



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

LOVE CONQUERS DEATH

We once gave refuge to a dancer from the Royal Ballet when I was Vicar of Lindal; she and I went for a walk, in the February sunshine, to share her problems. When we got back to the Vicarage, I suggested that we prayed together before our conversation. Anne's prayer has stuck with me all these years:

“Thank you, Lord, for showing me why the snowdrops always droop their heads – so that no-one knows they are chuckling!”

But what are they chuckling about? Perhaps it is the folly of human unbelief, expressed in a little chorus (- it goes to the tune of “What a friend we have in Jesus”.)

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,

“I should really love to know

Why these silly human beings

Rush around and worry so!”

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,

“I suppose that it must be

‘Cos they have no heavenly father,

Such as cares for you and me.”

Many years later I had to take the funeral of a very prominent local dahlia grower, and I based my sermon on how Jesus spoke of the way that a seed has to fall into the earth and “die”, before it can fulfil its real purpose. I said what a stupid thing it would be if we carefully nurtured our dahlia tubers, putting them on show on the mantelpiece until the time came to

plant them, and then buried them in the ground, with weeping and lamenting, saying that that's the last we'll ever see of them!

Once again springtime is nearly upon us, with the snowdrops already in evidence, the birds mating up, and the crocuses, daffodils and tulips peeking through. If we believe that we are again witnessing the message of our Creator, written large into the universe of His making, in order to make His truth known to us, how can we fail to respond joyfully to all this glorious, burgeoning evidence of new life – of the heart of the Christian message that LOVE CONQUERS DEATH?

Yours sincerely, in Christ's Name,

David

COTTON CHRONICLES

In the nineties the church was burgled and the church clock, lectern and Jacobean chair were stolen. The PCC at the time had the courage to decide that the church would remain open. The church and churchyard have, in recent times, been subjected to mindless vandalism and in dealing with this the PCC have had similar courage and the church will remain open, although closed overnight. Thanks were expressed for the continuing help of Mr & Mrs King in this crisis.

Being Christian is more than just going to church on Sundays as the parable of the 'Good Samaritan' so aptly expresses; fortunately, and particularly for this editor, neighbourly good will is still alive and well. Being unfortunate to get his car stuck in the bad weather, trying to get home to Bouth, along came some good neighbours and with their valiant efforts got driver and car home in one piece. To ensure a biblical connection thanks were expressed in the local inn.

Donald.

"MAY"

Bringer of happiness,
Like the month that bears your name
And the white blossom in that same
Magic time of May.
Quietly you helped,
You spread your love

To every needy soul,
Every worthwhile cause.
You have illuminated village life.
Now in this sorrowing place
There is an empty space –
Live on May, in our memories

Jean Sly.

Mark in 2012

Week beginning March 4th

Mark 4:21 – 34 Parables of the Kingdom

Sometimes the words we hear, or read, from the Bible are confusing and even contradictory. Have you thought about getting together with a few friends to look at some passages of the Bible which can improve our living in society today? (If so contact me, Gary – Vicar)

Week beginning March 11th

Mark 4:35 – 4:41 Jesus' power over nature

Jesus can calm the storms of our lives if we have faith in him – but have we and if not how do we get it?

Week beginning March 18th

Mark 5:1 – 20 Demons expelled

Do we possess demons that need to be taken out of our lives? How can we do this? Who can help? Could Jesus help you?

Week beginning March 25th

Mark 5:21 – 34 Power over disease

Have you considered “prayer for healing” as part of treatment for physical, mental or spiritual illness and suffering? Can we be brought to wholeness of body, mind and spirit through prayer?

Prayer themes for March

Signs of new growth in the countryside and gardens – the community in High and Low Nibthwaite and the neighbouring parish of Rusland – our friends – parents facing financial difficulty – those who are affected by the cold weather – those preparing to be married.

A Prayer for Lent

By the prayers of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to pray. By the gifts of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to give. By the toils of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to work. By the love of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to love. By the cross of Jesus, Lord, teach us how to live.



COFFEE & THE BIBLE



- A simple look at the New Testament Book James.
- What does it say to us today?
- **When? Wednesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am**
- February 29th Lowick Farm House, Lowick (J & D Gregg)
- March 7th Wetherlam, Greenodd (J & D Lancaster)
- March 14th Barnside, Bouth (D A Wroe)
- March 21st Woodside Cottage, Colton (J Henson)
- March 28th Vicarage, Penny Bridge (E & G Wemyss)

If you haven't been before we look forward to you joining us.

