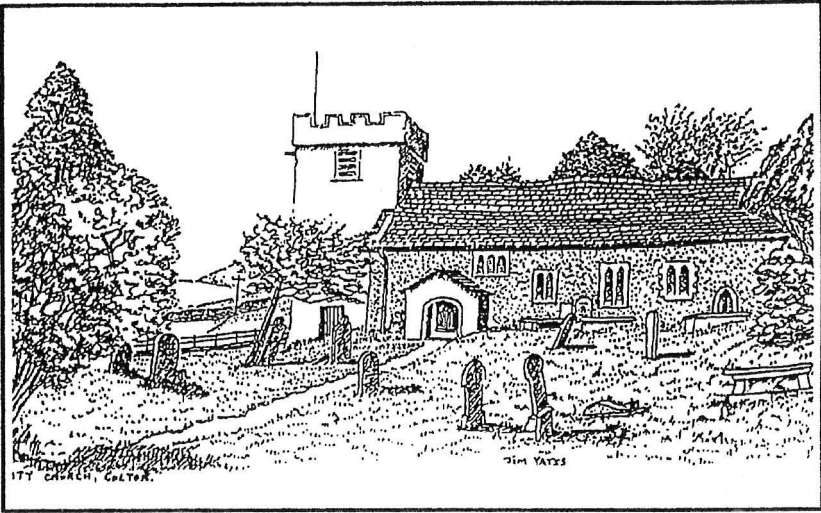




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

OUR ADVENT HOPE

When General Douglas Macarthur, the American Commander-in-Chief, was forced to evacuate the Philippines in the face of impending Japanese invasion, he famously said, “I *will* return”. Eventually he fulfilled his promise – and earned the memorable headline:

“MACARTHUR FLIES BACK TO FRONT.” (!!)

When Jesus left His first disciples on the day of His ascension to heaven, an angelic messenger told them “This Jesus will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.” Meanwhile His friends and followers have been entrusted with the task of making His kingdom known, and working for what is right and true and good in this dark and sinful world, until the end of the age.

But there is a strange paradox. Jesus own words as He went away were, “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” His friends have come to understand this as the fulfilment of His promise that His Holy Spirit would dwell within them, and empower them to live lives in keeping with Him, and to enjoy the blessings of eternity when He *does* eventually return.

It is this “Advent Hope” that we celebrate every year, in preparation for our celebration of His *first* coming, as the Babe of Bethlehem. It is *this* that not only explains His actual name, “JESUS For He will save His people from their sins”, but also the title given to Him by the prophet Isaiah, “EMMANUEL”, which means “God is with us.”

But it is not just Jesus’ *present* friends and followers who may know the Christ dwelling in their hearts. It is open to *all*.

“No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him
Still, the dear Christ enters in.”

May *you* be blessed by this Advent Hope, and enjoy a truly blessed Christmas.

With love, in Christ

David Gregg



COLTON CHRONICLES

“We will remember them”, but three weeks later, will we? In the run up to Remembrance Day & Sunday there were all sorts of furores starting with Shell banning the sale of poppies on their forecourts (which they later rescinded), quickly followed by the pedants complaining that poppies were being worn too early and incorrectly.

The Royal British Legion responded by saying “the correct time to wear one is when you see one offered. And there is no right or wrong way to wear one. The people we represent have fought, and in many cases made the ultimate sacrifice, in order to protect personal choice, so far be it from us to take freedom away. There is only one way to wear a poppy, and that is with pride.”

We had a visitor at our service who, afterwards, remarked on the warmth of the welcome and the friendliness that had been offered. So take a bow.

First it was Kenya beans and now the driving habits of your editor are being questioned. Comments, again from the pulpit, about an elderly man, a man note you, not a gentleman, driving round the highways of our fair County at 80mph. This is completely erroneous, it is 85mph!

Christmas is upon us once more and this year it is hoped that nationally it will be a Christian celebration and it will be seen as such by the bureaucrats who all so often are blinded by the stupidity of political correctness.

As usual we will be decorating our church in time for our **Carol Service**, which will be held on **Sunday 20 December, 3:00pm**. As the Christmas tree will be being erected we will need male muscle as well as the delicate hands of the lady flower arrangers. So be there –**Saturday 19 December 10:00am**.

Unfortunately we hear that the nibbles gnome will be in a faraway place that morning and sends his apologies for this unforgivable lack of consideration.

