



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

“What are you doing for Christmas?”

How those words can bring a sense of doom into what ought to be a season of goodwill and cheer!

I once had neighbours who were expected to go, with their two children in tow, for Christmas lunch every year to her mother. They then left there at about 4:30 p.m. and made their way to his mother where they ‘enjoyed’ a second Christmas meal with all its obligatory trimmings and excesses of heavy food and drink.

How on earth they managed Boxing Day when both sets of parents visited them for a third Christmas dinner with all the etceteras I do not know.

It was never my idea of a perfect Christmas but they all seemed to cope quite well even if the children did complain a bit about having to leave all their Christmas presents at home on the 25th.

So what would your favourite Christmas be like? A bit of peace and quiet , a good book to read by the fire – perhaps a glass of something special to go with it? Or as many people as you can cram into the house for dinner followed by mad party games?

However we choose to spend those few days away from the daily routine I hope that you will give a thought to why we stop for a while at this time of year. It is a time when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus and its significance for their relationship with God. Through the presence of Jesus here on earth all those years ago God needs no longer to be a remote figure in our lives, with no meaningful relationship to us. Jesus was Emmanuel – God with us – God with me and you. Just imagine that!

Do come to church sometime over the Christmas season. There will be Carol services , when you can sing all those well loved carols and hear the Christmas story, there will be a Christmas Eve Children’s service, which is

always fun and sets the right scene for the next day and of course there will be the first Communion of Christmas at midnight and the celebratory service the next day.

Looking forward to welcoming you to one of our churches over the season!

Every blessing

Joanna



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Sunday 18 December – Carol Service, Colton, 3:00pm.
- Sunday 18 December – Carol Service, Penny Bridge, 3:00pm.
- Saturday 24 December – Family Event with Carols, Penny Bridge, 3:00pm.
- Saturday 24 December – Midnight Communion, Colton, 11:30pm.
- Christmas Day – Family Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.



Mark and Prayer

As I talk to people in the benefice it is amazing how many want to come to our Coffee and the Bible meetings but find the time does not suit. “We want to read our Bible and understand what it means for us today but....” Some are just worried that Bible Study will be too “heavy” for where they are in their personal faith.

In the same way there are people who tell me they want to pray but need help and guidance. As the disciples said, “Lord, teach us how to pray”.

To help these two groups I am preparing a page each month that will help people to read the Gospel of Mark in 2012. Each month there will be readings and short comments on what we might think about from those readings. (Please note that I will not be printing the text but if anyone

wants to read the passages and does not have a Bible they should contact me at the Vicarage and I will supply the texts each month).

Also on the page will be monthly ideas for prayer as a help and aid to personal prayer.

If anyone is interested in finding out more the Rev'd Joanna Henson, the Rev'd David Gregg or I can be contacted for help in Bible Reading, or prayer.

Gary.



COLTON CHRONICLES

£££: The cost of producing the Parish News is confined solely to the cost of printing by H S P Milners of Barrow, who have been producing our magazine for the best part of 30 years and have always served us well. **There are no other costs involved.** Conscious of some criticism last year, the price for the next twelve months will remain at **£6**. [*The cost in 1911 was 1 'old penny', per copy which is equivalent to £1 today; you pay 60 pence*]. Please arrange for this amount to be given to your distributor or any member of the PCC

Of late there have been some disturbing disturbances in our church causing some little damage. Whilst natural reaction would be irritation or even anger, perhaps it would be better to be sorry for the culprits causing the damage, for they know not what they do, and to pray for them.

The upside of this problem is the sterling work carried out by John Tarr, Susan and John King using their respective skills in dealing with this situation, quietly and efficiently. As a result the church will be locked for the foreseeable future but will be open between 10:00am and 3:30pm, weekdays. Any information on these occurrences would be welcome.

Clarification: The proceeds from the raffle organised by Susan King at the Harvest Supper is not to go, under instructions from Susan, to any old charity but to the deserving cause of Colton Church.

NOTICE: Throughout Advent the church is not decorated until our **Carol Service**. This year we will be decking the church out for Christmas on **Saturday 17 December, 10:00am**. We will need plenty hands including male as there is a tree to erect; as usual there will be sherry and nibbles to sustain your efforts.

Donald.

