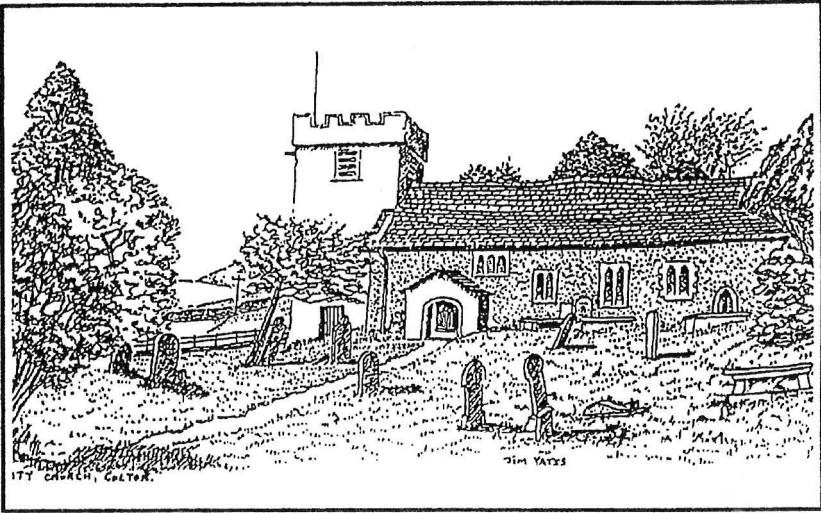




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

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SERVICES

1st Sunday in the month	9.30 am	Family Service
2nd Sunday in the month	9.30 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday in the month	11.15 am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday in the month	11.15 am	Holy Communion
5th Sunday in the month	9.30 am	Morning Prayer

CLAIMING DATES

- 1 April Mothers'-Union - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 2.00 pm.
- 6 April Family Service - 9.30 am.
- 7 April Lady Day Service - Haverthwaite Parish Church - 2.00 pm.
- 9 April Bouth W.I. "Sites I have seen" - Reading Room - 7.15 pm
- 13 April Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
- 14 April BACK TO SCHOOL
- 20 April Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 22 April Sparkbridge and Lowick W.I. - "Living Well" -
Sparkbridge - 7.30pm
- 23 April St. George's Day - [Red Rose Day]
- 25 April St. Mark the Evangelist
- 27 April Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 29 April Mother's Union Deanery Festival - Allithwaite
- 3 May Start of Red Cross Week
- 7 May Mother's Union trip to YMCA and AGM

**THE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING IS ON THE 14TH APRIL
AT 7.30 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

From the Reverend Doreen Harrison

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, we are still uncertain about the date of the General Election. To some of us, who are not party political people, it is of less significance which date it may be, but to all of us as responsible citizens it is important that we dutifully record our vote. All of the politicians will assure us how much better off we shall be if we return them to office; but how many would dare to say that we shall be worse off in order that OTHERS may be enabled to have more.

We ought to think about the great national and world issues: AND about our local communities and the greater good of the neighbours we know. Have you a vision of the society you would like yourself, your family, and all mankind to live in? Maybe that "Kingdom of Heaven" will be hard to achieve, certainly it cannot come overnight, and NO politicians will be able to legislate for it; but we still pray that GOD will bring about His kingdom one day.

Nearer to our parish concerns, our church annual meetings are held at this time of year. They are the successors of the old "Easter Vestry" meetings and we still meet to elect our church wardens, and take note of our parish concerns. ALL the people of the parish may attend, not just the Anglicans, and not only those who attend services! In the main meeting we also elect members of the Parochial Church Council, we examine how the church has looked after its buildings, its finances, and what its work has been in building the kingdom of God in our own place. If you wish to vote, do make sure that your name is on the Electoral Roll. In any case, do come to the meeting.

Of course it is not my church or your church, or indeed our church but God's church. It would not have lasted for two thousand years if it had been a human institution. The Annual Meeting, unlike an "AGM" is not reviewing success or failure nor profit or loss, but what has been given in service, how rich our worship is, and how much work lies ahead of us. It has been said (by an Archbishop) that the Church is the only institution which exists for the benefit, of those outside it: true, but the more who come to be included within it the more effective it can be!

There is always something that you can do in and for the church. There are roles and jobs which the clergy do best because of their particular calling and

expertise, and there are other jobs which the whole laity (the people of God) can do, most important of which is to be the visible church, worshipping together in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day, at the Lord's table, as the Lord's people, at the Lord's Supper. In this way, the church family sets its best example to the young people growing up amongst us, and ensures its future well-being.

If you have ever said "Why doesn't the church do something about it?" or "Why does it not speak out about this or that?" remember that YOU are needed to be the church HERE. And God's blessing rest upon you ALL.

Yours sincerely.

Doreen Harrison
Curate



CHURCH AFFAIRS

There are those who say that the Parish News would not be the same if it were not for the mistakes. There are others, probably the majority, who wish it were not the same and some 'notables' in Bouth who are more than forthright in their comments.

It is true that the service times as printed last month were a little awry but at least they were early! In any case what is half an hour between friends and at least it gave Bonzo an opportunity to get the church heated up for Mothering Sunday, which was warmly appreciated.

Last month we referred to a 'Pastoral Reorganisation', which was a little vague and to put this into context it should be explained that the number of Clergy, both stipendiary and non-stipendiary, is declining and no longer, as we know in Colton, can parishes expect to have the exclusive services of a priest.

