



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

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SERVICES

1st Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Family Service
2nd Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Holy Communion
5th Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Morning Prayer

SERVICES AND CLAIMING DATES

- 2 June Trinity Sunday - Family Service 9.45 am
- 3 June Licensing of Rev. Sheila Wareham as Priest in Charge
- 9 June Holy Communion - 9.45 am.
- 11 June Mothers' Union Deanery Festival, Cartmel Priory - 7.30 pm.
- 12 June Bouth W.I. Outing
- 16 June Holy Communion - 9.45 am.
- 17 June W.I. Outing to Harlow Carr Gardens & Harrogate
- 22 June Cartmel School Parents Summer Event - Decathlon and Car Boot Sale
- 23 June Holy Communion - 9.45 am.
- 24 June Birth of St. John the Baptist
- 25 June Sparkbridge and Lowick W.I. - "To fly like a bird"
Take-off at 7.30 pm.
- 30 June To be announced
- 6 July Annual Fête - same place - same time!



Note:

Your Editor is suffering from claiming date hassle. It would be helpful if anyone who has a date they wish to be brought to the attention of others would please let Donald Wroe know in plenty of time and in any case before the 15th of the month.

FROM THE REVEREND SHEILA WAREHAM

Dear Friends,

Do you know about the man who could have saved your life without you knowing anything about it?

Percy Smith had to drive his car along a dangerous road that had an alarming drop on one side. But he was never afraid of dropping over the edge because trams used to run on this road too. On dark nights all he had to do was to follow the tram lines which he could see by the light of his headlamps.

But the time came when the trams were replaced with buses. The tram lines were then taken up and on a rainy or foggy night the road became quite dangerous. Percy noticed how his headlamps picked up anything bright that was lying in the road. On several occasions he noticed that cats would cross the road and he noticed particularly how bright the cats' eyes were when they reflected the light from his head-lamps. Those eyes gave him an idea. He invented some cats' eyes of his own. He put them on a metal base and made their eye-lids out of rubber.

We now have "cats' eyes" on most of our busy road so they reflect the light from on-coming head-lamps. They must have saved thousands of lives without people even being aware of the fact.

The wonderful thing is that these eyes do not use power - they haven't any light in themselves - they are reflectors.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world". He also said, "You are the light of the world"

He meant that He is the Light of the world and that we should reflect that Light. In other words, if we are Christians and really believe in Jesus and try to be like Him we are reflectors and you never know, you, too, may save someone's life.

Every blessing

Sheila

CHRISTIAN HUMOUR

The housewife opens the door to the Vicar. She is in her housecoat and behind her is all the debris left by three just-vanished schoolchildren. "Oh my God", she says in horror. "Afraid not," comes the reply, "He doesn't do house calls so He sent me instead."

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A Vicar took his family to the seaside for the day. Returning home late at night, he ran out of petrol just before reaching home. Fortunately, there was a garage not far away. When he got there, however, there was no receptacle for the petrol. He returned to the car and took the only available container - the baby's potty. A few minutes later he was gingerly pouring the petrol from the potty into the tank when one of his parishioners walked by. Seeing this strange sight, the parishioner said, "By gum, Vicar, I wish I had your faith".

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

⌘ None this month

PARISH NOTES

In recognition of her services to Colton Church and the Parish the Bishop has directed that our Rev. Sheila Wareham should be licensed as Priest in Charge.

A special service to put this directive into effect will be held on Monday 3 June at 7.30 pm. by the Arch Deacon.

Joy abounds in the parish but like spring this year it seems reluctant to show its smiling face. All is not lost however, as we can announce, a little late, for which we have been properly chastised, the gift of a daughter, Faye Elizabeth, on 9 April to happy parents, Sarah and Steve Patten. Equally happy, if not ecstatic, are proud grandparents, Brenda and Henry Patten.

We welcome Baby Faye to our world and offer congratulations to all the Patten family.

We also welcome Mr. Wren back to Church and, we hope, to better health. Although we still have a 'sick list' at least this month the news is both positive and cheerful.