In years gone past, after the service, we have enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of Jane & Bonzo Johnson for which we have been truly thankful so this year as, a tribute to them, we are hosting a party in the Church Hall organised by Judy Tel: 01229 588 684; all of you will be expected to contribute the food, men & women. Please talk to Judy

This will be an opportunity to offer our hospitality to everyone particularly those who do not often have the time to attend church on a regular basis. Everyone has something to offer and we know that there are some men who are very good at washing up, so show us your skills and don't hold back.

Signpost. There has been a good response to the article in last month's magazine about sponsoring two Dalit (Indian) children; Christine Holden Tel: 01229 861 223, will be contacting each person over the next month with details of how to contribute. Our grateful thanks to all those people who have volunteered to participate in this scheme.



£5 is the Annual cost of the magazine and is now due. If you have forgotten please ensure, that one way or another, you give it to the kind person who delivers the magazine to your door.



Advent

Advent is the time for preparation and reflection for the coming of Christ at Christmas, when traditionally, the church is bare. So, there will not be any flowers until the Carol service, but we will be having coffee kindly prepared Mrs Margaret Sanders and helpers.

Donald.

MOTHERS UNION

Last month we had an interesting talk from Brenda Coles about Diocesan and Deanery Membership explaining how much more there is to the Mothers Union beyond the Branches. Sadly, like many organisations, membership is declining and there are suggestions that evening, rather than daytime, meetings and other formats may encourage younger members.

Recently we have heard from Margaret Campbell as they have, at last, moved on to their piece of land, albeit in a caravan, but plans for their building are in the final stages and they are hoping for permission soon Manana excepting.

You will recall that Margaret founded a M U Branch on Mothering Sunday, comprising four lapsed and four new members plus herself who is now a European Diocesan member. They meet on the first Wednesday in the month and are going from strength to strength.

The even better news is that Margaret is to become a grandparent again as daughter Anne expects her second child, a daughter, early in January when Margaret will be back in the UK

Our next event is the **Deanery Advent Service, Wednesday 9 December, 2:00pm, St. Paul's, Grange over Sands.**

Mainly Judy.



PARISH NEWS

Sadly we have to tell you of the death of Bob Longmire who was born and bred in Bouth. Bob became an electrician and will be remembered in the village for the first class job he did in rewiring Bouth Village Hall. A fitting memorial. Our prayers and condolences go out to the family.

The surprise of the month is not the fact that Penny Lovegrove was running again and came a creditable third in her class in the great Cumbrian Run but that she did not ask anybody for money!

Guy Redhead however, is in the money as he completed the Great South Run, a half marathon around Plymouth and Southampton and raised a magnificent £1,560 for cancer research. This fetish for running long distances seems mad, but congratulations to them both anyway.

Unhappily both May Lambert and Brenda Patton have had spells in hospital and whilst they are both back home they are still not as well as they might. Tony Atkinson of Ridding Side farm has had a set to with a cow and the cow won. The poor chap has torn some ligaments and was seen recently hobbling along with a garden fork as a crutch. We wish them all a quick return to full health with a special thought for Tony's hard working family who will now have to do even more.

Joanna has told us of husband Bob's undergraduate studies in philosophy but typically has hidden her own light under the proverbial bush. Our dear curate has been awarded a 2:1 Degree from Lancaster University in 'Practical Theology'. Amazingly she studied, part time, whilst also training for ordination. Many congratulations and as we have said before, with some regret, women lead, men follow!

Following the success of the Christmas Quiz in Bouth Village Hall last year it has been decided to repeat contest this year. Nothing, as yet, is finalised but it seem extremely likely that the jousting will take place on **Wednesday 16 December, 7:30pm, Bouth Village Hall**. Contact Allan Lovegrove Tel: 01229 861 091.

A late reminder that the **Village Hall AGM** is to be held on **Monday 30 November, 7:15pm**, where else, but in the **Village Hall**. *Many hands & Donald.*



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our November meeting comprised our A G M where to nobody's surprise the committee were re-elected en masse + Alison Whytell. The officers are

President	Elspeth Cooper
Vice President & Sick Visitor	Brenda Patton
Secretary	Susan Smith
Vice Secretary	Kay Croasdale
Treasurer	Peggy Mather
Vice Treasurer	Sylvia Chadwick
Program Secretary	Hilary Brooks
Press Officer	Penny Lovegrove

If you should hear unseemly hilarity emanating from the Village Hall, it is the members allegedly practising for the Christmas Party which, this year, will be held on **Wednesday 9 December, 7:15 for 7:30pm**. Invitations will be sent out shortly and please reply quickly. If you are coming do NOT be late!

