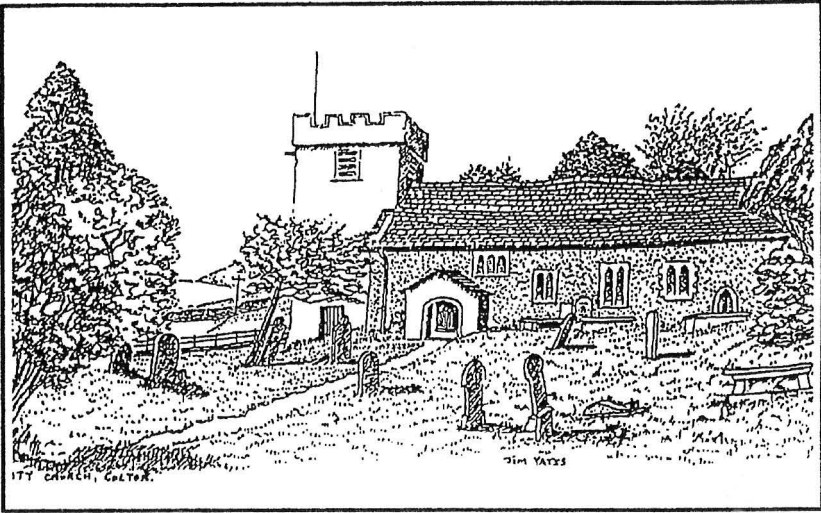




PARISH NEWS

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

The times of these services are for a trial period until Easter 1997 with a review early in Lent

Will all churchgoers please make their views on these times and form of services known to the PCC.

CLAIMING DATES

- 2 February Candlemas Day - Family Service -
Feast of the Presentation - 9.30 am
- 6 February Queen's Accession to the throne
- 9 February Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
- 12 February Ash Wednesday - Evensong and Preparation for Lent - 7.30
pm
- 12 February Cartmel School - Costume Extravaganza to be held in the
Victoria Hall - Grange - 7.30 pm (Also on 13th)
- 14 February Bouth WI - "South Lakeland Wild Life Park" - 7.15 pm.
- 16 February First Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 17 February Half Term
- 19 February Ember Day
- 20 February Satterthwaite School Coffee Morning at the "Coro" - 10.00 am
- 23 February Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 24 February BACK TO SCHOOL
- 25 February Sparkbridge and Lowick WI - 7.30 pm.
- 1 March St. David's Day
- 2 March Family Service - 9.30 am.
- 9 March Mothering Sunday - Special Family Communion - 9.30 am.

From the Reverend Doreen Harrison

Dear Friends

Ash Wednesday, 12 February, in the middle of the month, begins the season of Lent; a serious season of preparation but not a time of misery!

The word is Anglo-Saxonⁿ and comes from Lencten, the time of lengthening days, Spring, in fact. Christians use it to prepare for Easter, as a reminder that we are usually no more ready for that joyous festival than we are for heaven!

Like learning a new job, furnishing a new house, training for a race, we need time; time to think, time to plan, to read, to learn and to adjust to the challenge of becoming better people. Jesus withdrew to the Wilderness to put his mind and his whole life into harmony with the will of God; so we must use Lent now, not as a let-down after Christmas but as a run-up to Easter.

As nature waits quietly before bursting forth into springtime glory, so we wait patiently upon the Lord who can bring out the best in His gifts to us to be used in His service. In this springtime of the soul we can clear out the cobwebs of our thinking and open our minds to fresh insights, beginning to live as 'new men of Christ'.

Our confirmation group is completing its own preparations for the 'big day', Sunday 2 March, at Dalton Parish Church. Please remember them in your prayers!

Our Lenten disciplines help us to grow a little more - People ask 'what are you giving up for Lent?' But just as vital a question is 'what are you taking up this Lent?' We can learn more about our faith, take time to read the Bible (and about the Bible), resolve to cultivate friendships, try to understand the other person's point of view and above all we can 'imitate Christ'. (there are some books in church which can be borrowed and which may provide spiritual food).

Incidentally, if you are undecided about your summer holiday plans as yet, why not try one of the Church's Retreat Houses?

