



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

When I am in one or the other of our three churches to say daily prayer, I sometimes meet the occasional tourist (few in our part of the deanery compared with Ambleside's thousands). A chance to chat and show them our lovely buildings and let them experience 'the peace of God'.

It is good to keep our churches open for all to drop in and maybe find themselves and find God too! Our three visitors' books show how much this is appreciated. At Satterthwaite it is surprising how many of that family name come to find links with ancestors (if they would only write or 'phone me beforehand it would be a help; I am always delighted to assist anyone with family history research).

Rusland gets its quota of literary 'pilgrims' to the grave of Arthur Ransome and at Colton we have visitors who have 'discovered' the church almost by accident (though each year all three churches are featured in the Westmorland Gazette tourist guide as well as a notice of weekly services in the newspaper itself). Colton is obviously a 'hidden gem'.

Comments in our books include 'proud to be a Satterthwaite', 'Swallows and Amazons forever' and a family which lives in the belief that as Coltons they must originate from High Furness and have 'come home';

(I hope it is true but had to tell them in honesty that there are three other English parishes of that name).

Comments range from 'such peace', 'God is here' (of course) to 'clean' (what else do they expect?) and to bible texts and criticisms of our weather! Very occasionally we

find 'an inspiring service' (thanks) and 'thank you for making us welcome' (friendly, but no fuss, as we do things in the C of E)

On the 16th. September all three churches will be involved in the Church Trail when hundreds will be visiting churches across the diocese sponsored to raise funds for their chosen church and Cathedral, travelling by any means (canoes @ helicopters, if you wish). Some people will be needed in church to welcome 'trailers' and YOU could be either trailer or welcomer.

Please contact Mrs Joanne Henson for Colton, Mr G Hopkins for Rusland or Cdr. Buckley for Satterthwaite for details. These parish organisers can give you forms and lists of all the churches taking part in the project.

Enjoy your trail and God bless you all.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest
CHURCH MATTERS

For whom the bell tolls? Well, in fact for thee as our bell at Colton is, technically we are told, a tolling rather than a ringing bell and after refurbishment was blessed and re-installed on Tuesday 15th. August. Our parish priest Doreen has researched the history of the bell and has kindly written a précis for us.

“Now repaired by Taylors of Loughborough our bell should ring for the next 1000 years. It was cast in the 14th.Century by Thomas Dekkun of York for the Augustinian (Black) Canons of Conishead Priory where their Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem accounts for its name: ‘Campani Beati Johannes Appli’ – *the bell of the blessed Apostle John*.

At the dissolution of the Priory in 1536 it was acquired by one William Sandys whose son, Archbishop Edwin of York, consecrated our church in 1578. Having avoided the indignity of being melted down by Protestant ‘reformers’ it was ‘forgotten’ until someone climbed the tower to fix a flag for the Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1885. In all probability Puritan ministers had forbidden bell-ringing here as a ‘Popish’ practice.

It has since been rung for services and for joyful, sad and historic occasions reminding us of the presence of God and His love for us all. Maybe it once called the canons to their seven daily services, or it may have been the bell at the Oratory on Chapel Island which together with a lantern and monastic guides led travellers across the Leven estuary”.

Special thanks to Cdr. Johnson who liased with Taylors and visited Loughborough to see the bell restored. If you would like to know more about our bell I can give fuller and interesting details. dh

To more prosaic matters, the future of the ministry of the churches in this area is quietly bubbling away spiced with some internecine grumbling, which although not too helpful, does show that people of the parishes are concerned and not afraid to say what they think. A consensus solution is therefore more likely than an imposed one.

A Deanery Review is in progress and members of the Deanery standing committee, whose brief is to listen, are visiting every parish. As part of this team I have found the experience humbling and realise that at Colton, although in many respects we are fortunate, we do seem to treat the Ministry of the Church and the Church a touch casually.



The trouble with missing a month is finding the scraps of paper with ‘important’ news items that have been secreted away. Well remembered is the polite ticking correct but the off from the local representative of the LDNPA who was adamant that all footpaths and byways had been subject to adequate consultation. He is quite slight problem is, it was nigh on 25 years ago when the significance of ‘Definitive Maps’ was not universally understood. Not even perhaps by those who compiled them (your Ed. was one of them!)

Our priest Doreen has discussed the matter with the Footpath Officer and an appeal against the so-called byway passing our precious well is in hand.

Deep felt thanks to Judy Redhead and her intrepid band of workers for the success of the Garden Fete, even the weather was kind. The sum raised was in the region of £1280 for church funds, which is fine, but not as well as we have done. Unfortunately no matter how hard we work the financial success doesn't seem to lie in our hands.

As a side issue Zella gently reminds me that 'tis a long time since she was a Teasedale and could I remember Slater in future. Yes and sorry! Zella also tells me that she is to hold her Coffee Morning in aid of the NSPCC on Saturday 7 October ten 'till twelve at 'Frazel Steps'.
daw



FLOWER ROTA

3 September Mrs C Dobson

10 September Mrs J Henson

17 September Mrs J Henson

24 September Mrs W Smith

1 October Mrs Sue Smith

8 October Harvest



MOTHERS UNION

The first meeting of our new session will be a service at Satterthwaite taken by our Parish Priest, Doreen Harrison, to be held at 2.00pm. on Wednesday 20 September and followed by a meeting and light refreshments in the Parish Room.

