



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear friends

No sooner is the Christmas season over than it is time to think about Easter and the period before, called Lent, which starts on Wednesday, February 25th. It is common for people to talk about “giving up” some little luxury, that they usually enjoy, “for Lent”– but I can’t see the point in doing that if there is no spiritual value attached to the action. How about trying some of these instead? They won’t affect your waistline but they may address some less desirable habits and lead to spiritual growth!! And you will be **feasting**.

Fast from judging others Feast on Christ dwelling in them	Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
Fast from emphasis on differences Feast on the unity of life	Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of all light.	Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God	Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm
Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude	Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from anger; Feast on patience	Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.	Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.
Fast from worry; Feast on God’s providence.	Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth’
Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.	Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

See how many you can manage – I shall be interested to know!

With love and prayers from your sister in Christ

Joanna



Lent Course 2009

Gary and I are running a Lent Bible study course this year, Gary's will be on Wednesday evenings and mine will be on Wednesday mornings for those of you who prefer not to venture out in the dark.

We have decided to do something a bit different and take a closer look at Paul's letter to the **Galatians**. Gary has not arranged his venue yet but I am planning to hold mine somewhere which will be warm, given the winter that we seem to be having.

If you would like to be part of either of these study groups it would be helpful if you would contact either of us so that we have a rough idea of numbers to expect when we are preparing handouts.

Hoping to see you at one or other of the groups!

Joanna.



Colton Chronicles

The lights have gone out over Bethlehem, the Holy family have decamped to Egypt, the Wise Men, under the cover of rockets, have returned to their own land by another way which took longer than expected as their satnav took them into the wrong desert, and we are celebrating Epiphany. But not for long as Lent is nearly upon us, **Ash Wednesday, 25 February**.

Sadly we missed a trick last year, as on 31 August (and it was a Sunday) we should have celebrated the 430th. Anniversary of, the 'Consecration of our Church,' 1578. For some hundred years before that date, there was an unconsecrated chapel on Colton Heights, for the use of lay monks from Furness Abbey.

It would be a pity if, after all these centuries, our church were to close its doors the for lack of a congregation.

Christmas Confusion

This editor has argued, mildly, that Twelfth Night, the end of Christmas, falls on 5 January, and not as popularly accepted the 6th. To put this matter

to bed a spokesman for the Church of England said: **“Twelfth Night is the night before Epiphany (6 January) although it is no surprise that some churches may well keep their decorations for their Epiphany celebrations.”** Q E D.

We have asked readers to use, whenever possible, the Lectionary on the lectern although it is appreciated that some like to practice and do not have the same version. However some readings have been from bibles not approved by the Church of England. To help readers to keep within Church Law the following are the approved versions 1) **The Authorized Version – King James** 2) **The Revised Authorized Version** 3) **The Revised Standard Version** 4) **The New International Version** 5) **The New Jerusalem Bible** 6) **The New Revised Standard Version** 7) **The Revised English Bible** and 8) **The English Standard Version.**

Some of these are actually politically correct as they avoid masculine nouns and pronouns – praise be! **Please keep to the approved versions.**

For those of you who were not at church on 4 January you missed a treat for we had the pleasure of presenting to a wonderful and Christian lady, May Lambert, a bouquet of roses and some Garden Vouchers as a token of our thanks for all the work she has done over the many years for our church and especially for looking after the Church Hall. Thank you May.

Our grateful thanks also to Mr. and Mrs, Miners of Underfield, for their generous donations of Christmas trees both for the Church and Bouth Village Green. And to whoever transported them.

The church looked lovely and once again we thank the willing workers for their efforts. ‘The Carols on the Green’ was successful as ever although some seemed to have some trouble being tuneful but they did dig deep and £215.65 was gathered in for St. Mary’s Hospice. The mince pies and mulled wine were especially welcome; thank you Kath & Nigel, mine hosts the White Hart.

Sadly we report the death of the Right Reverend Ian Harland, Bishop of Carlisle from 1989 to 2000. He was always caring, wise and tolerant.