MOTHERS UNION

Looking forward to 2012: The programme is partly set and, after an uncertain beginning in uniting the branches and the difficulty being without a Branch leader, we are getting organised. Some speakers have yet to be confirmed but venues have been decided. Meetings will start at **2.00 p.m.** unless stated otherwise.

A late change of venue in November saw the group gathering at the home of Noreen Smith and enjoying some early mince pies. I was on holiday but I am told that everyone really enjoyed the occasion. Our thanks to Noreen.

Our next meeting is The Deanery Advent Service which will be held on **Tuesday 6 December, Flookburgh, 2:00pm.** In the New Year our first meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 January, Haverthwaite Church Hall, 2:00pm** and it will be our **A G M.**

Edwina.



PARISH NEWS

Bouth Village Hall: The outside of the Hall is now looking as if somebody owns it although there is still some work to do. How the situation occurred is not altogether clear but there does seem to have been a lack of guidance. If not before, there is now, as we are told that chairman Allan Lovegrove has resigned. Any volunteers?

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hall, on **Tuesday 29 November, 7:30pm.**

On **Monday 10 December, 7:30pm** there will a Quiz Night in aid of St. Mary's Hospice. Raffle prizes to Penny Lovegrove and bring your own wine. Looking ahead there will be a Winter Warmer and Bingo night in February. Watch this space.

Sadly Paul Holden has not been well and has had a spell in hospital. He is now home and progressing; we wish him well and will continue to pray for him. On a happier note Jackie Clark and Tommy Woodburn of Bouth were married on 2 November; we wish them all the best for the future.

Carols: Carols Round the Tree, **Christmas Eve, Bouth Village Green, 6:00pm.** Last year was partially spoilt by a lot of idle chatter during the singing. You come to SING not talk!!!

Donald.

Bouth Womens Institute

My name is Jane Chaloner and I am the new Press Secretary to the Bouth W I, which is open to all women of any age and is wonderfully friendly. We meet on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month in the **Village Hall at 7:15pm** and have a wide and varied program of speakers. Having moved to Bouth a few years ago, the first thing I did was to join the W I despite giving it a wide berth down south; it was a good way to get to know people and how welcoming they were and I never leave a meeting without a broad smile. We look forward to seeing you.

Our **Annual Christmas Party** will be held on **Wednesday 14 December, 7:15pm** and the meal will be served **promptly at 7:30**. Cost this year will be **£8.00**. Guests will have their invitations by now and need to accept, **together** with the £8.00, at the latest by **Wednesday, 7 December**.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 January, 7:15pm** when the speaker will be Charlotte Sharphouse, her subject: Cartmel Sticky Toffee Pudding. (Ed. that will go down well)

The Officers for the forth coming year:

President	Elspeth Cooper
Vice President	Jane Chaloner
Sick Visitor	Kay Croasdale
Secretary	Susan Smith
Vice Secretary	Alison Whytell
Treasurer	Linda Perkins
Vice Treasurer	Peggy Mather
Program Secretary	Sylvia Chadwick
Press Officer	Jane Chaloner

Jane.



“The stance of any man with dignity is to try to dictate to his employer, not to let his employer dictate to him.”

Peter Roebuck.

SCHOOL NEWS

Carmel Priory C of E School

End of Term Report

Events this term have included the McMillan Coffee morning, Jeans for Genes day, an RE visit to the Buddhist temple at Conishead Priory, an art visit to the Tate Northern, our first interhouse sports day of the year (cold, but fun), the languages trip to Germany and the Key Stage 4 careers convention for students in years 10 and 11.

The 53rd Prize Distribution and Speech Night was also this term and our guest speaker the Bishop of Carlisle gave an excellent speech on the importance of perseverance in achieving your aims in life. Congratulations go to all the students who were recognised on the evening for their successes in a wide variety of fields from the academic and sporting to community service and public speaking.

Other events, still to come in November, but which will be occurring before the magazine goes to print are Bugsy Malone our school production and the Christmas Fair, let's hope both go well.

We have also look forward to the Christmas Service at the Priory in a few weeks time.

Dr. Paul.



Leven Valley C of E Primary School

Anyone passing Leven Valley will have noticed that the work continues. The wall insulation and rendering is almost complete; redecoration and replacement of the guttering will have started and the new windows are due to arrive in December.

