



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Serving the Lord

As the Rev'd Joanna Henson draws near to retirement from full time ministry I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her part in sharing that ministry with me and others in this benefice of Egton-cum-Newland, Lowick and Colton.

During the time we have worked together Joanna has shown a faithful witness to Christ and has played a particular role in school as a governor, taking assemblies, leading the JAM Club (Jesus and Me Club) and in introducing the school services in church, as well as supporting many of the events which take place during the school year.

Joanna has been a valued partner in the benefice and has supported the many facets of daily ministry and although officially taking retirement she is looking forward to supporting the continuing work of the benefice in a similar way to that of the Rev'd David Gregg. (One difference will be that all arrangements in the benefice will be through the vicarage).

As a Non Stipendiary Minister she has not been paid for the work she does and yet she seems to have been working seven days a week undertaking a full part in everything that has been happening.

Leading services, taking weddings, baptisms and funerals, leading Study Groups, writing articles for the parish magazine: all of these, and more, take time in preparation which somehow Joanna has found, alongside the boundless energy she has and puts into all she does. On top of this are the endless meetings and training events put on for the clergy by the deanery and diocese.

As a token of our gratitude we are having a special service of thanksgiving for Joanna's ministry on the **30 December at 10:30am in Colton Church** followed by a party and presentation – all are welcome to share with us. If

anyone would like to make a donation towards the presentation please place it in an envelope marked Joanna's Presentation and leave it at the Vicarage or with one of the parish contacts. (B Watson at Colton, S Wood at Lowick and J Lancaster at Penny Bridge).

Finally let us give thanks to God in prayer for Joanna's ministry and commend her future to God guiding grace.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Vicar



Christians Greenodd and District Planning Group

We are proposing to have **Advent Carols and Tea** (with seasonal fare) on **Sunday 2 December at 3.00 p.m. in Lowick Community Hall.**

We are hoping that all local Christians, whatever their tradition, will join us for this Preparation for Christmas, which will include the dispatch of the "Posada" Travelling Crib.

“‘Las Posadas’ is a nine-day celebration with origins in Spain, now celebrated chiefly in Mexico, Guatemala and parts of the Southwestern United States, traditionally beginning December 16 and ending December 24, on the evenings of those days. ‘Posada’ is Spanish for "lodging", or "accommodation"; it is said in plural because it is celebrated more than one day in that period. The nine day novena represents the nine months of pregnancy.”



FLOWER ROTA

4 November Donald Wroe

11 November Remembrance Sunday

18 November Mrs. Susan Smith

25 November Mrs. Susan Smith



Mark in 2012

Week beginning November 4th

Mark 14:55 – 72 Jesus before the Council

Have we ever told a lie to get someone else into trouble? If so, what can we do about it now? Do we recognise Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One? Do we, like Peter, deny our faith and fellowship with Christ?

Week beginning November 11th

Mark 15:1 – 19 Jesus before Pilate

Are there times when we are tempted to follow the crowd rather than what we believe in? When we fall on our knees in worship (or prayer) are we truly acknowledging Jesus as king, or “mocking” him?

Week beginning November 18th

Mark 15:20 – 32 Jesus is crucified

Are we ready to carry the cross of Jesus or would we run away? Because we think it betrays him? or because we see ourselves nailed to it?

Week beginning November 25th

Mark 15:33 – 47 The Death of Jesus

God is a God who will never leave us so do we think he had forsaken his son, Jesus? The ordinary centurion said, “Surely this man was the Son of God”. This very ordinary person’s statement is one of the factors that convinces me that Jesus is God’s Son. Are there special verses that help you to recognise Jesus?



Prayer themes for November:

We pray for world peace and especially in the Middle East and the nation of Syria – for the early preparations for Christmas and for family harmony and unity – for those charged with the task of prayerfully selecting the next Archbishop of Canterbury – for Joanna as she prepares for retirement - for the communities in Lowick Bridge and Lowick Green.



“Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles.”

Anon.

COTTON CHRONICLES

The September PCC was unusually productive although a trifle spoilt by the bureaucracy of the Anglican Church; one would not think that abuse was a problem in our churches but our Diocese thinks otherwise and has formed a 'Child (and and Vulnerable Adults) Protection' group. It has produced a policy comprising about 140 pages of which PCC members have to read 38. This editor is now thinking very seriously about what he writes.

We are now obliged to check the headstones in the graveyard and to have the electoral roll displayed both in the church and the vestry, which normally is only occupied by clergy, wardens, side persons and the treasurer; from current attendances this is most of the congregation.

On a more positive note, grateful thanks to Bob Henson for arranging the installation of new ladders and safety equipment in the church tower.

