



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

Harvest again! And this year we can at least give thanks for our survival. Maybe we are still burdened by restrictions and biosecurity measures but the fields are stocked once more with our precious animals.

The end of one year and the beginning of another round of activities comes with the school term; the new syllabus of Mothers Union activities and the W I events Our Churches have had their follow-up to the 'Healthy Churches' project, ably chaired by Donald Wroe. Even pastoral organisation is running into the buffers of the Church commissioners and patience is needed for a few more weeks/months.

Looking round our three churchyards and chatting with people there, as I do, (visitors, that is) always reminds me of the Final Harvest, when families now sadly broken by bereavement will once again be made whole. (Our Harvest hymns have this double meaning of nature's bounty and God's great reaping of all souls.)

We owe so much to them, the "forefathers of the hamlet". They lived and died and left their mark on the landscape and the community and 'their name liveth for evermore' as we read their inscriptions in stone. Fashions in monumental masonry have changed and the words and phrases must now have Diocesan approval, as to what is 'seemly'. A pity that we shall lose the more flowery and weird epitaphs!

It is reassuring to look through our service books and note the continuity over the centuries, give or take the subtle (?) changes in the interests of inclusiveness or 'political correctness'. If our books reflect or influence changes in belief, I am sure that in our rural parishes there is still a healthy range of trusting or critical acceptance of the main tenets of faith.

Like Queen Elizabeth I, I am not prepared to 'make windows into men's souls', but, in the countryside I believe that there is a firm foundation of Christian faith, often quietly expressed or simply assumed.

Over 115 years ago, the 'Lambeth Quadrilateral' expressed our faith on the basis of four elements; the Bible, the creeds, the hierarchy of Bishops and our sacraments of Baptism

and Holy Communion. Within this framework, whilst change goes on, our 'roots' remain fixed. Supporting us all in this tradition is the parish system, which I believe, is the surest means of caring for our folk (or flock!)

Over the past 6½ years you may have noticed on the Litany desk in each of our three churches my identical list of parts of the parishes and aspects of their life, which I use each day in saying the morning or evening office in which ever church I happen to be. (Often two).

My list reminds me of each group of people and their special concerns, and as you move into a wider group of parishes, no doubt you will find these concerns are extended.

We are all called to follow Christ by serving God and our fellow men, and a 'mission statement, for our three parishes, might be expressed as something like "Our church is committed to serve God through reverent worship and loving service to the whole community". **Awesome!**

As I come to the last few weeks of my ministry here I can look back on the years I have spent in the parishes and say "The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; yea, I have a goodly heritage." And so God bless you all and may you continue in His love.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Doreen writes " On Saturday 7 September at Ulverston Parish Church, Joanna Henson was one of this year's group admitted as Readers in the Church of England. With her badge and blue scarf, Joanna is now fully licensed to, lead worship and to preach, in the parishes of Colton, Rusland and Satterthwaite. May she be richly blessed in her ministry."

Joanna congratulations from the 'poor sheep' of this parish. We look forward to your guidance and spiritual counsel, particularly in months to come during our interregnum and beyond.

'Her ways are of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace' (Proverbs)

From a warm welcome to a sad farewell to our Priest-in-charge the Reverend Doreen Harrison who retires at the end of October, not because she wants to but because she has to. The administration of the Church of England lacks logic and unless you have 'The living' as all Vicars did you must go when you reach your three score years and ten. But because of the shortage of priests you are immediately pressed into service on Sundays except in the Parishes where you were!

"Doreen came to us 6½ years ago when we were in crisis having foolishly agreed to break up the United Benefice with Rusland and Satterthwaite. She came as an NSM, that is unpaid, and ordinarily would have been expected to 'work' on Sundays and perhaps another couple of days a week. What did we get, a full time Priest who has put in more hours than her fully paid brethren.

She has guided us, counselled us when needed, looked after our spiritual needs, visited us especially the sick, worked tirelessly particularly during the F & M crisis and occasionally berated us. In between times she has taken the odd service, three times on Sunday at our three churches and more elsewhere.

This is beginning to sound like a funeral oration and in some respects it is as we are about to lose someone we dearly love and who has been a pillar of strength for us all these years. We know we will see you again but we are so grateful for your loving care and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Can I remind you all that we shall be saying our farewells to Doreen at the Harvest Supper – Church Hall – Friday 11 October after HARVEST SERVICE which is at 7.00pm.

There has been a PCC, which usually celebrates length rather than substance; I was not there but I am told it was very lengthy but a lot of work was done. Approval for the Jubilee Window that is likely to cost £2500 + but more next month, in the meantime loosen the purse strings. We also have a problem with a worn Alter Frontal, which Jane Johnson has got in hand and will cost money, but again more anon.

There will not be Xmas Fair this year but the tireless Judy Redhead and hardworking husband Brian have offered to hold a Carol Evening + mince pies sometime in December at Burn Knott. Thank you Judy and Brian!

After the end of October there may well be a change in Service times and perhaps frequencies during the interregnum but we will keep you informed. Certainly a lot of self-help will be required.

We are grateful to Ian Cunliffe for removing the accumulated rubbish from our churchyard. Could those who attend graves please put your stale foliage etc in the compost heap behind the church and TAKE HOME any material that will not decompose.

The **Annual British Legion Service of Remembrance**, this year, will be held as usual at Rusland on **Sunday 3 November at 2.45pm. The Remembrance Service at Colton** will be on the **10 November** time to be announced.



SPECIAL NOTICE

Help is required!!! On **Friday 11 October at 10.00pm** the Church will be decorated for **YOUR** Harvest Festival and it does not just happen; so any gifts materials and **HELP** on that morning will be graciously accepted.

Donald.



