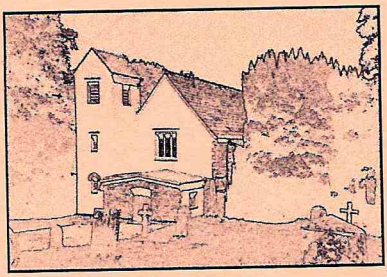
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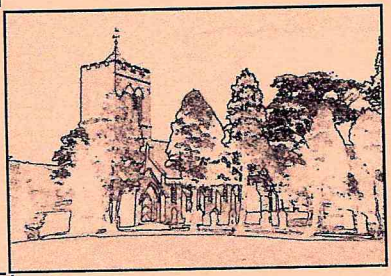
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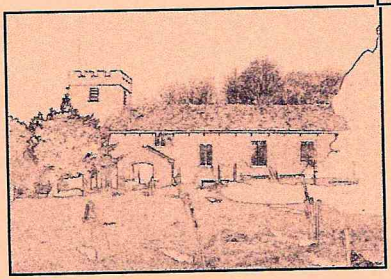
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St Luke





Holy Trinity

February 2015

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"…. ON WITH THE NEW"

Dear Neighbours,

The first time that I was inducted into a new benefice, the one thing that didn't quite go to plan was "ringing myself in." Processing to the rear of the Church, I was required to toll the bell – a thing I had never done before, and for which I had been given no instruction. I knew that, according to tradition, the number of times the bell rang was supposed to signify the number of years you would be Vicar. I had in mind to ring "seven", but, after more than twenty pulls, all that I had managed was *one* half-audible ping! (I remember being very relieved to survive happily into at least a *second* half-year!)

February is a good month for NEW beginnings. The early snowdrops are a wonderful harbinger of the new round of the seasons in Spring's new growth. The newness of the Babe of Bethlehem, heralded by Advent, celebrated at Christmas and manifested in the Epiphany, is rounded off with the solemnity of Candlemas (with Christingles) on February 2nd. And the coming of Lent gives new opportunity for personal discipline and devotion and of new spiritual growth. (Perhaps our Lenten 'Coffee and Bible' sessions, advertised elsewhere, could bring new blessing to *you?*)

This February will certainly mark a very important "New Beginning" for our combined benefice of Egton-cum-Newland, Lowick with Blawith and Colton. On Sunday 22nd, the Rev. Brian Streeter is to be installed as our new "Priest-in-Charge" (i.e. Vicar) by the Bishop of Penrith (God willing). As the new leader of our three parishes, Brian will be praying that the Holy Spirit will be guiding us in things both "Old" and "New", and that together we will have *wisdom* to preserve what is of God in our present spiritual life, and for *courage* for change to new ways, where that is desirable and necessary. We in our turn will be praying that, by means old and new, we may see increase and growth in our churches of the New Covenant, through New Birth and New Discipleship as citizens of the New Jerusalem.

Yours sincerely, in Christ,
David Gregg.

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Services and Rotas for February

1st	**Candlemas (Septuagesima)**			
St. Luke	Lowick	9.30 am Communion (BCP)		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9.30 am Morning Worship		
St. Mary	Penny Bridge	11.00 am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Malachi 3: 1-5		
	Second Reading	Hebrews 2: 14-18		
	Gospel	Luke 2: 22-40		
Readers:	Lowick	A. Naylor	& W. Keegan	
	Colton	G. Pickles	S. Smith	G. Wallace
	Penny Bridge	C. Styles	D. Lancaster	B. Watson
Sidesmen:	Lowick	S. Wood		
	Colton	S. King		
	Penny Bridge	D. Lancaster	J. Lancaster	

