



# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON



## PASTORAL LETTER

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### *Dear Friends*

I expect that the rosy glow of the Jubilee Celebrations faded a while ago – the bunting has disappeared and apart from the many memories we have in our hearts it might never have happened.

The things that I remember most of all are the numbers of people who lined the banks of the Thames to cheer the Royal procession of little boats in the Pageant – and how they outnumbered the handful of resistant republican protesters in an order of magnitude too great to calculate. Most of all I was touched by the little dinghies flying the flags of the countries of the Commonwealth – a timely reminder to everyone that Elizabeth is not just our Queen but belongs to and is loved by so many other people as well around the world.

Seventy two people came together in Penny Bridge Church to celebrate the Jubilee before setting out to enjoy the rest of their day and it is yet another reminder that people do turn to the church when there are special occasions either in their own lives or in the life of the nation; it just seems to be the “right” place to gather together and acknowledge the moment with the gravity that is its due.

However, so often I feel that our little churches are taken for granted. Just because they have been there for centuries it is assumed that they will always be there for whenever their sacred space is required for a wedding or a funeral. Sadly this is not likely to be the case for much longer as their maintenance becomes more burdensome on an ageing population. I sometimes think that some folk believe that the buildings – many of which are “listed” buildings - are maintained by the state – but sadly this is not Sweden and that is not so!

On the other hand – the buildings – although we name them churches are not “the church” in the whole sense of the word. The church is actually the people who go to it to worship and I often feel that they, too, are taken for granted. As we gather for worship week by week we carry you all in our

hearts to God to ask, for example, for healing, for relief from anxiety, for comfort in times of sadness and for so much more. We would love you join us sometimes. Since the Diocese became the first Ecumenical Diocese in the country we have enjoyed worship on several occasions with our brothers and sisters who are Baptists, Methodists and Roman Catholics and we would really like you to come to those special services too, just to be part of the Christian Community in this neighbourhood. Apart we can achieve little but gathered together we can accomplish so much more.

Watch out for the next “special” service, we hope to see you there!

*With love and every blessing from you sister-in-Christ*

*Joanna*



## **Mark in 2012**

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

Mark 9:33 – 50                      Jesus training his disciples

Are we able to see others as equal to, or more important than we are? Do we believe that sin is wrong and if we do something wrong do we ask for forgiveness? Is humility “out of date”?

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

Mark 10:1 – 16                      Jesus answers questions

*This passage gives a pointer to divorce and Jesus’ teaching on it. Have you thought through your position about this issue? Do we encourage our children to learn about Jesus, or like the disciples do we stop them?*

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

Mark 10:17 – 31                      A rich young man

Do we know the commandments – try to remember all ten! How would we react if we were told to sell our possessions to help the poor? It may not be possessions but what else might we need to “give up” for God?

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

Mark 10:32 – 45                      Service and greatness

*Are we willing to serve others? Do we have mistaken ideas of what greatness is?*

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

Mark 10:46 – 52                      Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus

*Do we know someone who has been healed in body, mind, or spirit through faith in Jesus? Could seeing clearly be the same as believing in Jesus?*

Prayer themes for July

For an increase of our faith and trust in Jesus – the community in Greenodd – for those having a holiday and for those who cannot afford to, that all may have a time of rest this summer.

## **GREENODD AND DISTRICT PLANNING GROUP COFFEE & THE BIBLE**



- What has the Old Testament to say to us today?
- A look at four characters and how they can affect our Christian lives today.
- **When? Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- **July 11<sup>th</sup>**                      **Moses** at The Vicarage, Penny Bridge
- **July 25<sup>th</sup>**                      **Joseph** at Lowick Farm House
- **August 8<sup>th</sup>**                      **Ruth** at Tottlebank Church Hall
- **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**                      **Esther** at Barnside, Bouth

Christians of all denominations welcome.

## FLOWER ROTA

- 1 July The Walker Family.  
8 July The Walker Family  
15 July Mrs. Charlotte Sharphouse.  
22 July Mrs. Charlotte Sharphouse



## COLTON CHRONICLES

Our Jubilee Service was a stirring affair with rousing singing and the flag of St. George flying proudly from the tower. It was reasonably well attended but more residents should have been there for this momentous occasion; shame on you. It would not have been as successful if it were not for the efforts of the Henson family to whom we express our grateful thanks.