The Benefice copier has ground out its last copy and a replacement is urgently required, at modest cost of £990. Leasing is extremely expensive, should you ask. It has been suggested that we have Benefice Coffee Morning at Greenodd to fund it so watch out for information and most of all, give generously.

Bureaucracy is also making life difficult for lay members to take part in our services and this is causing considerable and unnecessary anguish; we pray that commonsense will prevail.

Harvest: Both services were well attended though not as well as in past years, but were joyful occasions as was the Harvest Supper. We are all beholden and give thanks to the many, too many to name, who made our Harvest celebrations so delightful and enjoyable. Coming to church is not a penance, but rather a joyous experience.

Donald.

Peter Smith: "Wendy, Janet, Gillian and all the family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, generosity and support after the death of dear Peter. It was so kind of those of you who made the Church look beautiful with the lovely flowers and those who sang for Peter in the choir. Everyone was so helpful to make the service such a significant time for reflection and thanksgiving for such a special person. Particular thanks to Sue for all the arrangements and to Joanna for such a memorable service that will stay in our hearts forever."

Wendy and the Smith family from Ealinghearth

PARISH NEWS

No sooner said than done: the hedge to Bouth Village Green has had a fine 'back and sides' and is now looking neat and tidy, but despite its healthy state, the death sentence remains, on the dubious grounds that its vigorous growth will prevent the replacement of the fence. One might ask the question is why, considering the condition of the hedge, is a fence needed?

We say a fond farewell to Thomas Woodburn who has moved from Bouth to Ulverston with wife Jackie. Tommy has lived all his life in Bouth as did the rest of his family attending Colton School then Leven Valley and bringing up his family in the village. In recent years he has suffered poor health but always remained cheerful; he will be missed, especially by his dominoes partners in the White Hart.

It would appear that blocked gullies are not just a problem in Bouth but also throughout the parish and that the lack of progress is due to the reorganisation within the County Council as it has now, and wisely, taken its highway functions back 'in house'. As always they cannot resist blaming budgets cuts although you will be hard put to find similar situations in urban areas; it makes one wonder just what are our elected representatives doing especially when you see, yet again, thousands upon thousands of pounds are being spent prettying up Kendal.

As a matter of note the lengthsman has yet to put in an appearance in Bouth and when he does he might spare a passing glance at the damage done to the mown verge at the entrance to the village as a result of vehicles having difficulty passing one another due to the narrowing of the carriageway caused by the overgrown verge on the opposite side of the road.

To continue: the speed advisory signs have been a complete waste of time and money being totally ineffective. It is strange that Bouth is probably the only village in South Lakeland without a statutory speed limit, although the County did carry out a vehicle count survey, which was well planned as it occurred after the school terms began and when the visitors had left! *Donald.*



British Legion: The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held on **Sunday 4 November, 2:45pm, Rusland Church.** Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Rooms after the service.

Robert Hutton.

BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

We enjoyed another good talk at our October meeting by Robert Hutton on the 'Poppy Appeal'. You and I might see a poppy in a tray to be annually bought, but Robert gave us a real insight into the effort and dedication that gets the poppy into the tray.

He has been running the local British Legion and their Poppy Appeal for more than 30 years supported by a group of stalwart volunteers and continues to do so with huge enthusiasm. But, as with all, volunteers move on and he is always on the lookout for more so if you have spare time between 27 October and 10 November to take a box around the Tower Wood area he would greatly appreciate your help. **T: 01229 585 888.**

Our next meeting **Wednesday 14 November, 7:15pm, Village Hall** and it will be our AGM. New members are always welcome. *Jane.*

P.S. Nag Donald re Cinema Club Coffee Morning. *J.*



MOTHERS UNION

It is encouraging that at our October meeting we had two new members; the speaker was Anne Garland the M. U. Diocesan representative to come to speak about A.F.I.A (Away from it all) which is the part of 'Action & Outreach' (A & O) that provides funding for families under stress, those old, young, mums with small children, short of money for holidays or outings and grannies who are far away from their families. The M.U. 'A & O' have a choir with members all over the Diocese and have recently performed at Boarbank.

Our Next meeting is a Pre Christmas Celebration on **Tuesday 13 November, 2:15pm, Haverthwaite Church Hall.**

New members are always welcome and can find that there are many aspects of Christian life in which the M.U. involved that are of a practical nature. *Judy.*



"As for 'doing good', that is one of the professions which are full. Moreover, I have tried it fairly, and, strange as it may seem, am satisfied that it does not agree with my constitution."

