



PARISH NEWS

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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

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

How are you keeping Lent this year? It's not too late to take up some activity: (rather than just give up some little luxury). More people these days are beginning Lent by attending the 'Imposition of Ashes' (a minor act of humility on Ash Wednesday, with it's solemn words "Remember, O man, dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return").

There are however some **positive** acts we can all resolve to try. Maybe attendance at one or other of our three services **each Sunday** (surely one of the times will suit you !)

We can decide to set aside time to pray more and to *listen to silence* which is something that the C of E is NOT good at! To meditate, read the Bible or a devotional book, to write to friends, as we promised last Christmas, and to help our neighbours and others.

These all involve the gift of TIME and some may also include the use of our own TALENTS; we **all** have some God-given gifts small or great, useful or decorative, serious or employing the wonderful blessing of humour and fun.

Maybe at the turn of the financial year we can also think seriously about our offering of TREASURE to God, "from whom ALL things come". Few people these days , apart from the clergy to whom it is a privilege, give a "tithe" (i.e. a tenth of their **net** income) but when we look at our weekly or annual outlay on other 'vital' expenses the comparison with church 'collections' makes interesting reading.

With current schemes of charitable giving it is now much easier to enhance our gifts to the Church and enable the 'taxman' to be also generous in reclaimed tax - St Mathew would be quite surprised!

As we move from solemn winter to the promise of spring and the glory of Easter may the loving generosity of God in bestowing on us His gifts inspire our offerings of **time , talents and treasure** in thanksgiving for His Bounty.

May the glory of spring flowers, especially our brave little 'Lent lilies' cheer your hearts with the hope and joy of God's love.

Yours sincerely



Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



Notice in a church bulletin :

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. He also accepteth from a grouch."



NEW COVENANT WITH THE POOR

You will find two pieces of paper with your magazine which originated from Carlisle and the idea outlined appears to be a good one as a 'Millenium Resolution' for individuals.

The PCC are to consider a Parish response at the next meeting to be held on 1 March. Your personal response should be handed to a churchwarden who will deal with them in strict confidence before offering them to God during the Archdeacon's 'visitation' on the 19 May when your churchwardens are admitted to their office. We suggest your covenants are specific, rather than vague, achievable, rather than wishful thinking and genuine commitments.

The Churchwardens

CHURCH MATTERS

There is a sign at a church in Benton, Wisconsin: "For God so loved the world that He didn't send a committee." Oh, that life was that simple for in this age, democracy dictates the need for meetings, the value of which seems to be in inverse proportion to their length. Of late they have all been at it !

There has been a General, a Diocesan and a Deanery Synod; not to be out done Colton has held a PCC meeting. The 'Executive' whose proper name is the Archbishops Council has also been in conclave.

The two Archbishops more or less appointed the six members of the Council and then asked the Synod to nod its corporate head, which it duly did albeit somewhat reluctantly fearing that croneyism might have been involved. Not that it said that merely commenting that they had had no opportunity to get to know the individuals concerned. English is a wonderful Language.

A motion was passed asking the church to take a fresh look at funerals, Clare Short spoke to the Synod on the Debt Relief Campaign and 'Common Worship' was discussed but more of this anon.

In fact 'Common Worship' was the main item at the Deanery Synod where the Archdeacon of Carlisle entertained us with an erudite presentation of what has been going on and how it will affect our Services. We are already using using the new Calendar, Collects and Readings and by the end of the year we shall be getting accustomed to the new forms of service.

A S B which we have used for some years will for the most part be consigned to the bin and there will be a choice of two orders of service both in contemporary and traditional language. One will be Ecumenical, like Rite A and the other will follow the pattern of the Book of Common Prayer which **remains** a permanent feature of the Church of England.

The Synod were reminded that it is the year of the Triennial Elections and the Annual Church Meeting (12 April - 7.30pm - Church Hall) is the time to select your representavtives, currently Jack Burns & Donald Wroe. After

some prodding from our Deanery another 'Green paper' of the so called streamlining of our affairs is in circulation and despite its claim to be simple it is very heavy reading; once we understand it we will let you know what it is all about, but don't hold your breath.

