



# PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

# COLTON

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH COLTON

The Church is part of a United Benefice comprising Holy Trinity, Colton,  
St. Luke's, Lowick and St. Mary's the Virgin, Penny Bridge  
“We are now in an **Interregnum** as we are bereft of a Vicar”.

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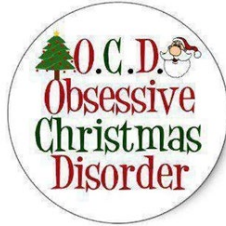


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## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear friends*

It is about this time of year, if not earlier that we see this “disorder” breaking out amongst neighbours and friends. In fact, as you read this you may realise that you, too, are a victim. I feel that it is my “duty” to give you all a timely reminder to help you and them to cope with the more troubling aspects of this problem and to give a few tips to those who have the duty of care for these folk in order that they can deliver optimum support!

You know that you have a bad of attack of this disorder if you already have a Christmas tree in your house but the minor symptoms, although less troublesome, are equally distressing to those of us observing a victim’s affliction. A preoccupation with all things Christmassy is one example, introducing a second tree is serious as is counting down the days until the 25<sup>th</sup> December. Also you may be aware of secretive extensive list writing regarding presents and food.

What can we do to assist them? Gentle reminders to stay grounded in the “Reason for the Season” can be effective if you draw their attention to the subject of their celebration - Jesus - who is, of course, the “Reason for the Season”. Once they can begin to focus on Him then it will be a matter of great rejoicing to those around them that they begin to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.

And those of us inclined to pop Jesus back in the box with the Christmas decorations on January 6<sup>th</sup> might do well to remember that

**Jesus is for life not just for Christmas!**

May God bless your preparations for the forthcoming season and may you maintain your sense of perspective and proportion, remembering that it is a time for generosity for all and that Food Banks don't close just because it's Christmas.

*With love and prayers from your sister-in-Christ*

*Joanna*



## **FLOWER ROTA**

2 November Donald Wroe

9 November Remembrance Sunday

16 November Mrs. Pauline Parker

23 November Mrs. Pauline Parker

30 November **ADVENT**



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

As editor I would like to express my thanks to you, the readers, for your forbearance and tolerance over the years and for continuing to take the Colton Parish News. My thanks also to all those who put up with my nagging every month and continue to send in their contributions (if not always on time). Without their offerings there would be no magazine.

Why these thanks you may ask? Simply because this is the **200<sup>th</sup>** issue I have put together (the word editing is too grand) over the past **20** years. A salutary lesson of the peril of volunteering! If there is anybody out there who would like to take over they would be warmly welcomed.

We should also thank Milners of Barrow who have been printing the magazine for at least 30 years and for some years actually typed it; now the copy goes to them by email. They have been very good to Colton Church.

On the last Sunday in September there was a grand total of five of us in the congregation and that included the organist. We have a service every Sunday mostly at **9:30am**. Just a quite hour to think and pray about those

we love, things we care about and to put Jesus back into our daily lives: it is not too much to ask.

Understandably the church is full at weddings, baptisms and funerals but unless there are larger congregations for normal Sunday Services then the church, as a church, may no longer be available.

**This is not scaremongering but the plain unvarnished truth!**  
Remember the old adage – ‘Use it or lose it’.

Our only organist is Judy Redhead who does a great job but, understandably cannot be there every Sunday throughout the year so if there is anyone out there who would like to help us out we would be very grateful. There is an alternative – the use of a digital organist, but as the cost of a proper version is in the region of £2,000 it is, at the moment, highly unlikely unless anyone has deep pockets and a sense of generosity.

All is going well and on schedule for our search for new priest; the interview date is set for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. December and this may not have been achieved if it were not for the team work in the Benefice and importantly for the work of Cathy Styles. Cathy has worked exceptionally hard: calmly gathering information from the three parishes putting the ‘information package’ together with great skill and, being a Head Teacher, keeping the rest of us on the ‘straight and narrow’. Added to which our Archdeacon has been of enormous help.

\* The Archdeacon, the Venerable Penny Driver, will be taking the Benefice Service at Lowick on **Sunday 30 November, 10:30am**. Please make an effort to attend and support her as she has supported us.\*

**Harvest:** The Farmers’ Harvest service and supper was not as well attended as in the past but for those who were there it was a delightful evening enjoying the singing of the modern version of old hymns. All of this could not have happened if it were not for the hard graft of a small but dedicated band of workers. We thank you all.