Henry David Thoreau.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Rural Speed Limits: According to the Department of Transport, more than two-thirds of deaths of people in road crashes in Britain in 2010 happened on rural roads, even though only about 42 per cent of total mileage was driven on them. A consultation proposes that local authorities should consider a 40mph limit on rural roads where "there are many bends, junctions or accesses, substantial development, a strong environmental or landscape reason, or where there are considerable numbers of vulnerable road users (walkers, cyclists and horse riders)". Your Council has expressed its concern as follows: "a 40mph limit would be entirely inappropriate for our narrow and winding rural roads where 40mph is rarely possible and often too fast to be safe. At the moment there is effectively no meaningful limit, so people drive according to their own perception of what is safe. We fear setting the limit to 40 might actually have the reverse effect of that intended, and encourage traffic to travel at that speed (and therefore far too fast). A 30mph limit might be more meaningful."

Winter Gritting: A possible change in the rules on the use of red diesel for gritting roads would enable local farmers to distribute grit where they can. County Highways have issued winter gritting proposals which include training for volunteers willing to grit roads, and an offer to lock roadside grit bins to prevent grit being taken for personal purposes (don't worry, we have explained that this is NOT appropriate in our area, since we have to access the bins to grit the roads ourselves!). It seems that bulk loads of grit will once again only be issued in an 'emergency' rather than at the beginning of winter; this is disappointing, as last winter the grit arrived just as the thaw had set in! However, we do have grit left over from last winter, and the Clerk has sent in a reminder list of our grit bins to Highways to try to ensure they all get filled in good time.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 3rd December 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms**. Everyone welcome.

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We are the precious chosen few:
Let all the rest be damned.
There's only room for one or two:
We can't have Heaven crammed.

Anon.

SCHOOL NEWS

Cartmel Priory

Year 10 biology, chemistry and physics students enjoyed a “speed dating session” with STEM (science, technology, engineering & maths) ambassadors this month. After a brief welcome, students spent 8 minutes quizzing each ambassador on their job, qualifications and interests, plus anything else they wanted to know! This was a great way to find out more about careers in these areas from professionals who do the job.

Meanwhile KS3 students (Y7-9) took part in dance and music workshops run by NGM (who recently performed at the Victoria Hall). These were very successful and the students enjoyed them immensely.

Congratulations to the School Council for organising our coffee morning, and thanks to all the students and parents who supported the event; over £550 was raised for Macmillan cancer relief.

Finally, both our school production “Grease” and our Christmas Fayre will be held in November, details are available on our Website, everyone welcome.

Dr.Paul.



CINEMA CLUB

We have three films in November and a Coffee Morning: **‘Headhunters’ 6 November, 7:30pm, Rusland.** **‘101 Dalmatians’ 15 November 3:45pm,** child care and a snack included, finish **5:30pm, Outback Hall, Leven Valley School.** **‘The Well Digger’s Daughter’ 24 November 7:30pm, Finsthwaite.** This is a Supper Special so you need to book: Carol T: 861 507.

Our Coffee Morning is on **Thursday 15 November, 9:30 – 12:00, Coronation Hall.** Any bric a brac, books, baking, raffle/tombola prizes or offers of help will be gratefully received by Carol or Jane Chaloner **T: 861 283.**

Carol.



Leven Valley Support Group: The Concert held in October in aid of St. Mary’s Hospice raised a magnificent £900. ‘Guess the Weight of the Cake’ (23lb 5oz) was won by Andrew Southcott who was within an oz. Our thanks to all who helped to make this such a successful event.

Dorothy C,

DIARY DATES

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

- 1 November **All Saints**
- 4 November **Family Morning Worship, 10:30am**
British Legion Remembrance Service, Rusland, 2:45pm
- 6 November Cinema Club, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.
- 11 November **Remembrance Sunday, 10:30am.**
- 13 November M U Pre - Christmas Celebration, Haverthwaite, 2:15pm.
- 14 November Bouth W I A G M Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 15 November Cinema Club, Coffee Morning, Coronation Hall, 9:30am.
Film, Outback Hall, 3:45pm.
- 17 November Opening of the Suez Canal, 1869
- 18 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 20 November Marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, 1947
- 24 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
‘Stir up Sunday’ last day of the Christian year.
- 30 November **Andrew, Apostle.**
- 2 December **Advent.**



Foot Note

There has been a complaint that this magazine lacks humour. Well, apart from the fact that this is a Church magazine and not Private Eye, these fumbling fingers have been knocking this esteemed publication out for the last 17 years (170 issues), which is enough to suck dry any drop of humour this editor might once have had.

Added to which getting information to inform you all of the activities in the parish is unnecessarily stressful; correspondents seem to believe that their contributions have to be left to the last moment and that is when they bother. This results in needless, and come to think about it, expensive phone calls and when all is gathered in there is either too much or too little which is why you have to suffer those mindless quotations at the bottom of the pages. If the spaces are left blank then, when the copy is sent electronically to the printers, it arrives scrambled. *‘Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone.’* Yea, bucketfuls!

A tearful Donald.