8th	**2nd before Lent (Sexagesima)**			
St. Luke	Lowick	9.30 am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9.30 am Communion		
St. Mary	Penny Bridge	11.00 am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31		
	Second Reading	Colossians 1:15-20		
	Gospel	John 1: 1-14		
Readers:	Lowick	E. Wardle	& M. Calvert	
	Colton	S. Lydon	M. Sanders	R. Smith
	Penny Bridge	D. Gregg	P. Ashton	M. Henderson
Sidesmen:	Lowick	J. Wood		
	Colton	R. Smith		
	Penny Bridge	A. Greatorex	W. Greatorex	

15th	**Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)**			
St. Luke	Lowick	9.30 am Communion		
Holy Trinity	Colton	9.30 am Communion		
St. Mary	Penny Bridge	11.00 am Communion		
Readings:	First Reading	2 Kings 2: 1-12		
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6		
	Gospel	Mark 9: 2-9		
Readers:	Lowick	J. Gregg	& D. Gregg	
	Colton	J. Turr	J. Pickles	I. Pirnie
	Penny Bridge	R. Long	J. Henson	R. Atkinson
Sidesmen:	Lowick	A. Wood		
	Colton	S. Dean		
	Penny Bridge	B. Law	J. Law	

18th	**Ash Wednesday**	
St. Mary	**Penny Bridge**	**7.30 p.m. Benefice Eucharist**
Readings:	First Reading	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17
	Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10
	Gospel	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
Readers:	To be arranged	

22nd **First Sunday of Lent**

10.30 a.m. Licensing Service for Rev. Brian Streeter
as Priest-in-Charge of the United Benefice
at St. Mary's, Penny Bridge
by
The Bishop of Penrith

Readers: To be arranged Sidespersons: C. Line & E. Line



Sunday 22nd February

Come along to the service and welcome Rev. Brian Streeter

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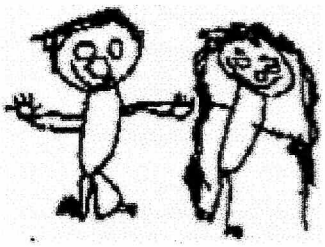
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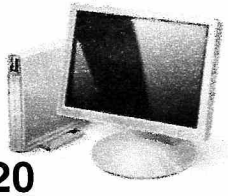
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WORDS TO COMMUNICATE THE WORD

From the beginning of time God has wanted to make himself known, and has revealed his purposes and his love. God is not hidden. In the beginning was the Word. God communicates.

Although God is always revealing and communicating himself, as churches we have much to learn about good communication. In our diocese we are going through times of significant change, but we don't always explain that very well, or fire people's imaginations, or listen to their ideas and insights. And we also have much to learn about communicating our Christian life and faith with those who are not involved with church. Too often we appear only interested in our internal activities or narrow agendas, and miss opportunities to help people discover more of the reality of the living God. And often we rely on ways of communicating that might have worked 20 years ago, but which now lack impact or have lost their effectiveness.

So, as a diocese, we are tentatively planning some changes to the way we communicate, so that those who are part of the church are kept better informed, and those outside the church can be tantalised by signs of God's Kingdom and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

We have appointed Dave Roberts to a full time Communications post. (See the Notice on p3.) This is something which we as a Diocese have wanted and needed to do for the past 17 years, and we are really fortunate in having been able to appoint Dave. His extra hours will mean a sharper and fresh focus on the way we communicate with each other in the Diocese, along with a greater emphasis on connecting with people outside the life of the church.

We have started to explore increasing the number of issues of **The Way**, the full-colour, attractive and free ecumenical Cumbrian Christian paper. Currently there are three issues each year. That could rise to six. Those issues would be slimmer than at present, and include more 'show case' articles, telling stories about Christian experience, church life, contemporary topics and Cumbrian people and places.

In early 2015 Carlisle Diocese will launch **eNews**. Many dioceses have something similar – a regular email giving news, ideas and information. It will start fortnightly and then move to weekly. It will be much easier to keep in touch with what is happening and there will be a better shared life together across the churches. The eNews will be sent by email to all church officers (not just clergy) and others will be able to subscribe (and, obviously, to unsubscribe)!

