



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

CLAIMING DATES

3	September	M. U. Holy Communion, Colton - 2.30pm.
7	September	Family Service - 9.30 am.
8	September	The Blessed Virgin Mary
10	September	W.I. Bouth - 'Pergamano' - 7.15 pm.
14	September	Holy Cross Day - Visitation of our Lord Bishop Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
21	September	St. Mathew the Apostle - Holy Communion 11.15 am.
23	September	W.I. Sparkbridge & Lowick
26	September	Ember Day
28	September	Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
29	September	St. Michael and all Angels
1	October	M.U. Afternoon Tea and Bring & Buy- Bouth Village Hall - 2.30 - 4.00 pm.
3	October	Farmers' Harvest Festival - 'Songs of Praise' 7.30 pm.
5	October	Family Harvest Festival - 9.30 am.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 2nd. September

THE PASTORAL LETTER

August 1997

Dear Friends

"Back to School" say the signs in the shops; but not before the 'harvest' of exam results which can turn the feet of young people towards their chosen careers or make for a new direction, or simply a new start on the same path!

Like exam marks the quality of harvest reflects the hard work over many months and can bring the joy of achievement or the pain of frustrated efforts. Both have an element of chance and "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley".

August(1st) brought us Lammas Day, the start of the harvest, with the traditional loaf made from the first of the grain (hence 'loaf mass') and we now look forward to the completion of the harvest with our traditional services of thanksgiving.

But what if the harvest has been poor; harsh weather, blight, vermin or a collapse in the market price can turn rejoicing into pain, reflecting all aspects of our lives. Can we still give thanks? Well, in comparison with the lives of many millions throughout the world we *are blessed*; (sometimes hardship reminds us of our total dependence on God). Dependence too on our neighbours for the helping hand, for the kind word of experience or comfort and for simply just 'being there'.

As we return to work, school or college and as we take up the threads our labours at home or in the community, holidays becoming a fading memory, we begin again the familiar round of duty. The farming year is a reminder of the continuity of our lives and the joy of being needed of being *people of worth*.

In our towns and cities there are so many who seem to have lost the feeling of being needed and so their self esteem, their worth • In rural areas it is easier to make sure that each person is respected for who they are not just the job

they do. In our churches too, every person counts, both young and old and the most useful job anyone can do is to be part of the community which is a tiny piece of God's great Kingdom.

As the year turns to the back end again and our lives become quieter after summer's busyness we can find our place amongst our neighbours and friends week by week in God's house. Here *everyone* is welcome; there is no test for admission, none is too old or too young, none is too clever or too dull, too poor or too rich and none is too **uncertain** of their faith to join in.

The *honest doubter* is often the person who can give much to the work of God! After all, we don't go to church to show how good we are but rather to show our reverence for God; not to be a focus of attention but to ATTEND TO GOD, to listen to Him, to find Him in the quietness, not to be entertained but to **worship** in the '**beauty of holiness**'.

This is *your* best harvest gift to God - *your presence in "His Presence"*.

A new farming year, a new school year, a new chance to begin life again and like the farmer and the scholar, to put in as much effort as we can. Then trust to God bring in **His Harvest**.

So come to Church with joy; bring your doubts and fears; bring your family and may God give you His peace and love, now and always.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison (Curate)

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"For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory"
'Book of Common Prayer'

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CHURCH MATTERS

It has been a busy time for all those working for our church; the Deanery Review working party has produced its report which was presented to the Deanery Synod in July and to our PCC in August. Works have been completed and more are planned for our church. We have had a successful garden Fete and the sun is shining.

The Review as far as it affects this part of the Deanery suggests that should there be any need to change in the future then the ministry for Colton, Rusland, Satterthwaite, Haverthwaite, Finsthwaite and Staveley would consist of one full time i.e. Stipendiary minister and one 'House for Duty' Non Stipendiary minister. This latter post is an NSM but with a house in one of the parishes.

The PCC reiterated its view that it preferred a Minister dedicated to the parish but if push came to shove it would rather join rural than urban parishes and would much prefer a cluster to the east and, or west than to any extension north of Satterthwaite. It also felt that the suggestions were a little light weight in terms of pastoral care. In this respect it is expected that parishes will rely more and more on self help, with appropriate training.

Thanks to Bonzo's good efforts, and he does work very hard for the church, there is now, on the lectern, a large print copy of the ASB readings. Although the page numbers are different the ASB page numbers are also displayed. It should prove a great help to readers.

Thanks are also due to Arthur Buchanan for his sterling work replacing our water supply from the fell source. We now have a good flow and the water is currently being analysed to see what we have to do to make it drinkable.

The gate at Colton House has also been replaced and the electrical work started but the plastering in the bell tower hasn't. The PCC approved the replacement of the church carpet which is looking exceedingly tatty and it will be of better quality but then cheap always was dear. It is also intended to reinstate the path to the north gate which will ease the route to the hall.

It is a sign of the sadness of our times that the sundial in the church yard has been stolen. The pity of it is that it was of some historical importance and as such can never be replaced. Curate Doreen however is not one to be put off by such a problem and has already located a quarry that produces the same type of stone and the right shape. A look-alike dial clearly poses little difficulty. What a lucky lot we are !

The millennium was discussed and a proposal was put forward to restore our ancient and historic well. Sounds like a good idea but if anyone else has a better idea the PCC would be delighted to hear from them.

