



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

How soon the joy of Christmas seems to be forgotten, particularly if the bills have come in and have to be paid! How soon we forget the essential message of Christmas which is about God's love for us.

The weather throughout this winter hasn't helped – although I am writing this in the middle of January I hold out little hope for brighter weather between now and when you read this, (although I would dearly love to be proved wrong).

However – there is one bright spot in February, St Valentine's Day, when we remind special people in our lives of how much we love them. We know very little about Valentine because he is a somewhat shadowy figure in Church history; so we cannot be absolutely sure when he was martyred, but we believe that it was in about 270AD.

Valentine, along with all Christians in Rome at that time, was being persecuted. As a priest, he lived out his commitment to Christ's teaching that we should love one another, by his love for the people around him and his persistence in helping and supporting his fellow believers. This really upset the Emperor Claudius (Gothicus for those who wonder which one of many that might be), caused his arrest and prosecution. He was beaten with clubs and stoned; when that failed to kill him, he was beheaded! He was faithful to our Lord to the end.

This month we also celebrate another Saint, Janani Luwum. Perhaps you have never heard of him? Janani Luwum is yet another example to us of what it means to really love one another is the very essence of Jesus's teaching to us.

Janani Luwum was Archbishop of the Church in Uganda at the time of Idi Amin, a role which put him in the eye of the President, especially when Janani started to deliver public protests at the arbitrary killings and unexplained disappearances of so many people. Amin accused the

Archbishop of treason, and had the Archbishop and two Cabinet members (both committed Christians) arrested and held for military trial. However, they were put in a lorry, driven away and never seen alive by their friends again.

And all that Valentine and Janani had done was speaking out for justice!

We might reflect that when Christians speak out for justice now they are so often scorned and told to mind their own business; and recently we have even witnessed Christians, who have hitherto been part of the established culture, turning their backs on those who cry out against inequality. If ever we needed a Valentine or a Janani, it is now and they would need you “on their side”.

Well – now there’s something to think about as we approach Lent!

Your sister-in-Christ

Joanna

P S I was in Orkney when I wrote my letter and was unaware of May’s death. J



FLOWER ROTA

5 February Mrs. Sally Pirnie

12 February Mrs. Sally Pirnie

LENT



MOTHERS UNION

We began our January meeting with a time of silence to remember Mrs. May Lambert that lovely thoughtful and warm hearted lady. Our thoughts are with her family.

The Rev’d. Canon G Wemyss was our first speaker in 2012 and delivered an excellent talk on the Landmark Trust. We thank him

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 February, Valentine’s Day 2:30pm, Haverthwaite**. This will be a fund raising event so we can make donations to our speakers; we shall be having **Afternoon Tea, tickets £3.00**.
Edwina.



Mark in 2012

Week beginning February 5th

Mark 3:7 – 19 Jesus' disciples

For thought: Do you feel called by Jesus? Would you be ready and willing to give up your lifestyle to follow him? How close do we want to be to Jesus?

Week beginning February 12th

Mark 3:20 – 35 Misunderstandings and accusations

For thought: Do you feel that you are one of Jesus' brothers or sisters? Is he part of your life like any other relation?

Week beginning February 19th

Mark 4:1 – 12 Jesus teaches in parables

For thought: What kind of soil are you where the seeds of faith fall?

Week beginning February 26th

Mark 4:13 – 20 Jesus interprets the parable

For thought: After Jesus' explanation what kind of soil would you like to be where the seeds of faith fall?

Prayer themes for February

The snowdrops showing signs of hope – the community in Water Yeat and Blawith – our families – a future for young people – those who are bereaved – those celebrating a new birth.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.



May Lambert

Many friends joined the family at Colton Church to say farewell to Mrs. May Lambert who sadly but peacefully died at home on 7 January. May was a true country lady who touched everyone she met, young and old, with kindness. She married Tommy and raised their three children in their cottage in Bouth. Her door was always open and she welcomed everyone into her home with a cup of tea and a biscuit in front of a cheerful fire; May's scones were the best ever and she was always ready to bake for any fund raising event.

May was not only wholly committed to Bouth but also to the community and the church. She had seen all the local children grow up, have families, children and grandchildren and was always interested in their lives; remarkably always knew their birthdays. She was a member of the Mothers Union and the W I for most of her adult life and it was a joy to see her enjoying both the W I Christmas party and the November M U meeting.

Not only did she work hard for Bouth Village Hall but also Colton Church, which she loved; she supported every event with her great enthusiasm doing whatever needed to be done. May never stood and watched, she worked and worked and worked, not for herself, but for the good of the community. If anybody needed help she was always there, often with little regard for herself. And until recently delivered month after month, year after year eighty Church Magazines and took newspapers round to her neighbours.