Christine Dobson has been to hospital for tests, which proved painful but, we understand, the results are good. Jack Burns has been to have his troublesome metal rod removed and is feeling more positive about the future.

May Lambert, who seems to spend most of her waking hours caring for others is now in hospital where she had a much needed knee joint replacement. Although still in pain, May is beginning to feel better.

And not forgetting Henry Patten who has been in and out of hospital and is enjoying his recovery at home.

We wish them all and any others we have not heard about a speedy recovery with the hope that their life-style will improve.

Things are looking up in Church as there were 15 children at the last Family Service.

Quote from a tablet (of stone?) in Gloucester Cathedral.....

'Greatness is to take the common things of life and walk truly among them'

CHURCH FÊTE

The Annual Church Fête will soon be with us, Saturday July 6 to be exact. Not only is this a 'must' date for your diary but a reminder that it takes an awful lot of hard work and effort, usually by a few, to stage this event and helping hands are essential if the day is to be a success.

Our leader in this enterprise is the tremendous - (she doesn't like the work formidable - *(and I don't think she'll like that one either - try redoubtable or indefatigable (the typist))*), Judy Redhead. She has reminded me, firmly, that willing hands are needed on the Thursday evening 4 July to help erect the marquee, set out the trestle tables, forms and all the other paraphernalia.

It doesn't end there though, because the tables have to be loaded with goods to sell and the tombola is sadly in need of prizes. Please help and give what you can.

"God loveth a cheerful giver"

Ephesians

CHRISTIAN AID

The Soup and Cheese Lunch which was held at the recently refurbished Rusland Parish Room was a commanding success.

Over £500 will be sent to Christian Aid. Our heartfelt thanks to those who slaved over a hot stove so hard on the day. We are equally grateful to those who came along on the day and gave so generously.

THANK YOU!

"We are members of one another"

Ephesians

SCHOOL NEWS

LEVEN VALLEY

The Spring and Summer terms bring a busy round of activities to the school. The children have been involved in outings to Heysham Power Station, a local farm and several other places of work. Just before the Easter break we held a 'Fun Day' to raise funds for school. The children wore fancy dress, organised market stalls, an egg-painting competition and a costume competition. The older children presented a talent show for the rest of the school and the day was completed with a visit from a local conjuror.

A new venture for Leven Valley is the opening of the rural nursery which is held in our dining hall on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Needless to say we welcome this provision, especially since most of our children live in the outlying districts and don't always socialise regularly

with other children. Nursery and play school are excellent ways to give children a good grounding in many basic skills and we keep fingers crossed that the rural nursery will be a great success.

Parents and children who join us in September were invited to school one evening in April. This was the first part of their home/school induction programme which will be followed by several more invitations to join the infants for various activities.

The coming months bring such events as sports day, parents evenings, outings and the year 6 leaver's party. Already the soon-to-be secondary pupils are complaining that their legs don't fit under the tables any more. How quickly the years in primary school pass - I wonder if this group will continue to wave at us from the bus stop next year or will that be just a little "un-cool"??

Our very good wishes to you all.

Julia A. Jones.

CARTMEL PRIORY SCHOOL

The school has recently undergone an OFSTED inspection. OFSTED is in effect the office of fair trading for schools and carries out very thorough and searching inspections of our schools to a degree that most people in their work place would find intolerable.

The happy news is that the report stated 'that good or very good teaching was seen in all years in all subjects'.

The standards in GCSE were found to be above average, including the percentage of pupils achieving higher grades in all of English, Maths and Science. Test results placed the school in the top 25% nationally for these subjects.

The pupils were found to be motivated and the school orderly. Nobody is perfect and there was some criticism that the exam results in foreign languages were below the national average.

All in all we can be justly proud of our local church secondary school and we offer our congratulations to Head Teacher, David Ingram, and his dedicated staff.

'Adam was but human - this explains it all, he did not want the apple for the apple's sake, he wanted it only because it was forbidden'

Mark Twain

THE MOTHER'S UNION

The Deanery Festival this year is to be held in Cartmel Priory on Tuesday 11 June. This is a special service to celebrate 100 years of the Mother's Union in Cartmel.