In order to look to the future the Deanery has set up what is now more properly known as a 'Pastoral Review'. All parishes in the Deanery have been sent a questionnaire so that profiles of individual parishes can be

compiled. At the same time parishes have been asked to state their view on the way forward.

If anybody wishes to have an input to this process please contact your churchwardens or any other member of the PCC, including the editor of this magazine, who is your representative on the review working party.

For those of you who did not attend church on 16 March, Doreen, our curate, expressed all our thanks to Mrs. Marjorie Croasdell and Mrs. Cynthia Burns for their loving work in making the beautiful posies for Mothering Sunday.

"The flowers appear upon the earth!
the time of the singing of birds is come"
Song of Solomon

PARISH NOTES

Sackcloth and ashes again - whilst King Henry V might have been know as Harry, Master Fleming was named and baptised Harry not Henry as published. To compound the blunder, sister Charlotte is also Jane. Apologies to Harry, Charlotte and the family.

To continue, but this time it a sin of omission. A belated welcome to Cath and Paul Broom, who 'recently' moved in to the parish from Finsthwaite. They now live at Bridgefield, Spark Bridge. Even more belated, a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Maciver, who are now resident at Laurel House, Nibthwaite and have been for some time!

An up to date welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Clinch who have moved to Browhead Cottage, Spark Bridge from Gawthwaite.

Tom Wren, who has been quite poorly, is now back home and doing well. Peter Watson is also on the road to recovery, having been seriously ill and in intensive care. Our best wishes to them both.

The Burns Saga continues; no sooner has Jack recovered and returned home but he finds the beck at the back of their cottage has changed course - flowing in at the back door and out at the front.

Our sympathy and good wishes seem hardly adequate but we hear the the British Legion have been very helpful.

You cannot please all the people all the time and there have been some comments of the the choice of hymns, suggesting that more "lively, cheerful and modern stanzas" might be sung.

As churchgoers will know, each Sunday has a theme and the hymns are chosen to follow that theme. If, however, anyone would like to suggest other hymns, please contact the organists, Barbara, Jean and Judy.

Please remember, though, that these ladies, and indeed the whole of the choir, are all volunteers and put a great deal of time and work into providing our small country church with a good standard of music and support for the Vicar in leading our services.

Perhaps the phrase is not altogether apt, but 'Do not flog willing horses'!

It was good to see the choir augmented by Jane Pickles of Bouth and we hope her presence there will be permanent.

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Colton, Rusland and Satterthwaite Christian Aid committee are holding their now annual Soup and Cheese luncheon at the home of Judy and Bryan Redhead, Burnknott, Bouth on Wednesday 14 May from 12 noon to 2.00 pm.. Tickets are £3 each available from members.

There will be cake, plant and bring and buy stalls plus the raffle. Please support this worthy cause and open up your wallets and purses.

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The family of Mrs. Owen - Janice, John and Philip, would like to thank all her many friends throughout the parish and beyond for their kindnesses, cards, letters of condolence and words of sympathy following their bereavement.

They would especially like to thank our curate, Doreen Harrison, and members of the Mothers Union of which Mrs. Owen was proud to have been a member for so many years.

Such kindness at a time of sorrow was much appreciated.

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MOTHERS UNION

There was a good attendance for the first meeting of the year, held in Rusland Parish Room on 3 March. The Rev. Jayne Tyler was unable to come so the Rev. Nigel Davies very kindly and at short notice came and spoke on 'Caring for One Another'.

We send our good wishes to Jayne and hope she will be soon well again.

Lady Day this year is on 7 April and members have been invited to join Haverthwaite M.U. for a service in their Parish Church at 2.00 pm.

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FLOWER ROTA

6	April	Easter Flowers
13	April	Easter Flowers
20	April	Mrs. Silcock
27	April	Mrs. Silcock
4	May	Mrs M. Young

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

Those interested in the environment should have been at the March meeting when Mr. M. Steele presented an integrated slide show with appropriate music. Not only was his show brilliantly presented but it was also a poignant reminder of the frailty of our world.

the next meeting will be held on 9 April when the speaker will be Miss J. Clarke and her subject - 'Sites I have seen' Sounds promising.

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SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK

Thirteen members enjoyed the Annual Hot Pot supper at the "Farmers Arms" for their February meeting. A business meeting followed and final (?) arrangements were made for the "Hot Pot Supper Dance" being organised for Group funds.

The Competition judged by a member of staff was won by Mrs. Phizacklea.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The school held a very successful Passion Play on the 25th and 26th March; another "well done!" for the staff and pupils.

The summer term will start on 14 April and promises to be exceptionally busy as exam time is here again.

The school has a new publicity officer - Karen Laisby - and anyone who feels they can help in any way can contact Karen on 015395 33241

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SATTERTHWAITE AND RUSLAND

The Coffee Morning at the Coro' made £340. Many thanks to all who helped and made contributions.

The children's topic this term is "Materials".

Help had to be given to the frog spawn in the Wildlife pond which was drying out at one end. It is now hoped that the children can follow the progress through to the frog.

Mrs. Mallinson continues to make good progress and we continue to wish her well.

The Egg Rolling Contest will take place on the last day of term 27 March. (we will give you the results in the next issue. ed)

As elsewhere, the new term starts on 14 April and the date for your diary is 7 June, when the Summer Fayre will be held.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our friendly Police Force is looking for community minded individuals to make a positive contribution by becoming Special Constables. You need to be between eighteen and a half and fifty. Interested? Contact PC Anderson on 01229 848893 or Lorna Dobson on 01768 891999 ext. 7087

