



# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

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### *Dear Friends*

What is it that you like about Easter? Is it the thought of the long weekend? Or perhaps it is the thought of all that chocolate, as most adults I know get some form of the stuff, even if they don't actually get an Easter Egg. Some people even go so far as to believe that chocolate is the best thing in life. A belief akin to faith!

Well – the weekend will pass and it will be back to the usual weekly routines; all the chocolate will eventually be eaten and the only evidence of it having ever existed manifesting itself in a few pounds on the bathroom scales.

So what are you left with? The answer is, “Not a lot”. That is unless you consider what it is about Easter that has made Christians stop what they are doing and spend three days away from the ordinariness of daily life to think about their faith. Easter Sunday holds much more meaning for them than a chocolate egg.

Human beings have an unfortunate propensity to be pretty horrible to one another, almost on a daily basis; few of us, if any, live up to the standard that we aspire to. I hope that we could agree that trying to “love our neighbour as we love ourselves” is a fair summary of our ideal, even if we would not call ourselves a Christian.

So how many times in a day do we break that rule of life? We do simple things like breaking speed limits, getting annoyed with each other, “borrowing” the odd thing from work or using resources carelessly. These small failures matter as they mount up to create more problems in everyone's lives.

Christians know that it was human weakness that took Jesus to his crucifixion, but they also know that in that moment they were forgiven. But don't think that this lets them off the hook to go away and do worse things

all over again. Not so, because Jesus not only said that we should love one another as he has loved us, but also that as we are forgiven, in the same way we should forgive one another. Imagine a world in which people really cared for one another and lived together without any resentment. Pie in the sky? Unrealistic? A fantasy? If you think that, what are you saying about yourself, and your hopes for the world in which you live?

And of course, Christians don't dwell on the death of Jesus, they rejoice in His resurrection. We are a "risen people", full of hope and joy going forward in the knowledge that, yes, Christ died because we are far from perfect, but that we are forgiven and have life in abundance.

And we are raised with Him.  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

*Every blessing on you all.*

*Your sister in Christ*

*Joanna*



## MOTHERS UNION

Our St. Valentine's Day afternoon tea provided a pleasant interlude in a grey February. It was an afternoon of pleasant chatting and lots of delightful food. In Mothers' Union tradition there were lots of delicious cakes. In keeping with past events to ensure no one went hungry we had over-catered so guests were invited to take goodies home.

There were lots of smiles and we hope to create more smiles because the money raised, over £100, will allow us to make donations to those organisations which help us by providing speakers for our little gatherings.

Some of you, who came this time, although the invitation extends to all, may wish to join us for our service at **Staveley on May 8** which will be followed by refreshments in the Hall. If you do want to come just let me know for numbers, similarly if you wish to come but require a lift just contact me. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 10 April, Colton Church Hall, 2:00pm**. 'Youth in the Diocese'.

*Edwina.*

## **Mark in 2012**

### **Week beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mark 5:35 – 43                      Power over death

Fear is one of the greatest emotions that we have to face yet Jesus says, “Do not fear, only believe”. So why do so many people living in fear not turn to Jesus?

### **Week beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mark 6:1 – 13                      The twelve in action

*The disciples are to depend on God and not on material gifts. Do we celebrate God's provision of our needs at harvest and at other times?*

### **Week beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mark 6:14 – 29                      The beheading of John the Baptist

Would we be ready to suffer for speaking the truth? Is it better to break or to keep a promise when to keep it would clearly be to do wrong?

### **Week beginning April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Mark 6:30 – 44                      Jesus feeds 5000

*The disciples are for sending the crowds away but Jesus always has time for us. Do we have time for others when they need us?*

### **Week beginning April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mark 6:45 – 56                      Jesus walks on water

*Jesus went up on to the mountain to pray. Do we have a special place for prayer where we feel closer to God? It might be a church, a part of the countryside, a mountain or in the garden?*



### **Prayer themes for April**

Easter celebrations in our churches – the community in Oxen Park and Bandrake Head – Easter celebrations with our families – the homeless – those who feel they are a burden on others – those about to prepare for exams.

We pray, God be in my head and in my understanding.



## COLTON CHRONICLES

Times are hard and so it is with our Church; we have not yet managed to gather in our entire magazine subscriptions so we would ask those who have not yet paid, for one reason or another, to make an effort to cough up ASAP. The only costs are for printing and this does not come cheap.

Everything else is entirely voluntary and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who distribute the magazine and who have the thankless task of collecting the money.

**Susan King** writes: “Thank to the four people, Mike Postle, Giles Wingate-Saul and Joanna & Bob Henson, who continue to open and close the church on regular and reliable basis. It is surprising how many people appreciate this access; Further volunteers for this rota are more than welcome”.