Our Annual Fund raising event will take place on Tuesday 3 October at the Bouth Village Hall. It will follow the usual format of a Coffee Evening with a cakes, bring and buy stall and the inevitable raffle. Please come, give generously and spend unwisely. It is in a good cause!

As an added attraction Tracy Shears will be showing her work and talking about embroidery and knitting. There will be small charge of 50p for coffee and biscuits and the evening starts at 7.00pm. All are welcome. ws



PARISH NEWS

Ian Pirnie has recently stood down from Furness Enterprise where he has been the chairman for the last seven years. The organisation is charged with reviving the fortunes of Furness and Ian has received wide praise for his efforts. As the Chief Executive of Barrow Borough Council said 'He leaves Furness Enterprise in excellent shape for the future.'

Not a man to rest on his laurels Ian has since been appointed as a Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the County. Congratulations from us all.

Sue Dean tells us that the house to house collection in Bouth in aid of BARNARDOS raised the sum of £53.06.

Reg Minton of Bouth now residing at Swarthdale Nursing Home would like to thank all relatives and friends for their flowers, cards and best wishes on the celebration of his 85th. birthday. Thank you all!

Reg.

On behalf of the Parish may we, belatedly, add out congratulations. Congratulations are also due to Serene and Mark Kerley on the birth of a daughter Erin Zara. We did have a date but it is in the lost department, the main thing is that all are well.

Back to church – as you all should know new forms of worship are to be introduced and there will be a presentation on the 5th. October at Rusland Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. The first 'new' service will be on the Sunday before

Advent. Harvest Evensong is to be held this year on Friday 13th. October at 7.00pm. also the day for decorating the church.

The Quinquennial Report on the condition of the fabric of the church is now to hand and apart from some minor items that require attention the building is in fair nick. Our thanks to Peter Smith for his work and vigil over the last five years. The other good news is that Bonzo is looking pleased with himself, not so much for keeping the heating going in this poor excuse for a summer, but for the fact that the refurbished toilets are all but ready. Now for the Church Hall!

Normally on the fifth Sunday the daily service is BCP Mattins but there has been a suggestion that we should have a change, Evensong in the afternoon perhaps? If anybody and don't leave it to others has any ideas please contact a Churchwarden or our Priest. daw



"The greatest thing the human soul ever does in the world is to see something
and to tell it in a plain way what they saw"

John Ruskin

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"When we see men of worth we should seek to equal them, when we see men of
a contrary character we should turn inwards and examine ourselves"

Confucius

"No man is an island, entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent"

John Donne

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

In July Mrs M Liddle gave a talk on 'My life as a magistrate'; this was the first time Mrs Liddle had given such a talk but you wouldn't have known. She was both instructive and entertaining giving us an insight into how she was invited to become a magistrate, how she was trained and the intricacies of the court and its procedures.

To ensure equality the magistrates have a procedures manual, a kind of court 'bible' and they are guided by professional officers. It was a thoroughly good evening.

The next meeting will be held on 13 September, the subject – 'Home food demonstration. ec



SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK

At our June meeting Stephenie Eastham from the South Lakeland District Council gave a very informative talk on recycling. Members were surprised to be told of how much rubbish is thrown away every day and how they could recycle most of it, so helping the environment and the future for our grandchildren. Mrs Edmondson won the competition for 'Something new from something old.'

At the end of June five of our members became 'meeters' on the Federation link up. They travelled by motor launch on Coniston Water, walked over the fell to the road, picked up their bicycles and cycled to Torver Village Hall where they were greeted by two members of Torver W.I. who entertained them to lunch.

At the same time five members welcomed four members from Kirby W.I. who had walked over the moor to Mrs Edmondson's house and treated them to lunch.

In July ten members went to Bush Green Garden Nursery at Foxfield where they heard a short history of the old Lockgate railway cottage, toured the gardens and finished the evening with a meal at the Blacksmiths Arms.

The next meeting will be held on 26 September the subject – 'The Blue Mills'. mc

SCHOOL NEWS

Well, there isn't any really as we are a little early for the GCSE results and the new term doesn't start until Wednesday 6 September.



LET ME ENJOY

Let me enjoy the earth no less
Because the all en-acting Might
That fashioned forth its loveliness
Had other aims than my delight

About my path there flits a Fair
Who throws me not a word or sign;
I'll charm me with her ignoring air,
And laud the lips not meant for mine.

From manuscripts to moving song
Inspired by scenes and dreams unknown
I'll pour out raptures that belong
To others, as they were my own.

And some day hence, towards Paradise
And all is blest – if such should be –
I will lift glad, afar off eyes,
Though it contain no place for me.

Thomas Hardy



A rural vicar told his congregation that every blade of grass is a sermon.
Next day, as the vicar mowed his lawn, a passing parishioner remarked:
'That's reet, vicar, cut thi sermons short!'



CLAIMING DATES

- 2 September Family Service – 9.30am. – Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 6 September Pupils return to school.
- 9 September Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 13 September Bouth W.I. – 7.15pm. – Village Hall.
- 14 September Holy Cross Day.
- 16 September Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 19 September International Day of Peace.
- 20 September M.U. – Satterthwaite – 2.00pm.
- 21 September St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.
- 23 September Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 26 September Sparkbridge & Lowick W.I.
- 30 September Mattins – 9.30am.
- 3 October M.U. Fund Raising Evening – Bouth Village Hall – 7.00pm
- 5 October New Worship – Presentation – Rusland – 7.30pm.
- 7 October Zella's Coffee morning – Frazel Steps – 10.00am. > Noon.



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