The children led a very moving Remembrance Service on the 11th November attended by parents, governors and friends. Work is beginning on the Christmas performances which will take place on **Tuesday 13 December at 1.00pm and 6:00 pm.**

Several after school activities are taking place this term, as well as afterschool club. Harp lessons will be beginning in November and ending On December 13th. A Dodgeball club is being held by Lakes leisure on Wednesdays for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Orders have been taken and will be delivered on the 23rd November for the Suma project organised by Year 6. Mr Nicol, (the Headteacher) provided more explanation about the project. Suma is an independent whole food wholesaler/distributor, specialising in vegetarian, fairly traded, organic, ethical and natural products. They are a workers' co-operative committed to ethical business. Organising the project provides the children with opportunities to develop some key life skills as they organise, process and distribute orders! If anyone would like to become involved email: suma@levenvalley.cumbria.sch.uk *Sue Sanderson.*



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our December film will be shown at **Rusland Reading Rooms on Tuesday 6 December, 7:30pm** – *“How I ended This Summer”* – it is an atmospheric thriller, taking place on an Arctic Metrological Base in Russia. This is a film you won't see on the usual circuits so catch it now (or at the Roxy 8th March).

Our first film in the New Year is a Supper Special on **Saturday 14 January, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm** – *“127 Hours”* – A Danny Boyle film about the climber who cut off his hand/arm to free himself after being trapped in a canyon. I've read the book and can't wait to see the picture version. *Carol.*



Holiday Pay

Have you been stopped taking a holiday, not been paid for a holiday or left a job with a holiday not taken and not been paid for it? If so, you are not alone and the Citizens Advice Bureau may be able to help.

All workers, including part time, agency and casual employees have the legal right to paid holidays. Your entitlement is 5.6 weeks holiday a year based on full time working. Otherwise multiply how many days you work in a week by 5.6.

For more information look at our website www.adviceguide.org.uk or contact our Ulverston Office Tel: 01229 585 585. Help is also available e.g. debt, benefits and employment. All advice is free and confidential.

Lowick Parent and Toddler Group are having a

Bag2School

fundraising collection !



- *Everybody is welcome to get involved.*
- *We take items in any type of bag.*
- *The more we collect, the more we raise.*
- *Please give good quality clean clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, belts, handbags and shoes.
(Please tie shoes together).*
- *We will receive £500/tonne, with all proceeds going towards keeping Lowick Parent and Toddler Group running.*

Collection on...
Wednesday 7th December

Please return your collection bags to:-

(Location) Lowick Community Hall At: 9.00am.....am/pm

Thank You
for your continued support!



DIARY DATES

Service Times: 1st. & 2nd. Sundays – 10:30 am. 3rd. & 4th. Sundays - 9:30 am.



- 1 December P C C Church Hall, 7:30pm.
- 3 December Penny Bridge Church Coffee Morning, Greenodd Village Hall, 10:00am.– 12noon.
- 4 December **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am, Coffee afterwards.**
- 6 December M U Advent Service, Flookburgh, 2:00pm.
Cinema Club, Rusland reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
- 10 December Quiz Night, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm. In aid of St. Mary's Hospice.
- 11 December **Benefice Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**
- 13 December Leven valley School Christmas Performances, 1:00pm. & 6:00pm.
- 14 December Coffee & Bible Study, The Vicarage, 10:00am.
Bouth W I Christmas party, 7:15pm.
- 16 December Ulverston Choral Society, Concert, Ulverston Parish Church, 7:30pm.
- 17 December **Decorating the Church, 10:00am.**
- 18 December **Carol Service, 3:00pm.**
- 24 December “Carols Round the Tree”, Bouth Village Green, 6:00pm.
Midnight Communion, Colton. 11:30pm.
- 25 December Christmas Day, Family Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 26 December **St. Stephen.**
- 27 December **St. John, Apostle & Evangelist.**
- 28 December **Holy Innocents.**
- 1 January **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am, Coffee afterwards.**



Penny Bridge Church: Will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on **Saturday 3 December, Greenodd Village Hall, 10:00am – 12 noon. £1.** Please come and spend as the church desperately needs them money.

Concert: The Ulverston Choral Society is holding their Christmas Concert on **Friday 16 December, Ulverston Parish Church, 7:30pm.** Tickets £8 at the door or from Mrs. J Wood, Tel: 01229 861 732.

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