Everyone loved and respected May and we shall always remember her smiling face and little giggle when things amused her, for many years to come. To say that we will miss her is the understatement of the year. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with her family. *Judy.*



COLTON CHRONICLES

New Year has long gone, as have no doubt, any good, bad or indifferent resolutions foolishly made in the exuberance of a fresh start to a year that has to be better than the last. The Colton Parish News has, for the last 16, been a little wayward on occasions and finished the last year somewhat ingloriously we hope to do better this year. Not only has the New Year gone but Lent is nearly upon us Ash Wednesday being the 22 February.

I had always understood that Christmas was a celebration of the birth of Jesus yet an analysis of my Christmas cards show that over 75% were not related in any way to that event. The 25% that were, generously included any with a church and more dubiously, with holly and/or ivy. Let us not take Christ out of Christmas.

The mindless acts of vandalism continue at our church and there seems to be very little progress in solving this idiocy: if this continues then the future of our church is in doubt and the question is 'does anybody care for our church?'

Signpost: We continue to support two Dalit children in Southern India, a five year commitment we made in 2009. We are now in our fourth year and the cost is £18 per month per child which is invested at community level. Currently we rely on two sponsors paying £4.50 per month and other yearly donations, more is welcome. Contact Judy Redhead, Tel: 01229 588 684.

Donald.



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Congratulations to Adam Naylor who worships at our 'brother' church, St. Luke's, Lowick, on being awarded the MBE for services to art.

Bouth Village Hall: The Hall, previously a company reading room, was bequeathed to the village by ICI following the demise of Blackbeck Gunpowder works and as such it is the responsibility of all residents in Bouth to ensure its upkeep. It is reflection on our society that at the Annual General Meeting, held in November, out of 150+ permanent residents only eight were present.

In the absence of a chairman secretary Alison Whytwell took command and guided the meeting efficiently and firmly. Alison remains as secretary, Elspeth Cooper as Treasurer; since the meeting Stephen Perkins, following some marital pressure, has agreed to be chairman. The Hall is registered charity but does not receive any grants other than those applied for, for improvements and this year ran at **a loss**.

For the past many years an event has been held in December to raise funds for the Hall, but those who organised it in 2011 donated the money (£103.00) elsewhere, apparently forgetting that charity begins at home. Also

forgetting that the collection (£193.00) at the 'Carols on the Green', which for only the second time in 20 years turned out to be the 'Carols Round the Bar' at the White Hart was donated to the same Charity – St. Mary's Hospice.

Our thanks go to Cath & Nigel Barton for hosting the 'Horde,' also for generously providing mulled wine and mince pies. Some Italians were spotted and seemed, unsurprisingly, totally bemused by the whole affair.

There will be an event for funds for the Village Hall, probably in March, possibly Bingo, when the caller is likely to be Steve Perkins, in which case it will be an entertaining evening.

The guests at the WI Christmas Party thank the ladies of the WI for their hospitality and a wonderful evening; as usual the 'Bouth Belles' were superb, ably directed by Debbie and Judy and sympathetically accompanied by Sue Lydon on the key board.

Donald.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our first meeting of the New Year was an open meeting when our own Charlotte Sharpehouse gave an enlightening and entertaining insight into the workings of the Cartmel Sticky Toffee Pudding Company. There was an excellent turnout especially the men, no doubt attracted by the lure ofpuddings?

Charlotte was ably assisted by her 'little helper' aka husband Alex not only in a smart blue shirt but competently operating the microwave oven, to the surprise of many of the members. We all enjoyed samples, some returning, like Oliver Twist, for more. The puddings are handmade and in producing 4000 a day use 700 eggs, 2 tonnes of butter, 2 tonnes of dates, 1 tonne of flour and 50 gallons of double cream a week.

Part of Charlotte's job is product development and sales and explained the difficulties and bureaucratic hurdles that have to be overcome; it was a salutary lesson in the way that she handled these problems, calmly with humour and a remarkable inner strength. The evening finished with a generous gesture of giving us all a pick of a selection of puddings.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 February. 7:15pm** when Tina Boyle & Co. will talk/demonstrate 'Ulverston Clog Dancers.'

Jane.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Grit Bins: You may have noticed that we now have more grit bins in the Parish. Three have been bought by the Parish Council, and others provided by County. Some have, however, been placed in unexpected locations, and some are as yet unfilled, so we will be ‘taking stock’ at our next meeting!

Field of Pigs, between Ealinghearth and Finsthwaite: We are very aware that the flooding here arising from the ‘pig field’ is worse than ever as is the slurry pollution into the becks. We are pressing hard for a resolution and are awaiting developments from the Environment Agency. We understand that Highways are unable to deal with the flooding until the pollution problem is resolved. Along with Haverthwaite Parish, we are also trying to resolve the issue of pigs escaping into the surrounding woodland. Please report any sightings of escaped pigs to the Clerk (contact details below).