Lent gives us a chance to pause for a while (six weeks or 'forty days') to look at where we are on our pilgrimage, to listen to what God's still small voice is prompting us to do and to be.

Lent is a time to make ourselves READY (by study and prayer), to become STEADY in our faith, and then to GO for GOD with zest. It is a testing time we can all share (and enjoy), a contest in which we can all be winners in the great race of life itself. May you enjoy a blessed and profitable Lent, may you know the renewal of the inner life of faith, and may God bless you and yours.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison (Curate)

CHURCH AFFAIRS

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what has to be done"

Marie Curie

Despite the confusion over the time, due to matters beyond our control, the Carol and Christingle Service was well attended and a joy to be at. The music as always was excellent, the organisation brilliant and the children were fantastic.

On everybody's behalf, a big thank you to all those involved; the collection, which was donated to the Children's Society, amounted to £240.

Our Church would not survive if it were not for those who willingly give their time to do the myriad of jobs that constantly arise. Neither would this magazine reach you all if it were not for the gallant few who, in all weathers, distribute it throughout the Parish and beyond and, at the same time, have the unenviable task of collecting the dues. To you all - many thanks!

"There is a sense in which no gift is ours until we have thanked the giver"

Anon

There is not a lot of reportable local church activity at the moment and the flow of information is slow. A bit like the oil to the church boiler!

However, Christine Dobson writes "....the Friends of Colton Church have contributed £55 during 1996. People pay £5 to join and that is all that is expected of them. Any help, practical or financial, and of course, prayers, are much appreciated and a source of strength to the church" - So is Christine!

The £200 left to the church by Dorothy Hartley (last month's news) was, in fact, left to the Friends of Colton Church, who generously passed it on to Bonzo.

In November last, a General Synod was held where some items of interest to us lowly parishioners were discussed. A progress report on proposed radical changes to the management of the Church of England was considered amongst growing concern that the new proposals were too 'central'. Warning shots were fired with Canon John Stanley of Liverpool calling the debate a 'watershed' and advising caution in that we are entering 'quango-land'.

The Synod did, from the report, seem to be more interested in its own protection with little thought for the parishes. The progress report and draft legislation will now go to the Dioceses for debate.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me...." Church-going young children are to be permitted to share in the Eucharist before they are confirmed, provided that they have "an appreciation of the significance of the Sacrament".

The Bishop of Salisbury argued that baptism is the full and complete rite of Christian initiation and that it should be the only requirement in the celebration of the Eucharist.

It was suggested that an investigation be held into an alternative procedure which may involve the abolition of the Banns of Marriage. This one could run and run.

On Sunday 9 March at 9.30 am. there is to be a special Family Communion Service as it is 'Mothering Sunday', when our newly confirmed young people and their families and friends will be welcomed by the whole Church.

PARISH NEWS

It is sadness in Bouth again as Marlene Baines died on New Years Day. Tommy and Marlene have lived at Queen Anne Cottage for the best part of forty years and were soon to celebrate their Ruby Wedding.

Marlene was a quiet lady but very knowledgeable about country matters and her advice was always worth listening to. We will miss her and her always cheery greetings whenever we met her walking the dogs. Our condolences, prayers and sympathy go out to Tommy and the children.

Cynthia and Jack Burns are not having the best of it at the moment. Jack has long been troubled with his leg and Cynthia her mouth. She is now undergoing treatment which is at Preston and is painful. Now we hear that Cynthia's sister has died in Wales. We all hope that soon they will have good news, but until then we offer our sympathy and prayers.

Also in Preston Hospital is Mary Fleming who is recovering from an operation to her back and, for a change, is being ministered to. We hope Mary enjoys the rest and we wish her well for a full recovery.

On to more cheerful matters; Elspeth and Birkett Cooper have asked us to express their appreciation of all the help, sympathy and comfort they received following the loss of Elspeth's mother, Maisie.

Jack Marsh is slowly recovering from losing his battle with a gas canister. Both Jack and Kay are also full of praise for the people of Bouth who have been so helpful to them in their hour of need. As we have said before - that's Bouth.