By the time you get this magazine the 'Black Top' gang should have completed their work, weather permitting, and there will be now a smooth walk through the churchyard up to the church; heels may be worn. The downside is that this work comes at a price and it has been necessary to sell assets to fund the surfacing of the paths.

If that is not bad enough there is not enough in our coffers to pay the next instalment of the Parish Share and so we need to dip in to our reserves; the sadness is that our cash flow, what we give to the church, is 15% down on the same period last year. For this reason, if for no other, it is essential that our Fête is financially successful, so turn up and spend, spend, spend.

For those of you who might have forgotten the date is **Saturday 21 July**. Raffle tickets are now available and if you want to donate any prizes then you can leave in the church or Raffle to any member of the PCC, Tombola to Sue Lydon, Tel: 01229 861 511. The biggest return is usually from the raffle but so far ticket sales are slow, please do your best; stubs and money to be returned to Susan King by **Wednesday 18 July**.

From time to time it is necessary for lay members to take a service which, with the odd exception, is well received. On **Sunday 15 July** our service at Colton will not be Holy Communion but **'Morning Worship'** and we are delighted to tell you that it will be taken by Pam Priestley.

Following the comments in the June issue re the Christian Aid Lunch we have received many expressions of disappointment and it is hoped that the Lunch can, once again, be brought back to life.

*Donald.*



## PARISH NEWS

The Bouth Jubilee Celebrations were a magnificent success, despite the damp, when it seemed that every man, woman and their dog turned out. The Green was wondrously decorated; the food superb but the less said about the drink the better. There must have been some sore heads the next day but better the names stay anonymous; the words stones and glass houses come to mind. If possible the cleanup operation was even more impressive; a truly community effort and from those of us who just indulged, our grateful thanks for the organisers, the workers and the kind folk who generously loaned their gazebos.

There must have been other celebrations in the parish, but if they were, a cloak of silence has fallen which is a pity because we do like to know about life in this precious parish.

Congratulations to George Young who has joined the illustrious group of octogenarians in the parish although he has some way to go as we also congratulate two ladies who both have celebrated 'in their nineties' birthdays.

**Oil Syndicate:** Following the first round of deliveries in March the next buying cycle is scheduled for late August when prices should be lower than later in the year. Those registered will be contacted by email and if any wish to join please contact one of the following:-

**Bouth:** *David Hamer* [david@bestpath.co.uk](mailto:david@bestpath.co.uk), **Colton:** *Mike Postle* [mike@postle.co](mailto:mike@postle.co), **Oxen Park** *Jill Mckinnon* [Mckinnon.js@gmail.com](mailto:Mckinnon.js@gmail.com)  
**Rusland:** *Mike Benham* [mikebenham@btinternet.com](mailto:mikebenham@btinternet.com). No email then Tel: 01229 86685

**The Ghyll Singers:** Their next Concert will be held on **Tuesday 24 July, Coronation Hall, 7:30pm**. The Concert is in aid of the Kathleen Ferrier Cancer Research Fund and St. Mary's Hospice.

*Donald.*

*"We make a living by **what we get**, we make a life by **what we give**."*

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**A590 Minister's visit cancelled:** A planned visit by the Transport Minister to Cumbria to view the safety issues on the A590, including the urgent need for a roundabout at Greenodd, has been cancelled or postponed. MPs Tim Farron and John Woodcock are very unhappy about this decision, and will instead visit the Minister in London on 18<sup>th</sup> June. We are awaiting information, but some of you will have seen the articles in the local press that suggest that the Highways Agency have 'pulled' plans for the roundabout in favour of other 'higher priority schemes' in other parts of the country. Parish and County Councillors along with MPs will discuss how to proceed when more information is known.

**National Grid** has published proposals for linking the equipment of electricity generating companies in the North West to the national grid. These include a number of offshore wind farms and a proposed 3.2GW nuclear power station in West Cumbria. The implications for our area could be above-ground power lines across the landscape. If you want to see the proposals including maps of proposed routes, and make your comments, go to: <http://www.northwestcoastconnections.com/> - deadline 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Illegal off-road activity reporting:** We need the community to be the eyes and ears for the police for the problem of illegal off-road activity by motor vehicles. Please see <http://www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/Off-Road.htm#Reporting> for how to report and send an email – or contact the Clerk directly with information (details below). Thanks to those who regularly report. It is also useful to have details of where obvious motorbike tracks are seen anywhere away from the legal green roads, and where vans are parking up to unload motorbikes. For immediate reporting to the police of illegal activity at the time it is happening, just ring the non-emergency number 101, and the police will try to get there.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 23 July in Rusland Reading Rooms at 7:30pm**. Everyone welcome.