At home, we mourn the loss of a faithful servant to Colton Church, Jack Burns who died in December aged 91; his last service was at Allithwaite.

Jack trained as a butcher and for many year ran a mobile van; during WWII

he joined the RASC serving in Norway, North Africa, and Italy; after the war he joined the Observer Corps and became an active member of the Royal British Legion being both a Standard Bearer and Branch President.

For over forty years he was a loyal member of our church and the longest serving Churchwarden and Deanery Synod representative; after retiring he was accorded the honour of being elected the first Emeritus Churchwarden. He was stickler for detail and knew what was needed and when. It is unlikely that his like will be seen again and we give thanks and praise for his invaluable contribution to our church and faith. Our condolences and prayers are with Cynthia at this sad time.

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

1 February Mrs. M Lambert

8 February Mrs. M Lambert

15 February Mrs W Smith

22 February Mrs. W Smith

25 February **LENT**



Coffee 1 February – Mrs. W Smith + Helpers



MOTHERS UNION

Our first meeting of the year was held in Haverthwaite Church Hall when Dr. Edwina Davies spoke about the beginnings of Education in rural areas of England, particularly in the North. The churches played a large part especially with building schools at a time when survival depended on successful inspector's reports on good attendance, good pupil reports and their satisfactory knowledge of the three Rs. It was a most interesting talk and we thank Edwina very much for coming.

Our next meeting will be held **Tuesday 10 February, 2:00pm. Haverthwaite Church Hall** when Mesdames Hilary Brooks & Christine Holden will give a talk and demonstration on 'Ruskin Lace'.

Wendy.

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Profound apologies to Mr. M Easton for missing out the 's' in his name in our welcome in December. No doubt, like this editor, he is used to it; you would be surprised at the number of variations of 'Wroe', even and inappropriately 'Wise'.

It is a sad old time and we have more deaths to report; Michael Taylor also known as 'Tickey' Taylor has died after a long and disabling illness. His funeral service was held at Tottlebank Chapel when several friends spoke of his great love of life, steam engines and clocks. He was a kind man and the sadness is that he did not have the time in retirement to enjoy all his hobbies.

The funeral of Mrs. Rita Walkden was held recently at Colton. She hailed from the East End of London and worked in the War Office during WWII; she had a great love of nature and loved walking with her dog in and around Snows and Underfield.

We are also sad to hear of the sudden death of John Livermore, aged 88, from Longmire Cottage. He was a quiet and gentle man and had served in government during his working life. He loved to travel, all over the world, and always with little luggage and money; clearly a man of our times as he always used public transport or 'Rural Wheels'.

Lately we have been told of the death of Mrs. Vera Postlethwaite from Colton farm, mother of Margaret Dixon.

Our prayers and condolences are with their families in their time of grief.

In December we wrote about the sad death of young Sarah Boyren; her mother writes "Sarah's family would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection in memory of Sarah. The final total was £2,800 and this has been divided between the 'Young Oncology Unit Activity Fund' at Christie Hospital and St. Mary's Hospice, Ulverston.

We feel that this is an amazing amount and a special tribute to a precious and much loved young lady. Thank you."

Allan Lovegrove, chairman of the Bouth Village Hall, together with his indomitable wife, Penny, organized a friendly Christmas Quiz in order to raise funds for the Hall. It was a well attended, hilarious evening which

raised £180. Thanks to the question setter and ‘Quiz Meister’ Penny Lovegrove, even if some of her ‘official’ answers were suspect, and also to those who contributed raffle prizes. Penny is a parish councillor and we only mention this as the winners were the chairman and secretary of the Parish Council who graciously volunteered to set the questions for this year.

Penny has asked us to thank all the kind souls who dug deep for her Great North run in aid of Cancer Research. The target was £400 but the final total amounted to £663. Beware, she is at it again this year !!

David Hamer sometime of Bouth, has finally given up the delights of London and settled in this fair hamlet. There is a suggestion that he is to continue to work but some are wondering how he will manage to fit this activity into his golf schedule.

