



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

NEARER GOD'S HEART IN A GARDEN

At this time of year there is considerable joy in garnering the produce of a well-kept garden. One of the great delights of our retirement has been to reclaim and re-establish the substantial kitchen garden which goes with the farmhouse. My grandfather was a professional gardener, so you might think I ought to have it in my blood, but although I have contributed, and still do, with building and maintaining the 'hardware' (greenhouse, compost bins etc.) and with some of the basic digging, it is chiefly my enthusiastic, green-fingered and (seemingly) tireless wife who is the *real* gardener.

One little practice that she has adopted arose out of a sermon that we heard at Spring Harvest. The preacher, Gerald Coates, said that his father had taught him, as a child, that you should always put the seed packet on a stick, with the picture of the desired end product facing along the row, so that when the seedlings emerged they would know what they were supposed to grow up into! He used it as an illustration of Jesus as the example of what we should seek to grow up into.

Gardens and their produce are a very 'fruitful' source of sermon illustrations. But you can come unstuck! One Mothering Sunday, I hit upon the bright idea of using the makeup of the posies, as we do with the Christingle oranges, to get across the symbolism of the occasion: the daffodils for the glory and generosity of God, the greenery (mostly evergreens) for His faithfulness, and the paper doilies for the embracing beauty and practicality of motherhood. But I was stuck for the significance of the aluminium foil wrapped round the stems. "Can anyone think of what the foil reminds us of?" I asked. Back came an instant and heartfelt reply, "Landfill!" Gardens feature prominently in the Bible story. "God planted a garden eastward in Eden" as His idyllic setting for His first human creatures.

Gardening is, in fact, the original human occupation! Expulsion from the Garden of Eden was the ultimate punishment for sin. The Lord Jesus wrestled in the Garden of Gethsemane to steel Himself for the sacrifice of Calvary, to gain our restoration and forgiveness and reconciliation to God. He revealed Himself to Mary Magdalene in the Easter Garden (she, in fact, mistook Him for the gardener!) as the first evidence of His victory over sin and death, through the Resurrection. And it is the restored Garden of Paradise that furnishes the setting in the Book of Revelation for the glory that is to come to those who love and serve the LORD. A wonderful sequence and the ultimate “happy ending”. Hallelujah!

Yours sincerely, in Christ,

David Gregg



COLTON CHRONICLES

It would seem that one of the joys of reading this magazine is to find mistakes and gleefully point them out to a diffident editor, who now is about to take on the roll of killjoy as a proof-reader has been ‘found’. In order to protect the innocent the name is confidential, for now.

One of the problems with ‘voluntary’ committees is that they do not normally possess the rigours and discipline of work related and professional ones; tending to meander through the agendas until the allotted time has expired. This is not to say that Colton PCC falls into this category although it does have its moments but has not yet fallen into the category of an antidote for sleep deprivation.

The fact is that the PCC comprises a small number of hard working people who give their time and talents to keep our church going and more often than not with criticism rather than praise. Recently a complaint was aired in that a popular service was taken by a lay person and this was not good enough. Clearly the complainant was not up to date with the current state of the Anglican Church, probably because it was an occasional visit.

That apart, the fact is that whoever takes a service whether complete with dog collar and robes or not, is merely a conduit.

Our church is also fortunate in that it has a band of unheralded workers >

who also give their time and talents for the common good: amongst these are Jane & Gordon Pickles. Jane has been a Governor at Leven Valley School for a number of years but has now decided to retire whilst Gordon feels he can no longer 'read' or lead intercessions. We are all extremely grateful and offer our sincere thanks for all the efforts they have made for our church and community. All is not lost however, as Jane is to continue to 'read' and lead intercessions and Gordon is to continue as Gift Aid & Legacies Secretary.

JOY: After all that seriousness we are indebted to Ian Pirnie who discovered this comment in the Visitors Book in church: *"God comes here on his holidays."*

HARVEST: The Harvest Supper will be held on **Friday 7 October** following the Farmers' Harvest Service, **7:00pm**. It is essential to 'book'; to do so there is a list at the back of the church or contact Mrs. Sue Smith Tel: 01229 861 370 **by Sunday 2 October**. Cost £7.00, children under 12 £3.50.

The next PCC will be held on **Wednesday 28 September, 7:30pm** in the **Church Hall**.
Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

2 October Mrs. Sue Smith
7 October Harvest Festival
16 October Harvest Festival
23 October Mrs. Sue Smith
30 October Mrs. Sue Smith

Sue Smith.



Harvest: The Church will be decorated for Harvest on **Friday 7 October, 10:30 am** onwards. Please make an effort to come and help as recently the turnout has been pathetic. Contributions of produce will be welcome and even money for the flowers. Contact the ever willing Sue Smith. See above.