Our January meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 January, please note at 7:15pm**. [This time for all future meetings.] The speaker will be Mr. Ian McNicol and his subject The Heron Corn Mill, Beetham. *Various & Penny.*



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The extensive flooding around the Parish at the start of November has been reported to Highways. Some striking images (and video footage!) are on the website. Our Highway Steward, Adam Tyson, (you might notice his white van around the parish) has been working hard using our report list, clearing culverts and drains from Rusland to Bridgefield. Your Councillors have also been touring the parish recording locations for new grit bins and heaps. An annotated map has now been sent to Highways which should help the efficient distribution of salt this winter.

Diary Date: The end of January is always a little dull after the Christmas excess(?) and with spring still a long way off. So here's an invitation for a winter warmer with a difference! You may have already heard about 'COLTON 2020' - a project to identify how we want the parish to be in 10 years time, including green energy options, transport and housing. This is a way to make your voice heard. So please put this date in your spanking new 2010 diary!

On **Thursday 28 January, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms** we are holding **COLTON 2020 – A Quiz game & Challenge!** With FREE Supper but bring your own drinks

.Look out for posters and flyers nearer the time, but do try to come along. All ages welcome. All FREE. A chance to meet neighbours and friends and make our community buzz! For more details contact Brenda Fishwick (01229 885329, email: brenfishwick@hotmail.co.uk) or Mandy Lane (see below).

Elizabeth Bruce, a local sustainable energy consultant, is speaking at our

next meeting, **Monday 7 December, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms**
about suitable green energy initiatives for Colton - all welcome, as ever.

Mandy Lane (Clerk) 01229 861408 coltonpa@btinternet.com www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

The term has continued to be a busy one. The children have been working with a range of agencies and also gaining firsthand experience by making some interesting visits as part of their curriculum work.

Class One have visited the Dock Museum in Barrow. Classes Two and Three have been working with tutors from the Lake District National Park as part of National Tree Week. This has involved visiting Haverthwaite Heights and the Rusland Valley to see foresters at work including the use of machinery.

Pupils from Leven Valley School and Pennybridge School have participated in a joint workshop with the Oxen Park Cinema Club. Five children took part in a cross - country race at John Ruskin School, Coniston. Lyn Savage, an optometrist based in Ulverston, gave a talk and worked with Key Stage Two about Eye Care.

Planning and fund raising has continued by the headteacher, staff and Governors to ensure the success of the next exciting phase of development of an indoor/outdoor area based on the quadrangle.

The children have also been thinking very hard about others. All of them supported a fund raising event for Breast Cancer by wearing pink.

A short remembrance service was held in school on November 11.

Work has begun on planning for Christmas celebrations. Everyone is looking forward to seeing Class 1 performing a Wiggly Nativity and Classes 2 and 3 performing Stable Manners at the end of term.

Sue Sanderson.



Concert: “The Dorian Players” that play early music group on reproduction early instruments are performing “In Dulci Jubilo”, Medieval & Renaissance music for Christmas, **Friday 4 December, 7:30pm, Aldingham Church. £5** including refreshments. For Church Restoration.

This is a good start to the festive season; tickets at the door or from Cathy Styles.

Cathy.



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

We have an action packed December starting with and especially for gardeners, “*Grow Your Own*”, showing on **Tuesday 1 December 7:30pm at Lowick Community Hall**. The newly refurbished hall.

Next on **Saturday 12 December 4:00pm, Rusland**, a family film, “*My Neighbour Totoro*”. In contrast, in the evening, our Saturday Supper special, themed to the film, a Vampire film, “*Let the Right One in*” with speaker Kevin Jackson of Radio 4 (& others) fame. The usual **7:30pm**.

As part of our children’s film watching and making project we will be holding an animation workshop before the family film on **12 December, 12:30 to 3:30pm**. More details and booking contact Carol McNeill Tel: 01229 861 507.

In **January** we will be showing three films, all at **Rusland**. “*I have Loved you so Long*” **Tuesday 5th. 7:30pm**. “*Kung Fu Panda*” **Saturday 16th. 4:00pm**. “*Of Time & the City*” same day **7:30pm**.

Carol.



Concert. The Ulverston Choral Society are presenting a programme of Christmas Music on **Friday 18 December, 7:30pm, Ulverston Parish Church**. Tickets are £8 available at the door or from Mrs. J Wood Tel: 01229 861 762.

