



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

If your church closed, how would you feel? It seems to be built into our genes that we like to own things and the church with a small 'c' is your OWN parish church or chapel supported by your presence and pence!

The Church with a capital 'C' means the whole family of God, mankind across space and time. (Only God can be so great and good that He can say to every human soul 'you are my favourite child'). Somewhere in between these forms of church/Church is the "institutional" Church of England, with its quaint customs and quaint clergy, its homely services (yes they are) with a welcome wide enough for everyone, though quietly understated in true English fashion.

Remember, that as a resident in a parish, and there are parishes covering every bit of England, you have rights. You can be, if you wish, baptised (free), married (for less than the flowers cost!) or buried (and YOU won't have to worry about that bill!) because your church is your "second home in the Lake District", which sounds quite posh.

You can also use the right to attend services each Sunday although no one can compel you and none should criticise you if

you have other essential priorities. Only YOU know the answer to that.

Colton folk have been in the strange limbo of being displaced persons as their own church has been inaccessible. Now that we are back again it has made us not only appreciate the grand old building but also the same services in our host churches.

God is everywhere and we can worship him anywhere, but it makes you think what our parishes might be like if one more 'pillar' of the local community was to be closed for good. Your presence can help to keep our churches open just as your generosity already helps to keep them solvent.

God loves you even if you must remain a 'sympathetic non-attender' but, he is the unseen loving Father who rejoices in seeing His children gather in His house. Why not accept His gracious invitation each Sunday in one of YOUR own churches?

God bless you all, now and always

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



BE ON YOUR GUARD

Please beware of callers either by telephone or at your door who try to sell security systems or devices. They may appear to have official approval like and use 'key words' European, environmental & government. They stress a supposed risk of crime in the area. If you are pestered replace the 'phone and call the police. **Do not be another victim!**

NOTE:

There is not normally a magazine in August but this issue is to make up for the edition you did not have in July. There is a slight amendment as some readers have been confused with the dates because the month on the Pastoral Letter and reference refer to the month in which the magazine is put together not the month it comes out.

In future the date will be the month the magazine comes out which might confuse me but be a help to others. This is the September edition!

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**CHURCH MATTERS**

Our church, like many businesses, has suffered financially because of Foot & Mouth and we have to be careful. Not only is the ‘giving’ down but not holding the Fete was a severe blow although we did make about £600 on the raffle and our thanks are due to those who worked hard and those who sold tickets and gave prizes. It might not be the best publicity but it was heartening that many prizes went ‘in-house’.

✠ A priest in Ireland told his congregation that he had some bad and good news. The bad was that the church roof needs replacing and would cost £10,000. The good was that they had the money, the only trouble is he said ‘that it is in your pockets!’

We still manage to continue to donate to charity which is just as well as some figures recently published show that in the nineties the damage caused by disasters cost an estimated \$78.7 billion per annum. During that decade 2.3 million deaths were caused by conflict, 665,600 by natural disasters and 86,923 by technological disasters.

The General Synod, the Church Parliament, continues to come under scrutiny mainly because with 576 members it is thought, and rightly so, to be too large. The argument rages as who should go and the academics who were the first in line seem to think that their theological expertise is vital. Somehow the real need

for down to earth common sense never gets a look in – we can always hope and pray.

Coincidentally there was a General Synod in July when this issue was debated who, not surprisingly, looked after themselves; it was proposed to reduce the number to 390 but it finished up at between 480 and 490. There were wide ranging debates on a variety of subjects including the Church Commissioners who have had a good year with their investments.

The Synod also faced up to financial matters, which in fact means we have to, in particular the church has to find an additional £12 million a year to cover clergy pensions. The Commissioners can offer some relief but only a total of £10 million over three years.

** Enough of this ‘bringing you up to date’ and on to local and serious matters like Joanna Henson is in a tizzy and she gets a bit formidable and tetchy, what is more, it is all your fault. **RECIPES!** – Where are they? Certainly not with the aforementioned J Henson who tells us she has only got seven to date and clearly needs a lot more. Ladies and gentlemen of the parish get to it – now! **

A very warm welcome is extended to Richard Fern a new member of our congregation who is residing, temporarily at Crooks Farm, Bouth whilst he rebuilds his house at Barbon. I can tell you, after sitting behind him, that he belts out a good hymn, not quite in Giles’ class, but then who is, but never the less it is a welcome sound.

Sunday 12 August was unique for not only was it our first communion back at Colton but the heat was on. In ten years it is the only time this poor editor has been too hot in church.

+ We need a collapsible wheel chair to keep at church as it is a long and for some a painful walk up from the gates. If anyone can help, preferably as a gift please contact Margaret Campbell, Tel: 01229 861 327. +

☺ The loss of the fete has meant a drop of around £800 and this is difficult to make up. It is proposed to have an event on Shrove Tuesday before the discipline of Lent. Any ideas would be warmly welcome – don’t always leave it to the ‘willing’ few!

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'A man is not old until his regrets take the place of his dreams'

N S P C C

Zella Slater is to have one of her renowned Coffee Mornings for this excellent charity. It is to be held on Saturday 3 November at Frazel Steps from 10.00am. 'till noon.



MOTHERS UNION

On a beautiful sunny morning in August eight members and friends joined the Deanery coach for a day out to Whitehaven. The 9th. August is the birthday of our founder, Mary Sumner and the Diocese had chosen this day to celebrate the 125th. Anniversary of our movement and what a lovely day we had.