Holy Week and Easter Services – 1st to the 8th 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

Royal Oak, Spark Bridge - Thank You

Tony and John would like to say a big thank you to all who helped and supported our Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday the 4th of December, especially Spark Bridge Village Hall Committee. We had a great evening and raised over £1000, the money raised will be split between St Mary's Hospice and Spark Bridge Village Hall.

PARISH NEWS

Recently there was an Indoor Athletics meeting with an unusually high number of UK winners, all of whom celebrated by taking a lap of honour with a Union Jack draped over their shoulders. Almost without exception they all had the flag upside down. For those of you who are not sure, our national flag has a thin red cross imposed on a white cross but it is not symmetrical so there is a broad band and a narrow band of white.

The correct way to fly the flag is with the BROAD band uppermost.

Why this concern, you may ask? Well, later this year we will be celebrating the Jubilee in the parish and will, no doubt, be flying flags, so it is important to get it correct. Talking of which, for the good residents in Bouth, it has been decreed that the village will be having a **Jubilee Party** on **Tuesday 5 June** on the **Village Green**. It will be a **Jacob's Join** and Gazebos are wanted; for information contact Debbie 861 639 or Linda 861 762.

One problem with Jacob's Joins is that most people bring an excess food, as if they are feeding the five thousand, so much goes to waste. You should only bring what you would eat. This applies to food only, not to alcohol.

Bouth Village Hall: For the much needed support, an **Evening of Prize Bingo** will be held on **Friday 16 March, 7:30pm**. Starting with a free glass of wine and a free raffle ticket, although you can, must buy, more. **Admission £1.50, Bingo cards 50p each**. Later on, in spring, we will be holding a Quiz Night, but this time with questions you can understand, even if you don't know the answers.

Rusland Show: The Spring Show will be held this year on **24 & 25 March, Rusland Reading Rooms** + a large marquee. For schedules contact Gordon Wilkinson, Tel: 01229 860 253 E-mail: gordon.wilk876@btinternet.com

OLD HALL WOOD: Over the summer of 2011, the Forestry Commission approached the Parish Council to ask whether the local community would be interested in becoming more involved in the management of Old Hall Wood, Bouth as a pilot 'Community Woodland Scheme'. A walk through the wood and a meeting in Bouth Village Hall confirmed there was a lot of interest in this proposal. The aim was the wood should be left to remain as natural as possible for quiet enjoyment

and wildlife, with a 'light touch' management regime, there was no need for any major changes.

A liaison committee formed with the Forestry have identified a work programme that supports this aim. The Forestry will be organising a digger to clear blocked culverts, improve drainage and scrape muddier sections of the footpath bordering the fields overlooking Bouth, prior to laying surfacing material. They have also organised a contractor for some 'coppicing work' with the timber going to Stott Park Bobbin Mill.

To support this footpath improvement it is proposed to hold the first volunteer work party on **Friday 2 March, 9:30am onwards** with the two priorities being improving the footpath and starting to clear the leaning trees along the path. There will be a number of Forestry Commission staff attending to lead this work. All volunteers are welcome with the only proviso being that you will need to provide your name and address so that a register can be kept to cover for public liability insurance

Health: Jenny Hare, recently resident in Bouth would like to organise a series of **Flexx Classes** which are designed to make your body more flexible and enhance your state of well being and are suitable for all ages. The classes to be held in the Bouth Village Hall; any willing participants please contact Jenny Tel: 01229 861 034.

Donald.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Furness Clog Dancers came to our February meeting and very entertaining they were too. We all watched in delight as they Westmorland jigged and Cumberland reeled around us to the music of John on concertina. The enthusiasm of the dancers was catching. We all joined in with a stick tapping Morris dance to finish and then had a chance to try clog dancing for ourselves. It was a terrific evening and all the better given the bleak weather outside

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 March, 7:15pm. Village Hall** when our speaker will be local cop, Mark Curly, his subject: *"Police and the Endeavours of Pace."*

A date for your diaries: **Spring Walk and Cream Tea on 14 April** to which all are welcome. Look out for posters nearer the time. This is always

an enjoyable occasion – a good walk followed by a delicious WI ‘Cream Tea’, what more could you want!