Sue Lydon.



CAROLS ON THE GREEN

On **Christmas Eve, Friday 24 December** there will be the traditional singing of carols on **Bouth Village Green, 6:00pm**. Do not forget to bring a torch.

Donald.



“*Agnus Dei was a woman composer famous for her church music*”

A schoolchild’s exam answer.

6th	Second Sunday of Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Morning Worship	
Readings:	First Reading	Baruch	5: 1-9	
	Second Reading	Philippians	1: 3-11	
	Gospel	Luke	3: 1-6	
Readers:	Colton	C Holden	E Fleming	S King
	Lowick	W Keegan	& A Naylor	
	Penny Bridge	R Long	E Wemyss	C Styles
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	S Wood		
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
13th	Third Sunday of Advent			
St Mary	Lowick	10:30am	Benefice Eucharist	
Readings:	First Reading	Zephaniah	3:14-20	
	Second Reading	Philippians	4: 4-7	
	Gospel	Luke	3: 7-18	
Readers		D Lancaster	C Holden	J Gregg
Sidesmen		S Wood	& J Wood	
	No service at Penny Bridge and Colton			
20th	Fourth Sunday of Advent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	3:00pm	Carol Service	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	3:00pm	Carol Service	
Readings:	First Reading	Micah	5: 2-5a	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	10: 5-10	
	Gospel	Luke	1:39-45	
Readers:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	G Mitchell	& B Mitchell	
Sidesmen:	Colton	TBA		
	Lowick	A Wood		
	Penny Bridge	C Line	& E Line	
24th	Christmas Eve			
St Luke	Lowick	3:00pm	Posada with Carols	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:30pm	First Communion of Christmas	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	52: 7-10	
	Second Reading	Hebrews	1: 1-4	
	Gospel	John	1: 1-14	
Readers	Penny Bridge	TBA		
25th	Christmas Day			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Family Communion on Christmas Day	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	62: 6-12	
	Second Reading	Titus	3: 4-7	
	Gospel	Luke	2: 8-20	
Readers	Colton	TBA		
27th	John			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Benefice Eucharist	
Readings:	First Reading	Exodus	33: 7-11a	
	Second Reading	1 John	1	
	Gospel	John	21:19b-25	
Readers	Lowick	J Lancaster	D Wroe	J Henson
	No service at Penny Bridge or Colton			

Please note the service times and places are different from usual.p

DIARY DATES

Please read the previous page as service times and places are different from usual.

30 November	Bouth Village Hall, A G M – 7:15pm.
1 December	Cinemas Club – Lowick Community Hall – 7:30pm.
4 December	Dorian Players Concert – Ulverston Parish Church – 7:30pm.
7 December	Council Parish Council Meeting – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7:30pm.
8 December	The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
9 December	M U Deanery Advent Service – St Paul's, Grange – 2:00pm. Bouth W I Christmas Party – Village Hall – 7:15 for 7:30pm.
12 December	Cinema Club – Rusland Reading Rooms – 4:00 & 7:30pm.
16 December	Christmas Quiz – Bouth Village Hall – 7:30pm. Provisional.
18 December	Ulverston Choral Society Concert – Ulverston Parish Church- 7:30pm.
19 December	Decorating the Church – 10:00am.
20 December	Carol Service, Colton – 3:00pm. Party afterwards in the Hall.
21 December	The Shortest Day!
24 December	Posada with Carols – Lowick – 3:00pm. Carols on the Green – Bouth Village Green – 6:00pm. Bring a torch. First Communion of Christmas – Penny Bridge – 11:30pm.
25 December	Christmas Day. Family Communion- Colton – 10:30pm.
26 December	St. Stephen, The First Martyr.
27 December	John Apostle & Evangelist. Benefice Communion – Lowick - 9:30am.
28 December	Holy Innocents.
5 January	Cinema Club – Rusland Reading Rooms – 7:30pm.
16 January	Cinema Club - Rusland Reading Rooms – 4:00 & 7:30pm.
28 January	Colton Parish Council – COLTON 2020 Quiz – Rusland – 7:30pm.



P S. We forgot to tell you that George Young of Bouth is recovering well from his second knee replacement. We have not yet seen him galloping through the village.



“Heap on more wood! – the wind is chill; but let it whistle as it will, we’ll keep our Christmas merry still.”
Sir Walter Scott.