The June meeting will be an outing but as yet we have not got a date.



FLOWER ROTA

2 June Trinity Sunday

9 June Mrs. D. Puddy

16 June Wedding

23 June Wedding

30 June Mrs. M. Campbell



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The sum of £92.78 collected from box holders has been sent to the Children's Society. Wendy Smith expresses her thanks to everyone for their contributions.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK

Childhood memories flooded back for the ladies of the W.I. when, at their April meeting, Mr. Irvine "The Doll's House Man" explained his craft and gave a brief insight into the history of Dolls' Houses, their owners and makers. Members were enthralled with the houses and furniture he brought to illustrate his talk. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Graves.

You can be sure of a good cup of tea at W.I. Meetings as Yorkshire Tea have been handing out generous samples of their product.

The competition for a miniature for a doll's house was won by Mrs. Daniels with Mrs. Campbell coming a close second. The raffle was won by Mrs. Robinson.

The June meeting is to be held on 25 June at 7.30 pm. when the speaker will be Mr. Scurrah and his subject - 'To fly like a bird'.

BOUTH

It was Easter Day all over again at the April meeting when the subject was hats. Mrs. Jackson, assisted by her sister, gave an interesting talk on the manufacture of "Kangol hats".

Members were fascinated by the technicalities of the process and the wide range of hats produced; from Service berets to wonderful wedding creations. Mrs. Jackson kindly donated two hats to be raffled. They were won by Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Hall. The vote of thanks was given by Hilary Brooks. Mrs. Marsh won the usual raffle and the winners of the 'Best Hat Competition' were Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Walker.

The June meeting is a local outing but final details have not yet been made.





THE RIME OF THE ANCIENT CHORISTER

(Or a glimpse of the future?)

It is an ancient chorister
She stoppeth one of three,
(That's all that came to Church today)
Why does she pick on me?

"Oh tell me, tell me", she implored,
"What hymns you want to sing.
Oh what's so wrong with what we do?
Oh tell me everything"

"Do all the people round about
Still need the church to stay,
For if they do not want to come,
We'll lock up from today."

"So there'll be no more funerals here
Or happy wedding chime,
When t'last churchwardens pass away,
'Tis then I end my rime".

Jean Sly



News from Colton Parish in the Summer of 1896

Our local matter this month will include an announcement simply of the visit of H.M.Inspector who spent the morning of Tuesday June 30th with us. He called attention to certain requirements, in the buildings and furniture. With the attainments of the children as a whole he expressed himself satisfied..... On the Thursday following the children were dismissed, not unwillingly, for their summer holiday. When this is over and the school opens again, the children of the two schools - Colton and Bouth - will have their usual treat.....

This report was received from H.M.Inspector of Schools:-

The school continues to be well conducted. Most of the children read fluently and understand well what they read. The spelling of the fourth standard is weak, and the written arithmetic of the 1st, 5th and 6th standards and the oral arithmetic of the 4th and 5th standards should improve. Geography has been well taught, especially in the upper standards, and though English is not so good, it is quite creditable, the higher grant being recommended, though again with some hesitation. Needlework is good. It was evident on the day of examination that many children were suffering from severe colds, and sickness and other causes have interfered with the attendance during he year. The School walls are dingy, and disfigured by damp"

.....and then the School Treat
This was somewhat late this year, taking place on Wednesday afternoon, August 19th. The weather was threatening, Indeed when tea-time came it was more, for the children were driven into school by a heavy shower. Their ardour for tea, however, or for play after, was not dampened in the least. Some of the boys were rather clamorous for tea and eatables if there was anything like delay in serving, but everything was good in quality and sufficient in quantity and was much enjoyed. The boys played cricket and football, ran three-legged and other races, which were joined in by the girls, Riding whips, knives, pence, balls, sweets etc. etc. were the reward of the successful ones. Indeed, every child received some memento of the occasion besides sharing in a large basket of plums sent by Mr. A. Burns.and at about six o'clock another closing hymn was sung and hearty cheers were given for Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Dickson, for the Vicar, the supporters of the schools, and the visitors.