Jane.



COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Our Lengthsman, Tony Atkinson, has been doing a fantastic job on our roads over the past few months. In particular, he has managed to solve a number of long-standing drainage issues through his hard work and persistence. There are still some significant drainage problems which require more substantial roadway excavations; these have been referred to Highways. We have been given a grant through the High Furness Local Area Partnership which will enable us to employ Tony for a few additional days this year. Remember: call Councillor Ian Cunliffe on 01229 861440 if you want Tony to cut back verge vegetation or clear roadside drains. If you want to report potholes, then please use the Highways Hotline: 0845 609 6609.

The Bouth "20's Plenty" signs have been given the go-ahead by Highways. Your local Councillor in Bouth, Ken Dean, is discussing the precise positioning of these signs; we hope they will be installed shortly.

Police new non-emergency number: 101 is the number to call to contact your local police when it is not an emergency. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Use this number if, for example, you want to report suspicious activity, theft, illegal off-road driving, poaching, a minor traffic accident, or if you simply have a general enquiry.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 26 March, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7.30pm.**

Mandy Lane (Clerk) – 01229 861408 – coltonnpc@btinternet.com – www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk



OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Programme for March: Our first Film ‘*We Need To Talk About Kevin*’ will be shown on **Tuesday 6 March, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.** We have a family film; title T B A, **Thursday 29 March, 3:45pm, Leven Valley School.** The cost is only £2.50 and includes childcare if needed.

On **Saturday 31 March, 7:30pm, Outback Hall** (behind L V Sch.) our film will be *'The Wildest Dream'*, about the conquest of Everest. This is Supper evening (+£3) and it is essential to book. Carol Tel: 01229 861 507.



CARTMEL PRIORY ACADEMY

In January Miss Brown and the SNAC (school nutrition action committee) group from Cartmel Priory C of E School launched two new healthy vending machines to their fellow classmates. The pupils involved in planning the project - designed the machine and have chosen which items will be sold. The project is part of by the British Heart Foundation's (BHF) Food4Thought campaign, a campaign which aims to encourage pupils to eat healthier snacks and meals during the school day.

Meanwhile the annual ski course in Austria was another great success and no injuries this year!

Finally, a warm welcome to the Rev Nick Devenish, the new vicar of Cartmel Priory. Nick is now one of our governors (replacing Nick Ash – many thanks to Nick for standing in). We are looking forward to Nick (Devenish) joining us at meetings and supporting the school in others ways too, whilst Nick (Ash) will maintain his close association with the school as an Academy Member.

Dr. Paul.



St. MARY'S HOSPICE

Advance Notice: The Leven Valley Support Group for the Hospice will be holding a Charity Fashion Show on **Friday 20 April, Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum**, courtesy of 'Two by Two Fashions', Ulverston. Tickets will also include entrance to the Museum. More details next month.

Dorothy.



"Life is a foreign language: all men mispronounce it."

Christopher Morley.



DIARY DATES

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



- 2 March Old Hall Wood, Bouth, Working Party, 9:30am. onwards.
- 4 March **Morning Family Worship, 10:30am. Coffee afterwards.**
- 6 March Cinema Club, Rusland Reading Rooms 7:30pm.
- 7 March Coffee and the Bible (C & B), Wetherlam, Greenodd 10:00am.
- 11 March **Benefice Communion, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 14 March C & B, Barnside, Bouth, 10:00am.
Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 16 March Bouth Village Hall Bingo, 7:30pm. Village Hall.
- 17 March **St. Patrick.**
- 18 March **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 19 March **Joseph of Nazareth,**
- 21 March C & B, Woodside Cottage, Colton, 10:00am.
- 24 March Rusland Spring Show, Rusland Reading Rooms, also 25th.
- 25 March **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 26 March **Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- 28 March C & B, The Vicarage, 10:00am.
- 31 March Cinema Club, Film + Supper, Outback Hall (behind Leven Valley School)
7:30pm. Booking essential.



Shall, I compare thee to a summer's day?
 Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
 Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
 And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
 Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
 And often is his gold complexion dimm'd:
 And every fair from fair sometime declines,
 By chance of nature's changing course untrimm'd:
 But thy eternal summer shall not fade
 Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
 Nor shall Death brag thou wanderest in his shade,
 When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
 So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
 So long lives this, and this gives life to thee. *W.S.*