A PCC was held in February with some debate on how we can automatically light the entrance to our church for those souls who have to venture there in the dark. Bonzo has promised to put on his electrician's hat and see what he can do. Our Pastoral Reorganisation is moving on apace and although not every PCC is completely convinced progress is being made and the name of High Furness is on everyone's lips.

Whilst our finances are generally sound, Bonzo's application of accountancy principles being near brilliant, our disposal income is barely adequate to cover costs and this financial year does not look good. It is all very well running at a deficit but this results in drawing down capital thus reducing investment income. Planned giving in particular might be better.

The Child Protection policy was officially approved and will be displayed on the Church notice board and in the Hall. The improvement to the lectern area can now go ahead and we are to look at the north transept. It was thought that we should have a proper notice board at the junction with the main road which is a grand idea - does anybody know a signwriter?

Some of you might think that this magazine is a trifle wordy but you should have seen the papers for the PCC; It must have taken half of Grizedale forest to provide the pulp but with luck most of it will be recycled which is probably a fitting end.

The Archdeacon will be officiating on 7 March which as you will remember is the 450th Anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer. The Annual Church Meeting will be held on 12 April - 7.30pm. - Church hall and it would be nice to have a few more present if only to stop the PCC from re-inventing itself.

You heard it here first ★★★ The Church Fête will be held on 17 July and firm offers of raffle prizes to Judy Redhead A S A P.

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MOTHERS UNION

The first meeting, a service of Holy Communion, will be held on Wednesday 3 March - 2.00pm. - Rusland Parish Church with our Parish Priest in charge when we will be welcoming Mrs Barbara Watson into membership. We shall have tea and a chat in the hall afterwards.

Leven Valley have invited us to a service in Haverthwaite Parish Church on Lady Day, 25 March - 2.00pm. followed by tea in the hall.

We hope everybody enjoyed the displays in the three parishes for International Marriage Week and we are pleased to remind people of the forthcoming wedding anniversaries of two of our members this year, a Diamond and a Platinum !

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FLOWER ROTA

March LENT

14 March Mothering Sunday
(Mothers Union)



WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for our area will be held in St Peters Church - Sawrey - 2.00pm. - Friday - 5 March when the speaker will be Dr. Bernadette Dalton of Ambleside. There will be light refreshments available in Braithwaite Hall after the service and everyone is welcome.

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A lady describing the small attendance at her church said: " When the Vicar says 'Dearly Beloved', I blush ".

PARISH NEWS

It's been a rough old month when colds and coughs have abounded but things are improving Birkett Cooper is on the mend which is just as well for when last seen Elspeth, his wife, was struggling home with an extremely large hammer. George Prickett is also better than he was but there is always a down side; Wayne Young's arm is still not fully recovered and needs a further operation.

Our latest news on Mr Minton is that he is still not very well but is back home but there is sad news of Herbert Caistor, a Friend of Colton Church who died at the end of January. He was the husband of Pat Caistor and for many years they had a caravan at Black Beck and took a lively interest in Church affairs. Pat had a stroke some time ago and now lives in Knowsley Manor Rest Home.

The Memorial Concert for Jack Croasdale held in Haverthwaite Church raised, at the last count, £560 - half for the church and half for Cancer research.

It is not often we have a National winner and it is wonderful to be able to report a hat-trick champion. Desmond Dalton of Cringle Mire, Bouth has won, for the third successive year, the J Finlayson M B E Cup for the Best large Anacona Hen at the Scottish National Show in Edinburgh.

CONGRATULATIONS

A reminder that Bouth Luncheon Club meets at the White Hart on the 4th Thursday of the month and the Satterthwaite Club on the 2nd and 4th. Wednesday at the Eagles Head.

There is to be a Rummage Sale in Bouth Village Hall on Saturday 20 March - 2.00pm. in aid of much needed Hall funds. That weekend the 20th & 21st sees the Rusland Spring Show which is being held in Rusland Reading Rooms between 12 noon and 4.30 pm.

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"Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes"

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

In February we had a visit from representatives of Booths Supermarkets; Sheila Ward gave us a history of E.H. Booth who founded the Company in the middle of the last century and succeeded despite a very disruptive upbringing and became an expert tea blender

Plans are in hand to develop the site in Ulverston and to improve the service with 'Home Deliveries' and a Tea House in the café area with proper tea, leaves and all.