It is possible that this will affect some of our other channels of communication – for example **The News**, the diocesan magazine insert you are reading. In the past The News was the main way of communicating with parishes, but in practice it is no longer achieving that purpose. It has also become costly to distribute and to invoice for. We could distribute the Leader's Letter and other articles through eNews, for copying and pasting into parish magazines (which many editors have requested for some time).

And we plan to make significant changes to the way the diocese uses digital and social media. Two thirds of the UK population have a Facebook account but this and similar opportunities have so far hardly been touched as a way of communicating the life and faith of the church in Cumbria. We want to communicate in new and better ways so that more people can discover the reality of God, and God's church will be better informed and inspired.

Rt Revd Robert Freeman
Bishop of Penrith

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Wendy Nicholas is Headteacher of Beetham CE Primary School

What is the background of your school? We are a small village primary school (47 pupils) in rural, south Cumbria. It has a fluctuating pupil roll, which is currently on the increase. The school has always had strong links with the church but these have become much more positive over the last few years, with members of the church community becoming more involved in school in a variety of ways.

Examples of church/school links

- Volunteers visit school on a weekly basis and run one to one learning support programmes with individual children
- The school has a monthly article/photos in the church magazine about school activities, often including invites to school events
- Vicar runs a monthly Edward Bear Club for younger pupils and siblings
- Vicar attends weekly Celebration Worship and is involved in other services during the year: Ash Wednesday, Harvest, Easter/Christmas Service etc
- Volunteers visit school to help with weekly reading for priority readers
- Church and school run joint fundraising events: eg Winter Fair
- School has a permanent display area in the church which is changed regularly, showcasing children's work
- Members of the PCC have a rota to attend Celebration Worship each week and they are responsible for organising and sharing a prayer with everyone
- Volunteers from school have run an after school 'Adventurers' club and also an 'Easter Eggsplorer' club.

You recently went on a Christian Leadership Course? Before I went on the course, I think that I assumed that Christian Leadership was about being overtly 'religious' in all my leadership activities within the school. The course has helped me to see that I should always lead by example and be willing to demonstrate 'Christianity' in how I go about tasks and deal with situations. I should enable others to express their beliefs and opinions in a safe and understanding environment. As Jesus gave his disciples a job to do I believe that I should lead my school in the work that takes place, in whatever context, so that everyone feels supported and cared for but also able to take risks and try things out.

Links with our church are also my responsibility as this takes dedication and leadership; the head has a 'public' role in making the school a fundamental part of the church community.

The school as a whole I think that the 'stick of rock' analogy is the simplest way of explaining the distinctive nature of a church school. Wherever the rock is cut and in whatever context it is clear that our Christian Values and a belief in God is at the core of everything that happens in the school.

We all need to be involved in prioritising our Christian Values. Our Collective Worship policy, Scheme of Work, and curriculum, need to reflect this. We can work with our new vicar on ideas about how families can become more involved in the life of the church. We are also considering being part of a 'What if Learning' project (which explores the impact of our Christian values through every aspect of the school's curriculum and teaching). All these will be part of our School Improvement Plan for 2014-2015.

I know that our school has developed and improved as a result of my new confidence in determining the Christian direction we must take and the focus on the love of God to help us to get there. I think that the staff are now more confident to promote Christian Distinctiveness themselves on a daily basis and through their involvement in Collective Worship. The children are gradually improving their knowledge of the Bible and their understanding of the life of Jesus and how this should impact on their own lives.

ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Bishop of Penrith welcomes announcement of first woman Bishop

The Bishop of Penrith has welcomed the announcement that the Church of England's first woman bishop is to be appointed.

The new Bishop of Stockport will be the Rev Libby Lane, who is currently Vicar of St Peter's, Hale and St Elizabeth's, Ashley, and will serve as suffragan (assistant) bishop in the Diocese of Chester.