We hear that Zella and Frank are grandparents again but have no details as Zella has forgotten to remember to tell us. Join the club. Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our first meeting of the New Year was an encouraging start, as Marion Hamer, Jane Patton and Charlotte White joined our numbers and enjoyed a fascinating talk by Andy Lowe (his fourth visit), with his humour and unbounded enthusiasm, on ‘Inside a Lakeland Farm’.

The Christmas Party was well, the Christmas Party, good company good entertainment, good food and wine. Our thanks to the ‘Bouth Belles’ and their Mama Mia, which will never be the same again, also to Neville for his accompanying, under extreme circumstances, and Donald for ‘Chateau Wroe Blanc’.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 11 February, Village Hall, 7:15pm.** when the one and only Bob Fletcher will talk about his life as a Wild Life Artist. Competition: A Wild Life Picture, any medium. Almost Penny.



From a Birth announcement in a national newspaper:

“Mother doing well, father drunk”

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

At our December meeting Mr. Leadbetter, from the ‘Stop’ campaign against the Striders Wind Farm, explained their view that the development would be environmentally intrusive, the energy output below that claimed and the CO₂ savings substantially less than stated.

The Council has been inundated with complaints re lack of gritting and empty grit bins during this chilly winter. (e.g. Bouth was virtually cut off for 3 days, unless you had a 4x4). We have lobbied the Highway Authority with some success and are submitting, together with neighbouring parishes, a letter requesting better planning ahead for next winter especially improved delivery of salt to the heaps and bins. County Cllr. Ted Walsh has, in the meantime, arranged for additional bins at Rusland Cross and below Bent Hawes.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 23 February, Rusland Reading Room, 7:30pm.** Mandy Lane, Clerk: Tel: 01229 861 408 – coltonpc@btinternet.com – we also have web site.



NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Nick Raymond, Area Engineer, explained the new Highways Steward scheme, which for those of us with memories, was a blast from the past when quality of service was more important than efficiency and the excesses of health and safety, unknown.

Importantly, Janet Willis reported that despite a fantastic campaign, Greenodd Post Office lost its fight to retain Post Office Status and will now host a n ‘outreach’ service. This in effect will limit the opening to **11 hours per week.** These will be **Monday 1:30pm to 5:30pm Tuesday and Friday 9:00am to 12 noon.**

The plus is, that vehicle licensing, dollars on demand and travel insurance will be available. To ensure the continuation of this service, **it must be used,** so do your best.

There were no grants and the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 5 February, Urswick Parish Rooms, 7:30pm.**



CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

School has just begun again after the Christmas break. Fortunately most of the students have got over the pre-Christmas bugs that were going round and are now back in school as healthy as ever. Staff and students enjoyed an exciting run up to the holidays with the school production “The Wizard of Oz”, a Cartmel Peninsula Carol Service at a packed Cartmel Priory, Cartmel Priory School’s own Priory Service on the theme of Christingle, our Christmas Concert, Christmas dinner and an end of term talent show, all in the last few weeks. It was busy, but fun and we now look forward to another successful term ahead.

Dr. Paul Williams.

Cartmel Community Adult Education

We are pleased to announce two new courses, both with theological content. The first has already started and is looking at biblical prophecies and exploring the role of the prophets in society.

The second course, ‘The Gospel of John’, starts on **Friday 9 April** and examines “the Johannine problem”: why this gospel is so different from the others.

Concessions are available for the ‘no longer young’, so why not come and join us, led by Angela McLaughlin. For further details and to enroll, contact Jude Tel: 015395 36323.

Jude.



CINEMA CLUB

We are to hold our Book & Film event with the Word Market Festival at the Coronation Hall on **Tuesday 10 February with the film ‘Into The Wild’** when we will have a guest speaker looking at reasons why people want to test their survival skills.

Our monthly **Tuesday** film is ‘*Blame it on Fidel Castro*’ showing at **Rusland, 3 February**. At half term we will be starting and after school film making club at Leven Valley School.