The coach dropped us off at the Hub on the harbour front where displays of work by M U members had been set out; midday prayers were followed by a pageant and then members were free to explore this historic harbour town. At 4.00pm hundreds of members gathered in the beautiful ruins of the church of St. Nicholas where a celebratory Eucharist was held. This was a very moving experience, a first for many, taking Communion in the open air in such a beautiful setting. A perfect end to an enjoyable day.

✠ Our next meeting is Evensong – 2.30pm – Colton - 5 September followed the Deanery Festival – 7.00pm – St. Paul's' Church, Grange – 6 September. An advanced notice for a Coffee Evening at Bouth Village Hall on 2 October at 7.00pm.

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COFFEE ROTA

Sunday 2 September Mrs. Z Slater & helper.

Sunday 7 October Mrs M Campbell & helper.



Anyone who requires a lift for the Deanery Festival please contact Margaret Campbell or Wendy Smith.

FLOWER ROTA

Saturday 1 September Wedding

Saturday 8 September Wedding

Saturday 15 September Mrs S Smith

Saturday 22 September Mrs S Smith

Saturday 29 September Mrs M Campbell

Sunday 7 October Mrs M Campbell



PARISH NEWS

With great sadness we learn that Marjorie Croasdell has had to leave Yew Tree Cottage in Bouth to go into Colton House. Unfortunately she suffered a fall which resulted in a broken collarbone and must no longer live on her own. She has lived in the village most of her life, with Jim until his death a few years ago, and has been involved with the W I for 60 years.

She has helped at Colton church ‘dos’ and many fund raising events over the years. We do hope she remains comfortable and in safe hands in the future.

The intrepid Betty Hall has been poorly and in hospital but is now home and is being kept an eye on by the ladies of the W I. We hope that Betty will soon be fully recovered and look forward to her striding through the village at her usual rate of knots which makes us lesser mortals look like wimps.

We were asked whether we had welcomed Francis and John Fryer of Way Green Farmhouse, Bouth. The answer is that we cannot remember and anyway they know full well that they are very welcome as long as they don’t want any help in digging their ‘garden’!

You will remember that Guy Redhead and girlfriend Sally went off the travel the globe; unfortunately Guy fell foul of dysentery in Belize but is now recovered. They have since enjoyed the delights of Mexico and Guatemala and we wish them safe journey for the rest of their wanderings. jr



WOMENS INSTITUTE

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK.

At their July meeting members were treated, by Peter Hoggarth, to a very enthusiastic talk on Holehird Gardens the 'Best garden in Lakeland' which he clearly believes. His talk and slide illustrated the before and after planting scenes and with the backdrop of the fells gave members an insight into the history of the society.

On 13 September we visit Haverigg Air Museum followed by supper at the High Cross Inn, interested people should contact Margaret Campbell 86132 or Sandra Philips 861081. Our next meeting is open and on 25 September at 7.30pm, Lowick Sunday School when Andrew Lowe will give a talk on 'Lakeland Villages'. mc

BOUTH

The next meeting will be held on 12 September in the Hall at 7.15pm when Mrs M Eastlick will be giving a talk on 'Wild flowers we see around us'. bmw

'A Perfect Day in April'

The soldiers climb from their vehicles
And slam the doors.
They have assessed the roads,
The layout of the area,
Ordering the placing
Of 'Road Closed' and cones.
The auctioneer has come
To place a price
Upon the penned-up
Huddle flocks.
There is the vet's car.

Later, two men with clipboards
Walk down the road.
Under a clear April sky
A blackbird sings from a chimney corner.
Swallows swoop
Over barn roofs.
The distant woods are turning green.
Two white vans with flashing lights
Come up the lane –
The slaughtermen wear white coats.
They park and one reads the newspaper;
One droops his head
And takes a nap.

The long hours pass.
The sun is setting
Upon a perfect day of Spring.
The birds grow quiet,
Fleecy bodies are piled neatly
By the field gates.
The lorry with the lifting gear
Starts its engine.
Sombre trucks manoeuvre
In the narrow lane.
Long beams of headlights
Focus for an instant
On my window.

A half-moon comes out from the clouds,
Accompanied by stars.
The vehicles lumber away,
Grinding their gears
At the sharp bend,
And the empty fields
Ask their silent questions.



This descriptive and evocative poem is a timely reminder of the horrors to which we in Cumbria and elsewhere have been subjected. We cannot and must not forget the suffering brought to so many people, some of it unnecessarily. We are grateful to our sage and poet in residence, Jean Sly, for these wonderful verses.

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If you did not already know we are now back in Colton church and we need your presence.

DIARY DATES

- 25 August Bouth Village Hall Coffee Evening, Burn Knott, 5.00pm.
- 2 September Family Service, 9.30am – Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 3 September Gregory the Great.
- 5 September M U Evensong, Colton, 2.30pm.
- 6 September M U Deanery Festival, St Paul's, Grange, 7.00pm.
- 8 September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 9 September Holy Communion, 9.30am.
- 10 September P C C 7.30pm. Venue to be announced.
- 12 September Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7.15pm.
- 13 September Sparkbridge & Lowick W I Outing.
- 15 September Battle of Britain Day.
- 16 September Holy Communion, 11.15pm.
- 21 September Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist.
- 23 September Holy Communion, 11.15am.
- 25 September Sparkbridge & Lowick W I, Lowick Sunday School, 7.30pm.
- 29 September Michael and All Angels.
- 30 September Mattins, 9.30am.

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