The Lord Bishop accompanied by the Archdeacon is visiting our church on 14 September, Holy Day, when a joint service will be held with Rusland & Satterthwaite so, if you want a seat, come early. Other dates to remember are the Farmers Harvest Service on Friday 3 October which will take the form of a 'Songs of Praise'. The Sunday service will be a Family Harvest Festival.

Judy Redhead who masterminds the Garden Fete has asked me to express grateful thanks, and without comment, to all the many helpers without whom it would never happen. My only comment is thank you Judy !

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It was a very happy and successful occasion raising £1500 for church funds It was opened by our Curate, Doreen, who was presented with a lovely bouquet by Victoria Lambert. The sun shone and everyone had an enjoyable day

jr.

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*"Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou
knowest not what a day may bring forth"*
Proverbs

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PARISH NEWS

We are saddened to hear of the death of Eric Hayle who had lived in Bouth for some years and of Mrs Marion Tiller who had spent a lot of time at Kiln Cottage , Bouth until, through illness, it became too difficult for her to come

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Bob Longmire who died in July after a long illness. Bob had lived in Bouth all his life until moving to Barrow to live with his daughter. He was a well known and popular man with a great knowledge of local history. He will be sadly missed by the community.

It is also with regret that we have to report the death of Gordon Bell who died recently aged 89. He was well known for his interest in hound dogs and was always seen exercising them around Bandrake Head. He was the father of Mrs Doreen Johnson and lived with the family for several years.

It has been a sad two months and we have to tell you of that Sarah Hoggarth of Nibthwaite and Henry Taylor of Spark Bridge have also departed this mortal world.

We offer our sympathies and condolences to the families concerned and all their friends.

Sickness and injuries continue apace this summer; Mrs Burgon fell in June and broke her arm, Mrs Croasdell fell and hurt her shoulder, Mrs Ethel Saunders has had a spell in hospital as has Tom Wren.

More recently Jack Marsh of Bouth has gone into hospital for tests and Joanna Henson whilst striving for higher things , she was up a fell at the time, had an unfortunate fall and badly broke her leg.

We wish them all very good recoveries hoping they will all quickly feel more comfortable and return to full health as soon as possible. jr.

One day we will get it right, but don't hold your breath. Whilst trying to squeeze in the sympathies and joys in our last issue we managed to squeeze out a Baptism. Now although this is hardly a hanging offence it gets pretty near but the trouble is you can't hang a word processor. What you do with the operator is entirely a different matter.

So, a warm welcome to the family of the church to Dorothy Mary the daughter of Mandy Minton and George Gibbons who was baptised on the 1st. of June in the year of our Lord 1997 • daw.

MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union begin the new season with a Service of Holy Communion in Colton church on Wednesday the 3rd September at 2.30pm. taken by the Rev. Doreen Harrison. During this service we will be welcoming Margaret Campbell as our enrolling member.

Haverthwaite's M.U. are joining us on this occasion and light refreshments will be served in the Church Hall afterwards.

We are holding our Annual afternoon tea and 'bring & buy' in Bouth Reading Room on Wednesday the 1st. October 2.30 - 4.00 pm. This event is to raise money for the M.U., "Away from it all", to help families under stress to afford a holiday. ALL are welcome; please support this event !

Members please note the changing times of the meetings.

FLOWER ROTA

7	September	Mrs J Henson
14	September	Mrs J Henson
21	September	Mrs J Sly
28	September	Mrs J Sly
5	October	Harvest Festival

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"I got thee flowers to strew thy way"
Geo. Herbert.

WOMENS INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

In July Dr Fildes who has a 'part time ' home in Bouth enthralled us all with with a learned and expert talk on biochemical research into understanding the causes of diseases and illness leading to non-toxic cures. Apart from any thing else it gave us all hope.

In August Miss Beryl Newbold entertained us with a very enjoyable talk on "The Real Uganda" The next meeting is scheduled for the 10th September with a talk with the intriguing tile of 'Pergamano' (which your editor thinks is something to do with parchment but with his track record he could be wrong). All will be revealed next month • bmw.

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Members had a lovely summer evening for their trip around Windermere finishing up at the "Tower Bank Arms" Far Sawrey and culminating in a 'sumptuous meal'. Well not quite, as they conducted their business meeting on the coach on the way home. (I'd love to see the minutes. Ed.)

The September meeting is to be held on the 23rd. when Mr & Mrs Bricker will be showing slides of Australia and anyone is welcome. mc.

SCHOOL NEWS

Due to a shortage of time and space the next item was omitted from the last issue and we apologize to Mrs Jones and the children.

LEVEN VALLEY

The summer term was enjoyable for the children but extremely busy and productive; £525 was raised for the National Children's Home. Year 2 and 6 completed their 'Key stage tests' and all attained pleasing results.

The highlight of the term was the opening of the Aquatarium which had involved the children from the outset. A visit took place to the Eden War Museum, a successful book fair was held resulting in books being 'earned' for each class and the older children joined other primary schools to perform the musical "Once upon a future".

The end of term brought changes as some members of staff left and the year 6 children looked forward, with some apprehension, to life in their secondary schools. jaj.

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IN COLTON CHURCHYARD

Visit this place
Upon a summer afternoon
And feel the quiet
Of the hallowed space.

And look up high
Where planes that pass
Draw faint chalk lines
Across the sky.

Hear the thrush sing
Up in the highest tree
And the soft breeze
Refreshing everything.

The swallow and the small blue tit,
The unseen mouse that creeps
Are God's creation,
Cherish it.

Jean Sly.

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. Curate.