**Book of Remembrance:** There is a Book of Remembrance at the back of the church where the names those who have passed on are recorded. If you would like a name to be included please contact Churchwarden John Tarr; details on the inside front cover page.

£. A reminder that next month is the time to pay for your contribution to the cost of this esteemed publication. The price remains the same at £6 so it would be helpful if you had this at hand when the magazine is delivered. Thank you.

*Donald*



## PARISH NEWS

It is sad, very sad to tell you of the death of Hetty Walker a wonderful lady who had a beautiful soft Cumbrian voice that never spoke ill of anybody and who was kindness itself. Hetty was born and bred in Bouth and went to school in what is now our Church Hall. Her marriage to Jim was indeed a marriage made in heaven and they raised a marvellous family.

That we will all miss Hetty is an understatement; our prayers and condolences are with Jim and the family in this their time of grief.

Congratulations to Bridget Hughes who has just celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup>. Birthday and is now the eldest resident in that fair hamlet of Bouth.

Belated congratulations to Sally Broom who married Tim Davey on 9<sup>th</sup>. August at St Luke's Lowick. The day and bride were both beautiful; the bride's father is still recovering. We wish the young couple a long and happy life together

The afore mentioned Cathy Styles, who resides in Bouth but worships at Penny Bridge is a highly intelligent lady but she has a weakness, nay, a fetish – shoes! Being female this may not be a surprise, but they are so dazzling that they put Joseph's Coat of Many Colours to shame and she even wears them to school. One wonders what the children think: if they anything like this editor's grand children they will heartily approve.

Well done to Judy & Bryan Redhead's grandchildren: Harry Fleming is now studying English Literature at Leeds Metropolitan University and 9 year old Henry John has achieved three distinctions at the drama school Stagecoach in Kendal and passed Piano Grade 1. A future organist perhaps!

We are sorry to have to tell you that Brenda Patton took ill whilst on holiday and at 'Highgrove'. Brenda was taken to hospital in Swindon but now has been transferred to Barrow. We wish her well and our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and her family.

**Handbell Ringers:** The Rusland Valley Community Handbells are anxious to swell their numbers; the ability to read music is not essential, so if you are interested in this ancient craft please contact:-email mandyloubartlett@hotmail.co.uk, **T:** 01229861786 **M:** 07785 396053. *Donald.*



## BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

We were hugely entertained with a talk from Geoff Wood in October, who charmingly refers to himself as a Sewer Rat. Geoff worked as a civil engineer for United Utilities looking after 37,000miles of sewers from Carlisle southwards, designing, building and running them. He now lives in Silverdale, the biggest village in the UK with no sewers!

Sewers are mentioned in the Bible (Deuteronomy 23) and individually we send about 50gallons of water daily through them. He illustrated his talk with slides of different sewers and various toilets over the centuries. Sewerage is now known as 'waste water', sewers are 'waste water networks' and the people who work in them, Waste Water Operatives! The times change. He ended this very enjoyable talk with his Sewer Rat's motto: Semper in Excretum!!

Bouth WI next meet on **Wednesday 12 November, 7:15pm, Village Hall** for their **AGM**. Their member's **Christmas Party** is planned for **Wednesday 10 December** and they will be sending out invitations to the Senior Citizens of Bouth nearer the time. *Jane.*

P.S. What we knew as Sewage Disposal Works, a self explanatory title, are now Waste Water Treatment Plants, 20% longer title and not nearly as explanatory

*+ Your editor, a retired Civil Engineer spent many long hours in small tunnels deep below the surface supervising the construction of sewers. Perhaps an explanation for his grumpiness!*



## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Lengthsman:** Your 'celebrity' (\*more anon!) Lengthsman, Archie Workman, is doing a fabulous job working his way along the parish drains. Colton is a large parish of some 20 square miles, extending from the head

of the Rusland Valley in the north to the A590 in the south, and from Lakeside in the east to Coniston-side in the west. It has some 50 miles of roadway to maintain, mainly UCRs (Unclassified Country Roads). We can afford to have Archie for only 2-3 days a month, so covering the whole parish is a challenge, but one he is embarking on with enthusiasm! Just some of his recent efforts include: clearing culverts of huge stones in Finsthwaite, searching for 'lost' drains from Bouth through to Oxen Park with his metal detector, clearing and cleaning them all, clearing vegetation around bridges and junctions in Rusland, and removing wash-out debris from the road at Nibthwaite and Rigg Wood, on Coniston-side. He is also working his way up the C5022 (Penny Bridge to Force Forge) finding and clearing drains.