Regrettably I am seeking a replacement for the distribution and collecting the money for the Parish News; I am willing to continue to the end of the year, and that, I am afraid, is that.

*Donald.*

### † Holy Week and Easter Services – 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012 †

**Palm Sunday** – Usual Sunday services

#### **Monday in Holy Week**

Communion followed by APCM 7:30pm Lowick

#### **Tuesday in Holy Week**

Communion followed by APCM 7:30pm Colton

#### **Wednesday in Holy Week**

Communion followed by APCM 7:30pm Egton-cum-Newland

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Communion 7:30pm Colton

#### **Good Friday**

Act of Witness 10:30am Greenodd Village

Devotional Service 2:00pm Lowick

**Easter Day** – 9:30am at Lowick and Colton, 11:00am at Egton



## FLOWER ROTA

“As Lent comes to an end we can decorate our Church again; as usual there will be a community effort, on **Saturday 7 April 10:00am**. Flowers cost money, so we need donations (as well as willing hands): to Susan Smith and/or Pauline Parkin.” Tel: (01229) 370 & 633.

18 April Mrs. Susan Smith

15 April Mrs. Susan Smith

*Susan S.*



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You will notice, on the previous page, the initials APCM and might wonder what they stand for – Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is where the Church Wardens and the PCC are elected, so if you wish to have a say in church affairs, come along.

Life gets complicated and we are indebted to Ian Pirnie for rightly but gently pointing out that there is no up or down side to our Union Flag; it is the same either way up, but the broad white bands must always be adjacent to the flag pole. Is that clear? So apologies to the athletes for whichever way they draped the flag it could always appear to look wrong, depending on where you were standing!

It was heartening to see the more mature members of the ‘BBC’ cycling in the late winter sunshine, clearly intent on not going very far; they even had time to stop and exchange amiable insults with this editor. Mature they maybe, but their excuses for not wearing helmets was anything but! There is now a much sort after embellishment – ‘go faster’ disc brakes!

It is also heartening that community spirit is again live and well in Bouth; a lively working party has washed scrubbed, scraped, dusted and cleaned the Village Hall which is now looking its pristine best.

This spirit is repeated in the work that is ongoing in Old Hall Wood, where in a short period of time significant progress has been made. More next month.

*Donald.*

*“How awful to reflect that what people say about us is true!”*

L P Smith.

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Parish Council Elections:** Colton Parish Council elections take place this year on **Thursday 3 May**. If you would like to join the Council and have more say in how your parish is run, please contact the Clerk for further information and nomination papers (deadline for submission is 4<sup>th</sup> April). To qualify as a Councillor you need to be 18 years or over, a British subject or a citizen of a member state of the European Union and be (a) an elector of the parish; or (b) a person who over the whole of the last twelve months has been owner or tenant of land or premises in the parish or has lived in the parish or within three miles or has had his principal place of work in the parish.

**Field of pigs - successful prosecution:** The following statement has recently been issued by the Environment Agency Press Office:

"Local pig farmer, Robert Rose has been issued with a 180 hour community order and fined £5,200 for causing pollution to the beck next to his pig field in Finsthwaite. The Environment Agency brought the prosecution after investigations revealed that drainage from Mr. Rose's site was polluting Black Beck, posing a risk to water quality and wildlife. Mr. Rose was offered help and advice from the Agency aimed at stopping the pollution; however his sentence was imposed because he failed to take sufficient action and the pollution continued. Members of the public and organisations raised complaints about the pollution, from Mr. Rose's site."

We hope now that all the other issues of concern: flooding of the road, escaped pigs, animal welfare, damage, etc. will soon also be addressed.

Our next meetings are as follows: **Monday 26 March, Rusland Reading Rooms** - a Parish Open Meeting followed by a Parish Council Meeting: the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**, is to be held on **Tuesday 8 May, Bouth Village Hall**; both at **7:30pm** and everyone welcome, as usual.

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## WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our very own Detective Sergeant Mark Curley who works in C.I.D and who has worked in everything from road traffic accidents to organised crime spoke on police and the endeavours of Pace. Pace stands for 'Police

and the Criminals Evidence Act of 1984'. It is an act of parliament providing legislative framework of police officers in England and Wales to combat crime and provide a code of practice for the exercise of those powers. This came out largely due to the Brixton riots and establishes in law the rights that the public have. He peppered his talk with anecdotes of incidents that had occurred over the last 10yrs.

Our next meeting – **Wednesday 11 April, 7:15pm, Village Hall**, is 'W I at Home'. Also, get prepared for our **Spring Walk and Cream Tea on 14 April. Boots on, 1:00pm Bouth Village Hall**. Tea will be served from **3:00pm** onwards. There will be three walks to suit all ages and fitness levels and please keep children and dogs under control, the latter on leads. Cost £5.00per head, children under 5 £1.