John, the wine manager, offered us a variety of table wines and enlightened us on the art of wine tasting; it was a very pleasant lesson. We completed a delightful evening with samples of cheese and all 'strolled' home.

The next meeting is on 10 March when Mr J. Nettleton will be speaking on Wordsworth's Lakes. The competition is 'Favourite Photograph of Lakes'.

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

President Mrs Cambell wished the members Happy New Year as she welcomed them and two new members to the January meeting. After dealing with reports of the Consultative meeting and the trip to Dalemain Miss Beth Moon who stepped into the breach at the last moment gave us an insight into the world of Homeopathy, an ancient method of healing in which the whole of the body is investigated and treated.

Miss Moon is a Homeopathic Practitioner and explained the Germanic origins and how, in the 1700, Arnica and even Arsenic were used to cure many complaints. Today Homeopathy can work in retrospect and on sceptic unbelievers.

On 25 March Mrs Molly Lamb will be giving a talk "I was a Land Girl"; visitors and new members are most welcome to join us at the 'Farmers Arms'.

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SCHOOL NEWS

It is half term and school news is a touch thin on the ground mainly because schools and their Governors are wrestling with the problem of 'Fair Funding' which patently isn't. Cumbria County Council is charged with the task of allocating monies to schools who will now manage their own budgets.

Unfortunately the CCC seems more intent on syphoning off education funds to pay for pet projects mainly in the north and west of the county.

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MORE PARISH NEWS

On the move is Tommy Woodburn who is now driving again and can be seen in the White Hart playing a mean game of dominoes which is good news.

Ethel Saunders is still not very well and is in and out of hospital but Myras Casson is home again. Also on the sick list is Jessie Dickinson who has suffered a stroke.

Our prayers are with you all and we wish you better health in the days to come.

We know Giles has not been too well but news is sparse, any road up we wish you well and hope for a speedy return to good health and to church as we miss your leading from the back !

Modesty is a rare virtue but one of our Wardens is quietly enriched with this goodness. We congratulated Des Dalton over his success with his birds but and it's a big but, we would be remiss if we didn't express similar compliments to Peter Smith. Peter shows his birds all over the British Isles with singular success and we are exceptionally proud of both of them.

Lastly but not least a very warm welcome back to Hilary and Noel Brooks who have just returned from three months travelling in the antipodes. daw

CLAIMING DATES

- 1 March P C C - 'Green Bank' - 7.30pm.
- 3 March M U - Holy Communion - Rusland - 2.00pm.
- 5 March Womens World Day of Prayer - Sawrey - 2.00pm.
- 7 March Family Service - 450th Anniversary of B C P - 9.30am.
Archdeacon in charge - Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 10 March Bouth W I - Village Hall - 7.15pm.
- 14 March Mothering Sunday - Family Service - 9.30am.
- 17 March St. Patrick.
- 19 March St. Joseph of Nazareth.
- 20 March Rummage Sale - Bouth Village Hall - 2.00pm.
Rusland Spring Show (also 21st.) - Reading Room - 12-4.30pm
- 21 March Passion Sunday - Holy Communion - 11.15am.
First Day of Spring
- 25 March The Annunciation - Lady Day Service - Haverthwaite - 2.00pm.
- 26 March Lowick & Sparkbridge W I - 'Farmers Arms'.
- 28 March Palm Sunday - Holy Communion - 11.15am.
Change Clocks Forward - One hour LESS in bed !
- 4 April **EASTER DAY**
- 7 April M U Meeting - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 2.00pm.
- 14 April ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING - Church Hall - 7.30pm.

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY	COLTON	SATTERTHWAITE	RUSLAND
1st	9.30am Family Service	11.15am Morning Prayer (BCP)	2.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
2nd	9.30am Holy Communion (+)	6.00pm Evengsong (BCP)	11.15am Family Service
3rd	11.15am Holy Communion (+)	9.30am Holy Communion (+)	2.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
4th	11.15am Holy Communion (+)	6.00pm Holy Communion (+)	9.30am Family Communion
5th	9.30 Morning Prayer (BCP)	See Church Notice Boards	

(BCP) - Book of Common Prayer 1662

(+) - "RITE B" SERVICE - (Similar to Prayer Book)

Other services will be announced as appropriate

A very warm welcome to all

D. Harrison. Parish Priest