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**Note:** One cannot help but think that it is not the A590 that is at fault but the impatient and selfish drivers who lack consideration for others!

## **LEVEN VALLEY C of E SCHOOL**

All three classes have returned to school after a half term break refreshed and ready to keep learning. They have fully recovered from their exciting adventures on Class 3's residential week and Classes 2 and 1's Water Week. Classes 1 and 3 enjoyed a special train ride on the Haverthwaite and Lakeside Railway ending in Class 1 waving goodbye to Class 3 as they set off on their holiday journey.

Class 3 enjoyed canoeing and sailing and cycling as part of their journey up to Rydal Hall. They camped out and cooked their own meals, including pasta and sauce!. They climbed the fells above Grasmere, had a great barbeque with governors, parents and friends and took Class 1 on a quest round Rydal Hall.

Class 2 worked with the South Cumbria Rivers Trust drawing river creatures and making ink prints of the river landscapes. They had a great Swallows and Amazons day climbing and canoeing with Kendal College and Mere Mts. and another day sailing on Coniston Water.

Class 1 enjoyed swimming in the Barrow Leisure Pool, picnicking in Barrow Park, having a wonderful activity day at Fell Foot and enjoying watery activities in the quad.

The whole school enjoyed a wonderful Diamond Jubilee lunch together with friends and helpers at the school, despite the weather. *Sue Sanderson.*



## **BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE**

Our summer outing this year was a visit to Abbots Reading Farm as guests of Tony and Sharon Woods. Having had coffee, a short talk and video presentation we were given a wonderful guided tour around the farm in a purpose built covered wagon. A running and delightful commentary was given by little Molly! We were taken right up to their high wildflower hay meadows, through the Shorthorn cattle, who found us most entertaining, to an impressive viewing platform. On return to the farm we looked at the 'Glamping' cabins which any one of us would have moved into at once.

The energy, enthusiasm and sheer hard work with which they are tackling this enterprise is inspiring. Having had the Highland cattle called over for us we left for supper in the White Hart. It was an excellent evening.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 July, Village Hall, 7:15pm** when Mr. R Wheatley will be presenting a talk on the Kennedys. The competition is a '*Historical Document*'. *Jane.*



## JUST FOR FUN

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**Just for fun.**

**Find the following Books of the Bible and see what the letters left spell out.**

**Acts, Hebrews, III John, II Peter, James, Jude, Luke, Mark, Philemon, Romans, & Titus**



**Footnote:**

The donations received at the Bouth Jubilee Celebrations amounted to a generous £138 but as the cost was only £38 the remainder, £100, was split between the Village Hall and the Village Green Thank you! Some items have been left behind including stainless steel ‘dishes’; if the owners would like their items back please contact Debbie Perry, Tel: 01229 861639.

### DIARY DATES

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



- 1 July **Morning Family Worship, 10:30am.**
- 3 July **Thomas, Apostle**
- 8 July **Benefice Holy Communion, Lowick, 10:30am.**
- 11 July Bible Study, The Vicarage.10:00am.  
Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 15 July St. Swithun  
**“Morning Worship” 9:30am.**
- 21 July **Garden Fête, Old Vicarage, 2:00pm onwards.**
- 22 July **Mary Magdalene.**  
**Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 23 July Colton Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
- 24 July The Ghyll Singers Concert, Coronation Hall, 7:30pm. “In aid of Charity”.
- 25 July **James, Apostle.**  
Bible Study, Lowick Farm House, 10:00am.
- 29 July **Benefice Holy Communion, & Baptism, Colton, 10:30am.**



### MOTHERS UNION

On 12 June we enjoyed an outing to Staveley (Kendal) Church viewing the wonderful William Morris designed stain glass windows and the display of photographs of local people and scenes. No less enjoyable was afternoon tea at Lakeland Ltd. and, it goes without saying, shopping.

On **Monday 25 June, Shap Memorial Hall, 10:00am ’til 3:00 pm** the Deanery Mothers Union is holding an ‘Action & Outreach Day’ at where important work nation & worldwide will be displayed. Importantly those who visit will realise and have a new vision

of what the M U is really about, more than tea & biscuits, once a month. Bring & buy, cake's stall and the M U choir will be singing. Not to be missed. *Judith.*



*“All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That’s his.”*

Oscar Wilde.