The Bishop of Penrith, the Rt Rev Robert Freeman, said: "I am thrilled at the announcement and that the church has discerned Libby to be the right person to be appointed as Bishop of Stockport.

"Libby is someone I know quite well and who will bring many great qualities to her new role as bishop.

"As a Church, it has been challenging for us all to reach this point and there are still those who hold a variety of views about this issue. But we are now clear about the way ahead and can move on in Christian love. I am excited to be part of a church that will be invigorated by the ministry of women in its leadership and I look forward to working with Libby in the future."

Earlier this year the Church of England's General Synod ratified the Canon to allow women to become bishops.

That followed a vote in July when the requisite two thirds majority of all three Houses – Bishops, Clergy and Laity – saw approval for women bishops.

Marmalade 'a peel' to Cumbrian bellringers

Organisers of Cumbria's charity fundraising Marmalade Festival are calling on bellringers around the county to cook up a prize-winning treat.

For the first time ever, a category for campanologists is to feature at the Festival, which has raised more than £150,000 for hospice work since 2005.

A bellringing group from Dalemain will perform at the Festival's launch at Dalemain House on Saturday 28 February.

Celebratory peals are also planned for cathedrals in Exeter, Worcester and at St Mary-le-Bow, with a quarter peal at Carlisle Cathedral.

Closing date for entries is February 15. For entry form, fees, category, criteria and submission details go to www.marmaladeawards.com

Diocesan Communications Manager appointed

The Diocese of Carlisle has appointed a full-time Communications Manager.

Dave Roberts took on the role at the start of 2015, having worked part-time for the diocese for two years as a Communications Officer.

He had previously worked as a journalist in newspapers and for 12 years with ITV Border. He and his family worship at St Paul's Holme Eden in Warwick Bridge, east of Carlisle.

Dave can be contacted at Church House on 01228 522573 / 815401, 07984 927434 or at carlisledco@gmail.com.

About the Diocese continued...

News Release – Grammy award winner's Carlisle church recital

A Grammy award winning musician is to return to his childhood church to perform a special fundraising recital. David Hill was born in Carlisle and was a choirboy at St Michael's, Stanwix. He is one of the UK's leading choral directors and is a world renowned organist. Now he has accepted an invitation to perform at the church next month to help raise money following building work costing more than £75,000.

Michael Pearson, a member of St Michael's fundraising committee, said: "David still has links with a number of people at our church and one of them made contact asking if he would be prepared to help.

"I then spoke with him and he was very keen to come back to help. Obviously he has an extremely busy schedule. He will be abroad in the weeks leading up to the recital and the night before he will be performing at Liverpool. So we are really grateful to him for the efforts he is making to come and play for us.

The programme of music for the recital is yet to be confirmed but it is hoped that between 200 and 300 people will attend the event which will take place from 3.15pm on Sunday 1 February.

The recent building work, which was completed in December, came after dry rot was discovered in woodwork which had to be removed.

It meant that the church's organ – one of Cumbria's finest – had to be temporarily moved too. It was re-installed just in time for the Christmas midnight service.

Tickets for the event are now available (£12.50 each or two for £20: under 16s free) from D & D McWilliams Opticians, Church Street, Carlisle, or 01228 522036.

Events in Carlisle Cathedral

Sun 1, 3.00pm - Festival Evensong for Candlemas, attended by the Friends of Carlisle Cathedral

Fri 6, 5.30pm - Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mary Burkett OBE

Wed 18 (Ash Wednesday), 12.30pm - Eucharist; 7.30pm - Eucharist and imposition of Ashes

What's On

Keswick Choral Society - St Patrick's Church, Patterdale, Sun 8 Feb, 4.00pm. Choral Evensong.

Carlisle Music Society - St Cuthbert's Church, Carlisle, Thurs 19 Feb, 7.30pm.