FLOWER ROTA

6 October Mrs. M Campbell

13 October Harvest

20 October Harvest

27 October Mrs. T Teasedale

3 November Mrs. T Teasedale



COFFEE

3 November Mrs. M Sanders + Helpers.

Wendy.

MOTHERS UNION

We spent an enjoyable afternoon on 4 September when we welcomed Mrs Marjorie Edmonson as a member during evensong at Holy Trinity, Colton. The Revd. Doreen Harrison officiated and it was good to have members from the Leven Valley M U with us on this occasion.

The Annual fund raising Coffee evening will be held on **Thursday 3 October in the Bouth Village Hall at 7.00pm.** when Bernard Ellis will be speaking on 'Stained Glass'. There will be 'Bring & Buy' and cake etc stalls as well as a raffle. Please support us and bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

The **November** meeting will be held in the **Rusland Parish Room** on **Wednesday the 6th.** at **2.00pm.** when the speaker will be Mrs Margaret Eastlick talking about Badgers. Please come and join us.

Wendy.

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* COFFEE MORNING *

Trouble comes in many forms and missing this item out would be one of them. Zella Slater will be holding a **Coffee Morning** on behalf of the NSPCC on **Saturday 2 November, 10 'til noon at Frazell Steps.**

Zella is a lovely and modest lady and we just heard that during the summer she was chosen by her colleagues to represent them at the Queen's Garden Party in Carlisle. Typically, she still cannot understand why she was chosen. D

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PARISH NEWS

Joyce Cunliffe has retired as Booking Secretary of Colton Church Hall after many years of quiet service. Thank you Joyce for all that you have done. Mrs Margaret Dixon has very kindly agreed to take over and her **telephone no.** 01229 861 220.

Earlier this year Tiezy Teasdale was not well, although not beyond re-organising the hospital when she got there. Now we hear she has been on her first proper flight, to the Isle of Man, where she saw all the sights even going to the top of >

Scafell. On the way home the plane was caught in a thunderstorm and delayed for an hour. This would have scared the pants of most of us but this indomitable lady loved every minute of it. Ever wonder who she passed this vitality on to?

Guy(Redhead) and Sally are now back from their world-wide travels, much to the relief of Judy. They have settled in Bristol where Guy has been appointed Manager of the Garden section of a B & Q Hyperstore and we wish them the best of all luck.

Sadly Jack Thompson has left his home in Bouth, due to ill-health and old age and has moved to Conishead Grange retirement home at Bardsea. Jack is another veteran with an indomitable spirit and we shall miss him both as a sidesman at church and as a lively friendly neighbour in Bouth. We all send our best wishes and hope he will be comfortable and contented in his new home.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, mother of Margaret Campbell is unfortunately now in hospital. Our thoughts, best wishes and prayers are with Mrs Robinson, Margaret and her family.

Our friends at Satterthwaite church will be holding a **Quiz Night** on **Saturday the 12 October** at the **Eagle's Head, Satterthwaite**. No time has been given.

Judy/donald



WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our September meeting we were fortunate to have Neil Smith from Radio Cumbria as our speaker. Our local radio station has won the award for the best local radio in the UK and we fascinated to learn how, when and where it works.

Like a lot of public service organisations these days they have suffered staffing cuts and in the Barrow office there are now 4 when there were 8. The members enjoyed questioning Neil, mainly one suspects, as a result of their own partialities.

The program for the next meeting is a talk on 'Rag Dolls' and the competition is a 'Piece of Cottage Craft'. **Wednesday 9 October, Village Hall, 7.15pm.**

Barbara.

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Our speaker last month was Vera Cain who is in charge of the safe play area at Haverigg Prison. Vera liaises with the volunteers who man the area and spoke very passionately about her work stressing the children are innocents who are being punished along with the prisoner.

Many having travelled a long way need to let off steam in a safe stress free environment. Vera left with an armful of home-made soft toys which members had made for the competition won by Mrs Campbell.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 22 October with a talk on the 'Bendrigg Trust'**. Ladies do come and join us.

Margaret.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

A new term, new staff and a full house all of which adds up to a exciting year but the students will have to work hard to match this year's GCSE results when the pass rates for higher grades was 73.9%. This is 12% higher than the last peak in 1996 and both staff and pupils are to be congratulated.

During the summer break much needed refurbishment has taken place with a complete rebuild on the toilet blocks, redecoration of the Magnall and Humanities block and phase 3 of the window replacement program. All of which requires money, which is not fully funded by Government or the LEA and although the school is solvent it continues to struggle financially.

Clive/donald.



LEVEN VALLEY

Welcome and congratulations to new Headteacher Susan Holohan and we wish you every success. Susan thanks all those who have sent good wishes on her appointment.

The new term has started well with 9 new pupils and new staff and some welcome changes such as new toilets, a computer room and redecoration.

Susan/donald.

DIARY DATES

- 3 October M U meeting – Bouth Village Hall – 7.00pm.
- 4 October Francis of Assisi.
- 6 October Family Service – 9.30am. – Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 9 October Bouth W I meeting - Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 11 October Harvest Service – 7.00pm.- followed by Harvest Supper.
- 12 October Satterthwaite Quiz Night – Eagle’s Head.
- 13 October Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 18 October Luke, Evangelist.
- 20 October Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 21 October Half Term.
- 22 October Sparkbridge & Lowick W I meeting.
- 27 October Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 28 October Simon & Jude, Apostles.
- 2 November Zella’s Coffee Morning – Frazell Steps – 10.00 ‘til noon.
- 3 November Family Service – 9.30am. – Joanna in charge.
- 6 November M U meeting – Rusland Parish Room – 2.00pm.



‘Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness in farewell,
When I embark;’

Tennyson

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