 'The Hadfield Trust' we have a new projector but badly need better sound. If you know of two **quality** speakers collecting dust **GET IN TOUCH**.

The projector was first used for "The Third Man" at Bouth and the quality was brilliant. Why not come and see **"The Pianist"** at **Finsthwaite Village Hall on Tuesday 3 February – 7.15pm.** and **"Chariots of Fire"** in March. Our Child Protection Policy has been approved and we get a grant to show children's films at £1. Next film is on 13 March details next month.

Better to book seats ☎ **861 507** or Email [**carol@mcneillc.freeseve.co.uk**](mailto:carol@mcneillc.freeseve.co.uk) and for more information check our web site [**www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk**](http://www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk)

Carol.

DIARY DATE

1 February	Family Service – 10.30am.
2 February	Presentation of Christ.
8 February	Benefice Communion – 10.30am. – Colton
11 February	Bouth W I – 7.15pm. – Village Hall.
14 February	Valentine, Martyr of Rome.
15 February	Extended Communion – 9.30am.
17 February	M U – 2.00pm. – Haverthwaite.
21 February	Islamic New Year.
22 February	Holy Communion – 9.30am.
25 February	Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion- 7.30pm. – Colton.
29 February	Ecumenical Communion – 10.30am. – Lowick.
1 March	David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales.
5 March	Women’s World Day of Prayer.



Services and Rotas continued.

25th	Ash Wednesday			
Holy Trinity	Colton	7:30pm Communion		
Readings	First Reading	Isaiah	58: 1-12	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	5:20b-6:10	
	Gospel	John	8: 1-11	
Readers		F Inman	D Lancaster	J Redhead
29th	First Sunday of Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	10:30am Ecumenical Communion Service		
Readings:	First Reading	Deuteronomy	26: 1-11	
	Second Reading	Romans	10:8b-13	
	Gospel	Luke	4: 1-13	
Readers:		C Styles	W Smith	J Gregg
	No service at Colton and Penny Bridge			
Chancel Guild	Penny Bridge	J Bowker		

We have got this far without a ‘quotation’, which must be a record but it can’t happen.

“I hate quotations.”

Emerson.

1st	Candlemas			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Christingle	
Readings:	First Reading	Malachi	3: 1-5	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	2:14-18	
	Gospel	Luke	2:22-40	
Readers:	Colton	J Tarr	P Ball	B Watson
	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Penny Bridge	Penny Bridge School		
Sidesmen:	Colton	M Sanders	& Z Slater	
	Lowick	E Phizacklea		
	Penny Bridge	Penny Bridge School		
8th	Third Sunday before Lent			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	6: 1-8	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	15: 1-11	
	Gospel	Luke	5: 1-11	
Readers:		E Wemyss	J Davis	I Pirnie
Sidesmen:	A MacIver	& S King		
	No service at Lowick or Penny Bridge			
15th	The Second Sunday before Lent			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Extended Communion	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Genesis	2:4b-9 & 15-25	
	Second Reading	Revelation	4	
	Gospel	Luke	8:22-25	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	M Sanders	B Henson
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& F Inman	
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	S Walker	R Long
Sidesmen:	Colton	B Watson & C Holden		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
22nd	Sunday next before Lent			
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Exodus	34:29-35	
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	3:12-4:2	
	Gospel	Luke	9:28-36	
Readers:	Colton	A MacIver	P MacIver	D Wroe
	Lowick	G Jager	& J Thomas	
	Penny Bridge	S James	R Atkinson	C Dykes
Sidesmen:	Colton	S Dean	& M Campbell	
	Lowick	F Inman		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	