**\*Dull Men:** You may have seen Archie featured in last week's Westmorland Gazette and on the 'One Show' as he is now a pin-up in the Dull Men's Club Calendar, 2015 – Mr March! ([www.dullmensclub.com](http://www.dullmensclub.com))

**County Highways:** High Furness area parishes are making a representation to County Highways about the general lack of communication and consultation and particularly about the poor state of the verges which are no longer being cut back, resulting in 'lost' drains, sometimes a good 3 ft from the tarmac and therefore no longer functional. Your Clerk does, however, have very good communication with one extremely helpful Highways officer who is doing his very best to work closely with us to solve major problems.

**Stolen and damaged signs:** Once again, possibly the same time as last year, some of our signposts have been tampered with (signs turned round to point a different way – hilarious....not) and this time one of the Oxen Park village signs has been stolen. Why someone would want an Oxen Park sign is beyond us.... Highways say they don't have the resources to replace the sign at present. *(Clerk: maybe the idea is that we will do away with signs altogether now that 'everyone' has a sat-nav? Should be interesting on our roads!)*

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 1 December, 7:30pm, Rusland Reading Rooms.**

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## LEVEN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Harvest Festival was held on Monday 6 October at 2:30pm in the school hall and was led by the children: all donations collected will be given to the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. £108 was raised and grateful thanks are given to all those who contributed.

BBC North West TV and BBC Cumbria visited the school to discuss the tornado that had been witnessed at Haverthwaite the previous evening. Both articles were broadcast at teatime that day. You can see pictures of the tornado on the internet and the children learned how they were formed.

Class Three enjoyed the Children's Day at Cartmel Priory along with children from other cluster schools. The children attend many events with other local schools which we feel is very important.

The Priory Day was organised by local church community members and thanks need to go to them for making it such a memorable day.

Visits and lessons from local secondary school staff are also appreciated as they also contribute towards enriching the curriculum for the primary children, for example a lesson on surface water tension given by a science teacher from Cartmel Priory Academy.

*Sue Sanderson.*



## OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our next showing is '*Philomena*' at the Carthouse on **Tuesday 4 November, 7:30pm**. To be followed on **Saturday 15 November, 7:30pm** '*The Selfish Giant*': this is a Saturday Supper Special, Pie & Peas at the Manor House +£4.

The December film is '*Captain Phillips*' to be shown on Tuesday 2 December, 7:30pm.

The Junior Film Club shows films on a Thursday at Outback Hall, Leven Valley School at 3:45pm. Parents are welcome as are families from other schools: Children to be collected at 5:00pm. The next film will be shown on **Thursday 4 December**. Admission is £3 which includes a snack and child care.



*"Age wrinkles the body, quitting wrinkles the soul."* Douglas MacArthur.

## LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP, ST. MARYS HOSPICE

Due to popular demand the support group proudly present **Voce** the ever popular male voice quartet and winners of Lakes got Talent 2013 who sing their variety of music in a classical style including Pavarotti, Andrea Bocelli and modern classics etc. at **The Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum, Backbarrow on Friday 21 November 2014. The show starts at 7:30pm.** Ticket £7.50 include refreshments.

There will also be a raffle on the night and all proceeds from the evening go to St Marys Hospice. Come along for an enchanting evening whilst supporting your local hospice.

Tickets available from Dorothy Crabtree 015395 30132 or Sylvia Chadwick 015395 31685 can be booked and paid for at the door on the night. *Dorothy.*



## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU “NEIGHBOURS”

**'Good neighbours stop rogue traders' campaign:** Doorstep criminals exploit vulnerable people by convincing them to pay for shoddy or incomplete repair work, charging extortionate fees for their services, or use threatening behaviour. The 'Good Neighbours Stop Rogue Traders' campaign focuses on preventing doorstep crime by encouraging neighbours, family, friends and carers to look out for those most at risk in their communities.

Signs of Traders cold calling in your area include building or maintenance works starting unexpectedly, visibly poor quality work and unmarked vans. Your neighbour may be anxious or distressed, and visit the bank, building society or post office more often.

What can you do? Offer to be a 'Nominated Neighbour' this enables your neighbour to direct any cold callers to you by showing a card with your name on it. Find out more at:-

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Internet/533/4129611046.pdf>



*“If youth knew; if age could.”*

Henri Estienne

## DIARY DATES

† During the Interregnum everything is being done to ensure Service Times remain constant but this may not happen so please take note of the Rota & Below.