Announcements

The Revd Brian Thomas Streeter, at present Parish Missioner in the Carlisle Diocese, has been appointed half-time Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Egton cum Newland and Lowick and Colton. Brian will be licensed on the 22nd February 2015.

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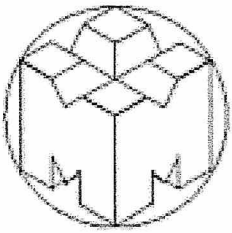
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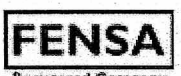
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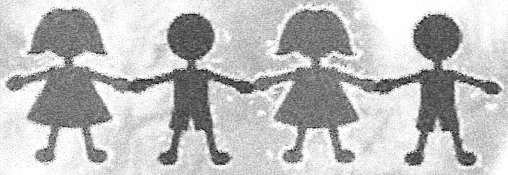


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Join us at Lowick Community Hall (near the church) on Wednesdays during term time, from 9.30am-11.30am.

We aim to provide a safe and stimulating environment for all children from babies until school age to learn and enjoy themselves, as well as providing a friendly meeting place for parents/carers to socialise.

There are a wide range of play activities, from ride-ons' and slides to building blocks and jigsaws. We do a craft session each week, as well as singing and dancing when time allows!



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Lowick Agricultural Show Coffee Morning



Thursday 19th February 2015
Coronation Hall, Ulverston
09.30 – 11.45



Coffee and homemade biscuits
Admission £1
Raffle, tombola, bric a brac and cake stall

Lowick Agricultural Show AGM

Thursday 26th February 2015
The Farmers Arms, Lowick
7.30pm

Everyone welcome!

Getting to know Jesus better

In our January magazine we left Jesus telling an evil spirit to come out of a man that most people spent their time avoiding because they were afraid of him. Jesus was not afraid of him, he wanted to help him… *(Notes are by Matt Rich)*

9 Then Jesus demanded, "What is your name?"
And he replied, "My name is Legion, because
there are many of us inside this man." 10 Then
the evil spirits begged him again and again not
to send them to some distant place. 11 There
happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on
the hillside nearby. 12 "Send us into those pigs,"
the spirits begged. "Let us enter them." 13 So
Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits
came out of the man and entered the pigs, and
the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged
down the steep hillside into the lake and
drowned in the water. 14 The herdsmen fled to
the nearby town and the surrounding
countryside, spreading the news as they ran.
People rushed out to see what had happened.
15 A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and
they saw the demoniac who had had the legion
of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed
and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.

The people were originally afraid of the man, then when the man was healed and free they became scared of the power that Jesus had!

16 Then those who had seen what happened
told the others about the man who had had the
demons and the pigs. 17 And the crowd began
pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them
alone.

The people were so afraid of Jesus' power they wanted nothing to do with Him. When Jesus was around there never seemed to be people who were neutral towards Him. People loved Him and wanted to be with Him or they hated Him and wanted to get away from Him.

18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had had the demons begged to go with him. 19 But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." 20 So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

Jesus chooses to use someone, who has been a mess for years, to do things for Him. Did this man understand everything about Jesus? No. Had this man proved that he was worthy of doing God's work? No. But Jesus used Him anyway - he had a story to tell and could tell people what he knew of Jesus - we can all do that.

21 Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. 22 Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, 23 pleading fervently with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live." 24 Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him.

Jesus had time for big crowds, but He was also interested in one child that needed His help. None of us are too small and insignificant for Jesus.

These articles, looking at Jesus through the book of Mark, are included each month to help us learn for ourselves what Jesus is really like.

If you have missed some of them then you can download them all by going to - www.BibleNow.org.uk

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The Sunday Services are outlined in the Magazine with the readings. Please note that the celebrant at all services of Holy Communion will be either the Rev'd Joanna Henson or the Rev'd David Gregg.

If anyone requires sick visiting, pastoral advice or home communion, please contact Joanna (861800) or David (885258).

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