For further details information, contact Carol Tel: 01229 861507.

Carol.



“There is no salvation outside the church”

St. Augustine.

Services and Rotas for February

1st	Candlemas			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Communion	
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Morning Worship	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Christingle Service	
Readings:	First Reading	Malachi	3:	1-5
	Second Reading	Hebrews	2:14-18	
	Gospel	Luke	2:22-40	
Readers:	Lowick	A Naylor	& W Keegan	
	Colton	S Lydon	R Tarr	R Smith
	Penny Bridge	School		
Sidesmen:	Lowick	S Wood		
	Colton	S King	& M Sanders	
	Penny Bridge	School	N Lord	R Long
8th	Third Sunday before Lent			
Holy Trinity	Colton	10:30am	Benefice Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Isaiah	40:21-31	
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians	9:16-23:	
	Gospel	Mark	1:29-39	
Readers:		B Watson	J Pickles	J Tarr
Sidesmen:		S Dean	& C Holden	
	No service at Penny Bridge or Lowick			
15th	Second Sunday before Lent			
	<i>St Luke</i>	<i>Lowick</i>	<i>9:30am Communion</i>	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	Proverbs	8:1, 22-31	
	Second Reading	Colossians	1:15-20	
	Gospel	John	1: 1-14	
Readers:	Lowick	B Mitchell	& G Mitchell	
	Colton	J Redhead	C Holden	I Pirnie
	Penny Bridge	C Styles	P Ashton	D Lancaster
Sidesmen:	Lowick	A Wood		
	Colton	B Watson	& M Sanders	
	Penny Bridge	A Greateorex	& W Greateorex	
22nd	Sunday next before Lent			
St Luke	Lowick	9:30am	Methodist Communion Service	
Holy Trinity	Colton	9:30am	Communion	
St Mary	Penny Bridge	11:00am	Communion	
Readings:	First Reading	2 Kings	2:	1-12
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians	4:	3-6
	Gospel	Mark	9:	2-9
Readers:	Lowick	G Jagar	& J Davis	
	Colton	M Sanders	B Johnson	W Smith
	Penny Bridge	J Lancaster	R Atkinson	G Wemyss
Sidesmen:	Lowick	G Mitchell		
	Colton	S Dean	& M Sanders	
	Penny Bridge	B Law	& J Law	
25th	Ash Wednesday			
Holy Trinity	Colton	7:30pm	Communion	

DIARY DATES

***A reminder that the Service on the first Sunday of every month starts at 10.30am**

- 2 February **Presentation of Christ in the Temple** (Candelmas)
3 February Cinema Club – Rusland Reading Room – 7:30pm ?
5 February Neighbourhood Forum – Urswick Parish Rooms – 7:30pm.
10 February Mothers Union – Haverthwaite Church Hall – 2:00pm.
Cinema Club – Coronation Hall – 7:30pm ?
11 February Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7:15pm.
14 February St. Valentine.
21 February Talk – Rusland Reading Room – 7:30pm - In aid of Rusland Church.
23 February Colton Parish Council – Rusland Reading Room – 7:30pm.
24 February Shrove Tuesday.
25 February **Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion – Colton – 7:30pm.**



Notices from Rusland

In Aid of Rusland Church.

James Dobson of Whitestock will be giving and illustrated talk on his ‘Adventures in Mongolia, **Saturday 21 February, 7:30pm Rusland Reading Room.** Tickets are £6.00 and include Wine, cheese, pâté and French bread. Contact Giles Tel: 01229 861 300 and Gillie Tel: 01229 860 241.



Rusland Valley Community Trust

An early notice that on **Sunday 15 March** the Trust will be holding a ‘Grafting Workshop’ at Whitestock Hall orchard. Fear not, this does not mean hard work, rather it is horticultural. Tickets £7.50 including lunch: details next month. Giles.



*“How like winter hath my absence been
From, thee the pleasure of the fleeting year !
What freezings have I felt, what dark days seen !
What old December’s bareness everywhere.*

Shakespeare.

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