We received a letter in December from Sue Walker, who is now settling in in Witherslack, where she is getting to know almost everybody but the 'Binners', who, apparently, hadn't acknowledged her existence. She said she had very warm memories of Bouth and asked us to "....convey a huge thank you for the good wishes, cards and gifts I received from all my friends in Bouth"

Change goes on and this month it our pleasure to welcome Hazel and Roger Coat(e)s who have taken up residence at the White House in Bouth. We hope your stay in this Parish will be long, happy and healthy.

The Christmas Fair, over which there had been some doubts, raised £392 for the church thanks to some very hard work, mainly by the ladies in the parish; if that is a politically correct thing to say!

The indefatigable May Lambert overcame problems that would have sunk most of us and ran a very successful Bingo Evening in Bouth Village Hall, which raised £175 for the Hall. Thank you May and all who helped and turned up.

There was a great turn-out for the Carols round the tree on Bouth Village Green; helped, if not driven, by members of the Ulverston Band, to whom our grateful thanks. It was particularly nice to see so many visiting members of local families. St. Mary's Hospice was £150 better off for our efforts and everybody had a good sing.

Almost in the same vein the Abbots Reading Singers, led by a Vicar in mufti, trolled round the valley at Christmas-tide entertaining the unsuspecting with music, verse and carols. Their fine efforts raised £200 for charity but as yet we know not which.

We do try to get our information correct but with the onset of age, failing eyesight and an attitude problem with the word-processor, occasionally (?) things go wrong and last month it was the turn of the Bouth WI. We are now reliably and forcefully informed that Sue Smith is the Secretary and Hilary Brooks Assistant Secretary and Speaker finder.

MOTHER'S UNION

The M U will have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 5 March at 2.00 pm. in Rusland Parish Room. The Speaker will be the Rev. Jayne Tyrer talking about her work as a hospital Chaplain.

The Women's World Day of Prayer for our area will be held in Satterthwaite Parish Church on Friday 7 March at 2.00 pm.



FLOWER ROTA

2 February Mrs. M. Lambert

9 February Mrs. M. Lambert

There will be no flowers during Lent apart from Mothering Sunday, which will be on

9 Mother's Union



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

The Christmas Party was held on 11 December and was well-attended. The members produced some memorable food, fortified by Mr. Minton's country wine. It was a wonderful evening with super entertainment provided by a small group called "The Ceilidhs", comprising Janice and Ron Eadington from Ulverston and two of their friends.

The January meeting was equally memorable when local historian, Ronnie Mein, enthralled a packed house with an enlightening and vivid history of Bouth. It's been quite a place and not for the faint-hearted.

The February meeting sees David Gill from the 'Wild Life Park' at Dalton, fresh from his triumph at Sparkbridge, so any members who missed the first offering have another chance.

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The next big event is the Costume Extravaganza to be held on the 12 and 13 February at Victoria Hall, Grange. Also, congratulations are due to Maeve Atkinson, Year 9, who is one of the six national finalists in a BBC/Little Chef pancake design competition.

LEVEN VALLEY

The Annual Kristkindle market on 15 December attracted large crowds who were able to buy gifts of crafts, foods and Christmas decorations. The school was decorated and lit by candles. Mince pies, mulled wine and the carols, beautifully sung by the children, completed a wonderful occasion. To top it all the school funds were boosted by £500.

On the following day the concert and tea party for local senior citizens was held with its usual and expected success and, importantly, with the children doing the honours.

Strange viruses are inflicting their toll in the district, but when we see the sun glinting on the frost and icicles we know it is winter - so many seasons have seemed the same over the past few years and I, for one, enjoy the nostalgia created by definite changes.

May I wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Julia Jones

SATTERTHWAITE SCHOOL

Mrs. Mallinson is remaining very cheerful after her accident and we wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Miller is teaching the infants. The Play Group is still open on Friday afternoons. Anyone is welcome.

The children's Topic this term is "Outer Space" and, totally unconnected with this, there is to be a Coffee Morning to be held in the "Coro" on Thursday 20 February at 10.00 am.

Anne Silcock

