



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

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear friends

Towards Easter, we are reminded of the work of ministry begun by our Lord and entrusted to His friends up to our own time. In our parishes, this is something shared by priest and people.

Since one or two 'cases' made the headlines the Data Protection Act has ended the disclosure of the names of patients by hospitals etc. thus when I visit Furness General or any other NHS institution I have to know who is there, not being psychic.

As you will understand, I have no means of knowing if you or your neighbours are there! This can cause some distress to the 'neglected' patient and family (and some embarrassment to me if I meet some one who has been 'in' and never had a visit from the church.)

Former parishioners too, from some years back, may now be in long term care in or perhaps beyond Cumbria. So please do not wait until it is too late and I get a call from the undertaker to tell me that one of my flock has died!

A third way you can help with ministry is to tell me of the existence of elderly, frail or housebound folk who live in our parishes and are never seen beyond

the house! Their very presence may be unknown for not everybody is on the local voters

List and how sad if I am deprived of knowing and visiting them. Do remember that **everyone** who lives in the parish 'belongs' to the Church and is 'one of us', **whatever** their denominational 'label'.

Every shepherd needs alert "sheepdogs" to keep the flock together, so please share in the care and **keep me** informed. It is **my** job to decide when and if to visit! I never mind being told by several folk; so God bless you and ALL our people.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



CHURCH MATTERS

The PCC has been working hard, well they have met twice in five weeks which is twice more than the Church Hall group who have said they might meet; we live in hope. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future ministry of Colton. The Archdeacon, as you will recall, has come up with some ideas: -

- 1) The Rusland Valley group plus Leven Valley group with one stipendiary minister.
- 2) Colton plus the Leven Valley group with one stipendiary minister.
- 3) Colton plus Egton cum Newland with the existing stipendiary minister.
- 4) Colton plus the Leven Valley group plus Egton cum Newland with the existing stipendiary minister and a 'house-for- duty' i.e. NSM who would live in the Haverthwaite Vicarage.

The PCC rather favours option 4) but is concerned that Egton cum Newland is in a different Deanery and there is no wish for us to change. This is, however, early days and what is most important is, ***not what the PCC wants but what ALL the residents of the Parish of Colton wants!***

So let your views be known; if in doubt who to talk to check the telephone numbers on the first page of the magazine. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.**

One item that raised the collective blood pressure was the sale, some years ago of the ‘Vicarage’ after which we were promised and in writing that the money would be put into safe keeping in order to purchase a more modern Parsonage. This agreement has been reneged and the money swallowed up in the Diocesan coffers; what makes it more infuriating is the substantial rise in the Parish Share we have to find this year. More than six times the current rate of inflation.

There has been a Deanery Synod with a good presentation by the Revd. Nigel Davies on “Learning for life in Christ” which generated some discussion but not as much as the Parish Share which the Synod will continue with, cudgels raised, to take up with Carlisle. Much strength to their collective arm.

The General Synod has also met and is proposing that PCC members be elected for three years at a time which is all a bit odd because once you get on it’s the devil’s own job to get off.

On to more serious matters, the Garden Fête this year will be held on 21 July and as the cost of hiring the marquee has been increased by some measure, in order to cover maintenance and replacement, a special effort will be required.

Bonzo is having to amend his budget as it was decided to donate £100 to the Gujarat Earthquake fund, penance for not turning the heat on earlier in church.

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‘People ask you for criticism, but they only want praise.’

Somerset Maugham

FLOWER ROTA

4 March Lent

11 March Lent

18 March Lent

25 March Mothering Sunday – M.U.

1 April Lent

8 April Lent

15 April Easter Day

22 April Easter Flowers

29 April Easter Flowers



THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY

If any ‘boxholders’ wish to be in the Gift Aid scheme, please let Wendy Smith know, Tel: 015395 31872 and she will give you a form to sign.

This is important, for however small the amount and if you are a taxpayer, the Society will gain not Mr Brown. From now on the boxes will only be collected once a year, in March!

Thank you to everybody who supports the Childrens Society and for all your help.

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‘We have in England a particular bashfulness in everything that regards religion’ anon.

COFFEE ROTA

March Mrs. Margaret Sanders + helper

April Mrs. Sue Dean + helper



PARISH NEWS

Mrs Ethel Saunders is home in the Cottage again and is looking forward to seeing visitors once more. She writes 'I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to everyone who sent cards, letters, gifts and good wishes whilst I was in hospital and Swarthdale.

I really valued and appreciated all the expressions of your care and concern and I was proud of Colton Parish.'

es.

Cedric Dent of Bouth and vegetable fame is also glad to be home after a short stay in FGH after hitting his thumb with an axe instead of the kindling. Cedric too is grateful for the swift help and care he received from his neighbours and he tells us that despite what you might hear to the contrary the food in hospital was very good. He has, however, a serious problem in that he is having trouble lighting his pipe!

Jane Dean – Wilcock, daughter of Sue and Ken Dean and a former pupil of Leven Valley and Cartmel Schools has recently passed her final exams as a Chartered Management Accountant, ACMA. She now works for Bae. Systems in Barrow as 'The Strategic Management Accountant'. Congratulations but remember it is all in the genes or should that be genomes.

An early notice that the Annual Parish Church Meeting is to be held this year on Monday 9th. April in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Because of the problems of the future of our ministry it is important to attend.

BOUTH MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

The committee 'wrapped up' its activities with a good old-fashioned 'Pie & Peas' supper which was very well attended and enjoyed. The fund raising activities had been successful particularly the Bouth Book which had been very well received.