Community First Responders: We are pleased to hear that the Hawkshead and Satterthwaite Team’s area has now been extended a bit further south to include Oxen Park and Bandrake Head. If you are interested in finding out more about what First Responders do and to what sort of incidents they might be called to, then have a look on the North-west Ambulance Service website: www.nwas-responders.info or chat with a local Responder.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 20 February, 7:30pm. Finsthwaite Village Hall.**

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LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOL

This is the first opportunity I have had to include these comments for Colton so please forgive me for referring back to last term. Parents, governors and friends of Leven Valley Primary School thoroughly enjoyed Christmas performances at the school. Class one led the way with a beautifully interpreted nativity story with some very good Year 2 narrators. Classes 2 and 3 followed up with a performance of Hans Christian Anderson’s “Little Match Girl”. There were some wonderful individual performances including Jessica Charlesworth as the little match girl. The quality of the singing by all the children should be mentioned. Costumes

and scenery were of a very high standard and were provided by the many volunteers and staff who help the school. The PTA made everyone very welcome with hot drinks, a bottle raffle, cake stalls and craft stalls.

The last afternoon of the Autumn Term was also a real treat with “Carols round the Christmas Tree” which involved everyone singing Christmas songs, seeing a short film of the nativity produced by Hannah Fox and Tom Lloyd and narrated by Mr Calvert, listening to the recorder group and a duet by Hannah and Reuben. Mr Calvert told the Christmas story relating it to surprises and then was surprised himself by receiving a birthday present and cards from school for his special birthday the week before Christmas. The children completed the afternoon by Class One singing “The Twelve Days of Christmas” and classes two and three singing the final songs from “The Little Match Girl”.

The New Year has begun with the arrival of the new windows and the removal of some of the plastic sheeting so things are gradually returning to normal. Monday Club has begun again for three weeks of this first half term. The theme for this session is light to tie in with Epiphany and Christingle services.

Rachel McSherry has joined the school to help out at lunchtimes. The governors are currently advertising for a new clerk to governors, locally and on the Cumbria website, closing date is 31st January 2012. Thanks go to Sarah Shires for her work as clerk over the last few years; she will be a hard act to follow! Year 6 Suma project has begun again and they have sent some information for you all.

Sue Sanderson.

Note: Suma is a whole food wholesaler specialising in vegetarian, fair traded, organic, ethical and natural products; it is a workers’ co-operative. Year 6 children run the Leven Valley Suma food group, you can get produce delivered to school and come and collect them and pay.

Email to join: suma@levenvalley.cumbria.sch.uk – web site www.suma.coop.



The Church’s restoration
In eighteen-eighty-three
Has left for contemplation
Not what there used to be,
How well the ancient woodwork
Looks round the Rectr’y hall,
Memorial of the good work
Of him who plann’d it all.

He who took down the pew ends
And sold them anywhere
But kindly spared a few ends
Work’d up into a chair.
O worthy persecution
Of dust! O hue divine!
O cheerful substitution
Thou varnishéd pitch-pine.

DIARY DATES

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



- 2 February **Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candelmas)**
5 February **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am.**
7 February Cinema Club, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm.
8 February Bouth W I Village Hall, 7:15pm.
12 February **Benefice Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30am.**
14 February Valentine's Day. (Men beware, 'tis a leap Year)
18 February Cinema Club + Supper, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
19 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
20 February Colton Parish Council Meeting, Finsthwaite Village Hall, 7:30pm.
21 February Shrove Tuesday.
22 February **Ash Wednesday.**
23 February Cinema Club, Leven Valley School, 3:45pm.
26 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Programme for February: The Jim Loach Film '*Oranges & Sunshine*', **Tuesday 7 February, Greenodd Village Hall, 7:30pm** & Tim Fleming's film '*Vitrio*'. On **Saturday 18 February, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm** we are showing '*Tinker, Tailor Soldier Spy*'. Our Family Film will now be shown on **Thursday 23 February, 3:45pm, Leven Valley**; title to be announced.

Carol.



Church furnishing! Church furnishing!
Sing art and crafty praise!
He gave the brass for burnishing
He gave the thick red baize,
He gave the new addition,
Pull'd down the dull old aisle,
-To pave the sweet transition
He gave th' encaustic tile.

Of marble brown and veined
He did the pulpit make;
He order'd windows stained
Light red and crimson lake.
Sing on with hymns uproarious,
Ye humble and aloof,
Look up! And oh how glorious
He has restored the roof!

John Betjeman.