- 2 November **All Saints.**  
**Morning Family Worship. 9:30am. Coffee afterwards.**
- 4 November Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 9 November **Remembrance Sunday, 9:30am.**
- 12 November Bouth W I AGM, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 15 November Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 16 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 21 November Leven Valley S C, St. Mary's Hospice, Concert Café Ambio, 7:30pm.
- 23 November **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 30 November **Benefice Advent Service, Lowick, 10:30am.**  
**The Service is being taken by the Venerable Penny Driver**  
**Our Archdeacon.**
- 1 December Colton Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:30pm.



### *How Doth the Little Crocodile*

How doth the little crocodile  
Improve his shining tail,  
And pour the waters of the Nile  
On every golden scale!

How cheerfully he seems to grin  
How neatly spreads his claws  
And welcomes little fishes in,  
With gently smiling jaws!

Lewis Carroll



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## Services and Rotas for November

|                        |                                                           |                                          |                 |             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>All Saints</b>                                         |                                          |                 |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                                    | 9:30am Communion (BCP)                   |                 |             |
|                        | 6:30pm Dedication of Blawith Windows (Bishop of Carlisle) |                                          |                 |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                                    | 9:30am Morning Worship                   |                 |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                              | 11:00am Communion                        |                 |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                             | Revelation                               | 7: 9-end        |             |
|                        | Second Reading                                            | 1 John                                   | 3: 1-3          |             |
|                        | Gospel                                                    | Matthew                                  | 5: 1-12         |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                                    | M Sanders                                | R Tarr          | R Smith     |
|                        | Lowick                                                    | W Keegan                                 | & A Naylor      |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                              | B Watson                                 | C Styles        | D Lancaster |
| Sidespersons:          | Colton                                                    | S King                                   |                 |             |
|                        | Lowick                                                    | S Wood                                   |                 |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                              | B Law                                    | & J Law         |             |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Remembrance</b>                                        |                                          |                 |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                                    | 9:30am Remembrance Service               |                 |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                                    | 9:30am Remembrance Service               |                 |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                              | 11:00am Communion for Remembrance Sunday |                 |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                             | Wisdom                                   | 6:12-16         |             |
|                        | Second Reading                                            | 1 Thessalonians                          | 4:13-end        |             |
|                        | Gospel                                                    | Matthew                                  | 25: 1-13        |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                                    | D Wroe                                   | J Pickles       | I Pimie     |
|                        | Lowick                                                    | M Calvert                                | & E Wardle      |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                              | M Henderson                              | D Gregg         | P Ashton    |
| Sidespersons:          | Colton                                                    | TBA                                      |                 |             |
|                        | Lowick                                                    | J Wood                                   |                 |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                              | C Line                                   | & E Line        |             |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>                        |                                          |                 |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                                    | 9:30am Communion                         |                 |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                                    | 9:30am Communion                         |                 |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                              | 11:00am Communion                        |                 |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                             | Zephaniah                                | 1:7, 12-end     |             |
|                        | Second Reading                                            | 1 Thessalonians                          | 5:1-11          |             |
|                        | Gospel                                                    | Matthew                                  | 25:14-30        |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                                    | S King                                   | J Tarr          | G Pickles   |
|                        | Lowick                                                    | D Gregg                                  | & J Gregg       |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                              | R Atkinson                               | J Henson        | R Long      |
| Sidespersons:          | Colton                                                    | TBA                                      |                 |             |
|                        | Lowick                                                    | A Wood                                   |                 |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                              | J Lancaster                              | & D Lancaster   |             |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Christ the King</b>                                    |                                          |                 |             |
| <b>St Luke</b>         | Lowick                                                    | 9:30am Methodist Service                 |                 |             |
| <b>Holy Trinity</b>    | Colton                                                    | 9:30am Communion                         |                 |             |
| <b>St Mary</b>         | Penny Bridge                                              | 11:00am Communion                        |                 |             |
| Readings:              | First Reading                                             | Ezekiel                                  | 34:11-16, 20-24 |             |
|                        | Second Reading                                            | Ephesians                                | 1:15-end        |             |
|                        | Gospel                                                    | Mathew                                   | 25:31-end       |             |
| Readers:               | Colton                                                    | S Smith                                  | S Lydon         | I Pimie     |
|                        | Lowick                                                    | B Mitchell                               | & G Mitchell    |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                              | J Lancaster                              | C Sadler        | S James     |
| Sidespersons:          | Colton                                                    | TBA                                      |                 |             |
|                        | Lowick                                                    | G Mitchell                               |                 |             |
|                        | Penny Bridge                                              | P Ashton                                 | & R Atkinson    |             |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Advent Sunday – Joint Service at Lowick – 10:30am</b>  |                                          |                 |             |