There was some shyness about so Ronnie Mein did the honours and distributed surplus funds to good causes in the village with an extra large donation to the Village Hall, which was as much appreciated as it is needed.

The latest gift to the community is a tented gazebo 3x6 metres in size and available free but a donation to the Village Green would be appreciated. To everybody concerned a heartfelt thank you from all the residents in Bouth; it was a job well done!

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MOTHERS UNION

Seven members joined the Leven Valley group at their January meeting to hear Mrs Kath Wise talk on her voluntary work in the Barrow Law Courts where she provides support for victims and witnesses.

We resume our meetings on Wednesday 7th. March at Bouth – 2.00pm. when the Revd. Hague will be showing slides on India and we shall be celebrating Lady Day on Monday 26th. March with a service at Holy Trinity, Colton at 2.00pm. mc.



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

Just to prove there is life in Bouth W I the members were introduced to the delights of Line Dancing by Sue Lydon but whether the choice of St.Valentines Day was wise is another matter. President Elspeth declared the evening both successful and enjoyable; so it must have been.

The next gathering will be on Wednesday 14th. March when John Acres & Chris Oxborrow will be giving an update on the progress of the Lancaster Canal.

This item was cobbled together by the editor in the absence of the ‘official’ communicator and based purely on hearsay. Hope I survive to next month.

Donald



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our January meeting at the Farmers our speaker was Mr Burton who gave us an excellent talk on the Sandscale Haws Reserve which was well received. The competition, 'An Ornamental Bird' was won by Mrs S Philips with Mrs. M Jackson coming second. Mrs B Watson won the raffle.

There will be a Hot Pot Supper – Farmers Arms – 7.30pm. – 27th. February and an open meeting on 20th. March in Lowick Sunday school again at 7.30pm. when Janice Longmire will give a talk on Hats. The competition, and it has to be, is an Easter Bonnet! mj.



SCHOOL NEWS

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

The school is continuing its good relationship with St. Martins College and is currently using their gymnasium for classes taken by one of our pupil's mother. The children went climbing at Lakeside YMCA with Terry Storry a lecturer at the College and father of two of the school's pupils.

There are plans to get the children more involved with the school garden but we need help. If there are any keen gardeners with a little time to spare please contact school as we would love to see you and you can enjoy the delight of passing on your expertise to the children. This would be enormously appreciated.

Many thanks to Mrs Lamb, helpers and supporters for their efforts at our Annual Coffee morning at the Coronation Hall when we raised £235.

The P T A will be holding a Bingo & Beetle Drive for both adults and children on 24th. March at 7.00pm. in the Satterthwaite Parish Rooms; raffle prizes would be appreciated and all are welcome.

The Playgroup for under 5's still runs on Friday afternoons from 1 to 5 pm. and children of this age are welcome. Contact Miss Sam Wales Tel: 01229 860224. The community play bus is now coming to Bowkerstead (alongside school) on Thursdays 1 to 2.30pm. for under 5's and 3.15 to 5.00pm. for over 5's. There are all sorts of arts and craft activities and is well worth a visit. Ls

CRIME WATCH

The Police helicopter with its thermal imaging camera has been in action twice in/over our area during these last few weeks resulting in three people being arrested for 'various offences' with our local Bobby also being involved, at the sharp end.

A bloke from the Lancaster area has also been arrested following the three burglaries reported last month. This was as a direct result of basic police work of knocking on doors. Fortunately we have some observant residents whose information led to the arrest and the police say thank you for your efforts and please keep it up.

Crime still continues and a set of wheel trims were stolen from Sparkbridge, ten fence posts from the Lakeside area and cash was stolen by a sneak thief from a hotel.

Keep the information flowing locally on 01229 583 311 or Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111. jb/daw



THE POWER OF PRAYER?

A young midshipman asked Nelson, on the eve of the Battle of Trafalgar, if he could offer up a prayer to God. 'Of course you can, my dear boy,' replied Nelson. The midshipman knelt on the deck and looked up to heaven:

'Lord,' he said, 'I know that if it is your will, tomorrow we will win this great battle. I also realise that if it is your will, the French will win. If you could possibly stay out of it altogether though, we'll thrash the blighters anyway.'



Parish Stewardship

Take my silver and my gold.
Not a mite would I withhold.
But as times are rather hard,
Please accept my Barclaycard.

DIARY DATES

- 1 March St. David.
- 2 March St. Chad.
- 4 March First Sunday in Lent, Family Service 9.30 - am. Coffee afterwards.
- 7 March M.U. Bouth Village Hall – 2.00pm.
- 11 March Holy Communion - 9.30pm.
- 12 March Commonwealth Day.
- 14 March Bouth W.I. Village hall – 7.15pm.
- 17 March St. Patrick.
- 19 March St. Joseph
- 20 March St. Cuthbert. Sparkbridge & Lowick W.I., Lowick Sunday School,
7.30pm.
- 24 March Satterthwaite & Rusland PTA, Bingo and Beetle Drive, Satterthwaite
Parish Rooms, 7.00pm.
- 25 March Annunciation – Mothering Sunday – Holy Communion – 11.15am.
British Summer Time begins. **Advance** clocks one hour.
- 26 March Lady Day – M.U. Service – Colton – 2.00pm.
- 1 April Passion Sunday.
- 9 April Annual Parish Church Meeting – Church Hall – 7.30pm.



You are recommended to check all dates and times, as occasionally they might be wrong.

Dead line for next issue is 17th. March. Please e-mail (donaldwroe@aol.com) or leave at Barnside, Bouth.

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