*Sue Smith. +*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### CARTMEL PRIORY:

It was pleasing to note in the recently published league tables that Cartmel Priory School was again amongst the highest performing comprehensives in Cumbria for the governments key headline figure of % 5+ A\*-C including maths and English. Even more importantly the all of the pupils from last year have gone on to employment, education or training.

Meanwhile this year's GCSE pupils are working just as hard with a flurry of coursework deadlines approaching and exam and coursework booster sessions on several lunchtimes and evenings a week as well some weekend sessions. We hope this year's pupils will also get the results they deserve.

*Dr. Paul*



### LEVEN VALLEY:

There have been a few changes now at Leven Valley. The windows are completely finished, all plastic wrapping has been removed and the building looks extremely smart. As a longstanding governor it is a delight to note the transformation has greatly improved the appearance of the school and its dining room, now known as **Outback Hall**. In addition the work done to ensure sustainability and reduce energy costs is particularly impressive. We have been very fortunate in receiving grant aid but thanks must go to

our Headteacher, Mr Ian Nicol, who has worked so hard to make sure that we received the grants.

The school continues to provide some exciting educational opportunities independently and through the Cartmel Consortium, such as dance performances and investigating the Solar System through the use of an inflatable planetarium and many others. There are a range of after school activities taking place such as Multi-skills for Class 1, Junior Hockey and Year 6 Revision Clubs are continuing. Monday Club has run three sessions about families and relationships. A new session begins in May: 3.30-4.30 p.m.

Rachel McSherry will be leading After School club two afternoons a week. A new clerk, Kath Atherton, was appointed and has attended her first meeting. We have also recently welcomed a new governor Pam Priestley.

The PTA continues to work hard to raise money each year to spend on those extras that make a big difference for our children. Last year over £3700 was raised and it paid for: **New Sports Jackets and T-shirts: Christmas party with Jem the Juggler for the whole school: Waterproof salopettes for Class 1 children: Games evenings and discos for the children: New cups and plates for use at PTA and school events: Leavers' ghyll scramble and barbeque.**

The money was raised through: **Christmas Play refreshments and crafts sales: Coniston Family BBQ: Family Ceildih organised with St Anne's Church: Used clothing collections: Nearly new uniform sale: Grant applications: Afternoon Tea for the local community.** Thanks go to everyone who helped to raise the funds.

Years 5 and 6 are currently working hard to prepare for the Leven Valley Fair World Coffee.

*Sue Sanderson.*



**"LOVE CONQUERS DEATH"** We shall again be making our Christian Witness in **Greenodd on Good Friday (6th April)**, with a procession along Main Street, and a short open-air service, under the title "Love Conquers Death" at the Triangle. This will be followed by Coffee/Tea and hot cross buns in the Village Hall. We shall assemble at the far end of Main Street **for a 10:30 a.m.** start. Do please join in if you are able. *David.*



## DIARY DATES

- 1 April **Palm Sunday, Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
- 3 April **Colton APCM following Holy Communion at 7:30pm.**
- 5 April **Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion, Colton – 7:30pm.**
- 6 April **Good Friday – ‘Act of Witness’ - Greenodd Village – 10:30am.**
- 7 April **Decorating the Church – 10:00am.**
- 8 April **EASTER DAY, Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 10 April M U - Colton Church Hall – 2:00pm.
- 11 April Bouth W I - Village Hall – 7:15pm.
- 14 April Bouth W I – Spring Walk & Tea– Village Hall – 1:00pm. Tea – 3:00pm>
- 15 April **Holy Communion – Colton – 9:30am.**
- 16 April The Battle of Culloden, 1745 (We won!)
- 21 April **The Queen’s real Birthday- born 1926.**
- 22 April **Holy Communion – Colton – 9:30am.**
- 23 April **St. George.**
- 25 April **Mark the Evangelist.**
- Fashion Show for St. Mary’s Hospice – Café Ambio – 6:00pm for 7:30pm.
- 29 April **Benefice Holy Communion – Lowick – 10:30am.**



## ST. MARY’S HOSPICE

The Leven Valley Support Group is holding a **Fashion Show** at The Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum Backbarrow on **Friday 20 April**. The evening will begin with a tour of ‘The Motor Museum’ starting at **6:00pm** and then on into ‘The Café Ambio at **7:30pm** for an Olympic themed Fashion show by ‘Two by Two’ of Ulverston including handbags, jewellery, raffle etc. Tickets will be £7.50 including entrance to the Motor Museum & the Fashion Show; refreshments will be served in the interval. All proceeds to St. Mary’s Hospice. Come along for a wonderful fun evening out!

Tickets available from Dot Crabtree Tel: 015395 30132 Sylvia Chadwick Tel: 015395 31685 and Marian Wilson Tel: 015395 31779. *Dot Crabtree.*



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