Colton and Leven Valley Mothers' Union

An Update and Report on Mary Sumner Day: Usually in July and August we have a summer break, but not this year. 9th. August is Mary Sumner Day and as announced in this publication, the celebration was held at Haverthwaite.

We are only a small branch so planning and preparation for the event involved everyone and all were needed to play their part. As you may recall, the uniting of the local branches happened last year and this really was a unifying experience of working all together. There was a service to prepare and service sheets to be produced (our thanks to Noreen Smith's son) and catering to be organised.

We are fortunate in having our own organist in our Secretary, Judy, and Peter obliged us by leading the service. We are most grateful to him for his cheery presence and one of his usual inspirational addresses. In fact we could not believe that all ran so smoothly!

A quick head count told us that well over fifty people attended the service and the tea which followed. The latter can only be described as lavish. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and to have received so many letters from other branches saying how much their members had enjoyed the whole experience. Despite the advancing ages of our membership here was clear evidence that as an organisation we are alive and well. Further cause for gratification was that the collection raised £104.70 for the work of the Mothers' Union's Overseas Fund.

Our October meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 October 2:00pm, Colton**, Mr Paul Tinning will talk on 'Water projects in India'.

Planning is already under way for our 2012 programme which we will publish when speakers are determined.

Edwina.



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Despite the horrendous summer, Bouth enjoyed a delightful and sunny afternoon as Hazel and Roger Coates kindly and generously hosted an enjoyable social occasion, the highlight of which was a gentle bout of croquet.

Gentle! Anything but, as for some inexplicable reason a robust, fearsome and competitive atmosphere erupted and it was not the men!!!!

A new BBC has been formed but fear not, it is not a rival to our national broadcaster but the Bouth Bicycle Club comprised of the not so young and the nearly old. They can be seen trundling round the lanes of the parish clothed not in Lycra but apparel more fitting to their form. The odd thing is that they all drive four wheels and more or less obey the law but when in pedal mode they seem to have forgotten the Highway Code ever existed never mind read it. You have been warned.

The Lengthsman has been busy and the roadsides around the parish are looking much neater for his efforts. Voluntary work does not seem to be as advanced as there appears to be no progress on replacing the fence at Bouth Village Green. Perhaps there has been a change of plan?

Congratulations to Simon and Becky Lovegrove on the birth of their first child Lily Rose (7lb 9oz) on 16 August and the second grandchild to Penny and Allan. Congratulations to them also.

Penny asks us to thank all those who sponsored her in her recent marathon runs raising £165 the Breast Cancer campaign and £200 for the Brathay Trust. Her charity next year will be St. Mary's Hospice.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The members have been searching their wardrobes and have collected rags; with the help of Jane Patton, Head Teacher, Thwaites School, who has been organising this activity for some years for Charities, we raised £87.50.

Thank you to Linda Perkins for deputising as our Treasurer in the absence of the indomitable Peggy Mather who is active again.

Our speaker this month was Mr. Martin Cooper from the Citizens' Advice Bureau who explained the work of the CAB which is a charity and not publicly funded but it does receive Local Government grants. Locally it deals with 12,000 people a year with about 5,000 different enquiries; the cost per enquiry is about £140. The aims of CAB are to provide people with advice they find difficult to find elsewhere and to improve policies and practises that affect peoples' lives.

Christmas may be some way off but it is time to get the 'Bouth Belles' act together. We meet **Thursday 29 September, 7:30pm at Brenda Patton's.**

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 October, 7:15pm, Village Hall** when our speaker will be Dr. Chris Blackburn. His subject, 'Tales of a Country Doctor'.
Penny.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Government's Draft National Planning Policy Framework: You may be aware of government proposals for major changes to the planning system, central to which is to be a 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'. Development would be approved unless 'the adverse impacts of development would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits'. Local neighbourhood plans will be central to the process, though it is not yet clear at what level they will operate. Your Council is compiling a response to this consultation. Individuals may comment directly (before **17th October**). Documents are available only online go to: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/draftframework>

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to view a paper copy.

Old Hall Community Woodland, Bouth: A meeting was held in Bouth on 24th August to discuss the Forestry Commission's proposal for local involvement in the management of this ancient semi-natural woodland. Some 25 people attended and gave a positive response to the proposal. Three Forestry Commission staff and three Bouth residents (Cllr Ken Dean, Mr Paul Holden and Mr Mark Sharphouse) have formed a liaison group. If you are interested in helping out with wildlife surveys, path maintenance, making bird-boxes, or helping with coppicing, etc., please contact a member of the group.

Illegal off-roading: A group composed of local parish councils, the National Park, the Police, Natural England and the Trail Riders Federation have been working together this summer to tackle the increasing problem of illegal off-roading by 4x4s and trail bikes in this part of South Lakeland. Press releases and new signs aim to educate vehicle users about legal and illegal routes, and police campaigns have had success in catching perpetrators and issuing fixed-penalty notices. We will be putting some

information on our notice-boards showing the legal routes in Colton Parish and, also, how to report illegal activity.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on **17 Monday October, 7:30, pm Bouth Village Hall (Note change of date).**

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SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley School

Although it seems a long time ago I thought we ought to refer back to the end of last term and mention the wonderful production of Cinderella. Parents, governors, relatives and friends were thoroughly entertained by two wonderful performances of “Cinderella”. The show was written by Mrs Julia Jones and performed by all the children at Leven valley Primary School, Backbarrow, supported by parents and staff.

There were memorable depictions of the traditional characters and some that were a little different. The audience appreciated all the performances from the children. Everyone did really well, with some outstanding performances from the main characters and I do not think anyone will forget the “extremely old suitors”, the spiders, mice and rat singers sang with gusto (and the audience) and the storytellers read beautifully. The scenery was really stunning especially the transformation scene. The PTA provided yummy refreshments, especially the delicious Fairy (Godmother) cakes and Ugly (Sister) cookies.

Our Ofsted report was really good and included some “oustandings”. Everyone was thrilled and thanks go to Headteacher, staff and governors for all their hard work all year round to obtain a judgement like that.

The new school year has started well, the new starters are already enjoying their time in Class One. A group of children are helping St Anne’s Church with the “Harvest Experience”, assisting with the planning and creation of two displays: Harvest of the Ocean and Harvest of the Flock.

The Leven Valley Playgroup is taking place on Tuesdays 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. in our renovated eco hall: Outback Hall, Leven Valley Primary School. Each week there will be: free play with lots of toys; a healthy snack, then an activity and story connecting us to the world that we live in. For further

information contact Anthea Tel: 015395 30672.

People passing school will have noticed the scaffolding that has appeared around parts of the school building. The single glazed windows are being replaced with double glazed units and the walls are being insulated and re-rendered with a lime mortar. Clearly this will help reduce energy consumption and keep heating costs to a minimum, as well as improving security.

As with previous projects, the school is endeavouring to work in environmentally sensitive way, utilising natural and/or re-cycled products and local trades wherever possible. It is anticipated that the works will be complete by October half-term.

Future special occasions in school are the **Harvest Service on Monday 3 October 11:00am. and Friday 11 November when a Remembrance Service will be held in school at 11:00am.**

School is also collecting Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers so if you have any please hand them in to the school.

Sue Sanderson.



Cartmel Priory School

Cartmel Priory C of E School's application for conversion to academy status was approved by the Secretary of State for Education and on the 1 September 2011 the school became an academy trust. The name of the school remains Cartmel Priory Church of England School and the academy trust which runs the school is called "Cartmel Priory Church of England School Academy Trust".

The Academy Trust has four members these are the Bishop of Carlisle, the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, the incumbent and a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Governing Body of the Academy Trust who will continue to be responsible for the running of the school remains the same in make up as the old governing body.

Academy status brings additional freedoms and control over some additional funding previously held by the local authority and these advantages will be used to benefit the school. The priority for the school will be to continue to focus on the things that have made it successful, whilst taking advantage of any new opportunities that arise.

Dr. Paul.

DIARY DATES

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



- 28 September P C C. Meeting, Church Hall, 7:30pm.
29 September 'Bouth Belles', Brenda Patton's house, 7:30pm.
2 October **Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
Last day for booking Harvest Supper.
3 October Leven Valley School Harvest Service, 11:00am.
4 October Cinema Club, Lowick Community Hall, 7:30pm.
7 October **Farmers' Harvest Service, 7:00pm.** Followed by Harvest Supper.
9 October **Benefice Harvest Communion, COLTON, 10:30am.**
11 October Mothers Union, Colton, 2:00pm.
12 October Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
16 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
17 October Colton Parish Council Meeting, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
18 October **Luke the Evangelist.**
21 October Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.
23 October **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
28 October **Simon & Jude, Apostles.**
30 October **Ecumenical Benefice Communion Service, COLTON, 10:30am.**



CINEMA CLUB

The program is now out and if you do not have one delivered to your door please contact Carol, Email: carolmcneill@tiscali.co.uk – Tel: 01229 861507.

Our next film is 'Neds' – yes – more teenage angst, to be shown at **Lowick Community Hall, 4 October, 7:30 pm.** Tea and coffee are now being served before each film, so come early and enjoy some social time before the film starts.

Carol.



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