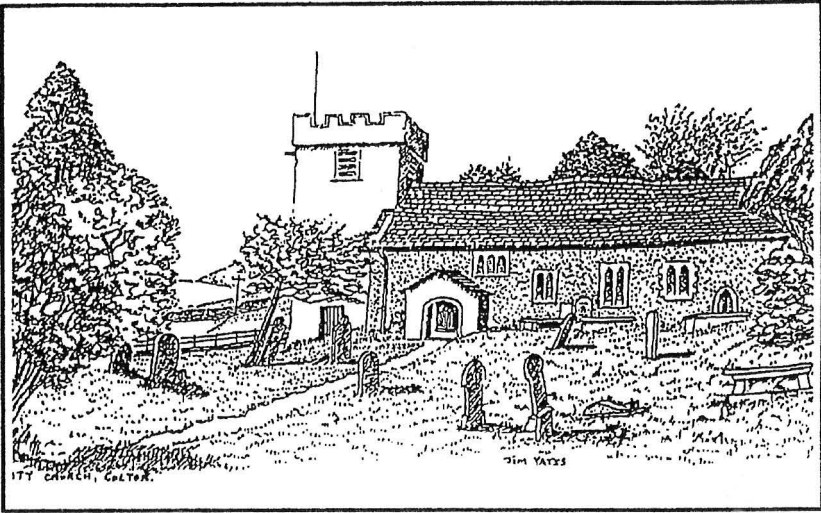




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY 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

- 30 November Christmas Fair - Bouth Village Hall - 2.00 pm
- 1 December Family Advent Service - 9.30 am
- 4 December MU Advent Service - Colton - 2.00 pm.
- 6 December Satterthwaite School Show - Theatre-in-the-Forest - 7.30 pm
- 8 December Holy Communion 9.30 am.
- 10 December Cartmel School - Music Concert - 7.30 pm.
- 11 December Bouth W.I. Christmas Party - Village Hall - 7.30 pm.
- 15 December Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 16 December Leven Valley School Concert and Tea
- 20 December Last Day of Term - Hurrah!!!
- 21 December Decorating Church for Christmas - 10.00 am.
- 22 December NO MORNING SERVICE
Carol Service and Christingle - 4.00 pm.
- 24 December Midnight Communion - 11.30 pm.
- 25 December "God shocked the world with a child not a bomb"
- 26 December St. Stephen the First Martyr
- 27 December St. John the Evangelist
- 29 December Holy Communion - 11.15 am.

From the Reverend Doreen Harrison

Dear Friends

Christmas comes again with its feeling of newness: whatever our age we prepare for it with growing excitement and are caught up in its world-changing, life-enhancing miracle. The message, that God sent His Son to this earth should make our hair stand on end: an other-worldly, truly supernatural, historical Event brought us face-to-face with our Creator, Saviour, and Companion (and the world's calendar changed from B.C. to A.D. to show it)

"God who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in times past....hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son".....but this Coming was not with blazing lights and sounding trumpets: simply the birth of a baby to ordinary people in an obscure corner of an Empire.

The details of the story (surely from Mary?) tell of the weary journey, gratitude for a rough shelter, the warm homeliness of the animals, simple greetings of the local shepherds, and the strange un-nerving visit of the strangers from afar with mysterious gifts. And all against a background of Herod's frightfulness. Those who would try to 'demythologize', forget that traditions have roots and wisdom is to be found in simple words and images.

The Babe of Bethlehem is now the mightiest power on earth, and within a few years the planet will celebrate two millennia of Christianity. Persecution, rival 'faiths', doubts and denials, passing fashions of humanism and pseudo-scientific cleverness cannot deny Christ's imprint on the world. Compare the world's treatment of Him ("No room") with His "Come unto me, all ye." Christmas conquers the darkness of fear and superstition with His true light. Remember the lovely painting 'The Light of the World' in which Christ patiently knocks at the shabby door of the human soul offering His gentle light to the trembling creature sitting 'in darkness and the shadow of death'. He gives you and me the greatest gift of Himself - Light and Life Eternal. As the gracious guest in our homes and our hearts "to as many as receive Him, he gives power to become the children of God." Yes, children; for to God (as to all parents) we never cease to be children) So come happily to church this Christmas; be filled with God's love for you. It will never tarnish like tinsel, nor fade like fairy lights; it can't be shattered like glass baubles nor decay like Christmas foods. God will never throw you away like an old toy, nor lose you among the piles of junk to be cleared out at the New Year. You are His

for ever. 'And is it true?' Yes it is! A peaceful and blessed Christmas to you all

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison



AN IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note the date of the **CHRISTMAS FAIR** - 30 November

Your support is **NEEDED!** Not only on the day, but for Tombola Gifts and Gifts for the Gift Stall.



PARISH NOTES

It has been a sad time in Bouth with the deaths of two of its notable characters; Maisie Buchanan and Jim Croasdell.

Maisie was a kind lady who knew where she stood, what she stood for and had a tremendous inner strength. She was talented and freely shared her talents and her deep knowledge of spinning, dyeing and weaving. She was also the 'Press' Secretary for the Bouth W.I. and we shall miss her erudite comments.

Jim really was, in the truest meaning of the word, a stalwart of this Parish. A quiet, private man who did what he had to do without fuss or bother. It is no surprise, then, that it was Jim who made and carved our fine notice board in

the church porch. It is a wonderful and fitting memorial to a well-liked and good man.

Marjorie has been overwhelmed with acts of kindness and support. She has asked us to express her and the family's appreciation of this present help in their trouble.

We shall all miss them and offer our condolences and prayers to both families.

'Doctor Mac', who many will remember cut the grass on Bouth Village Green for a number of years has been out of sorts for some time and is now in Bridge House. Another Elder, Jack Marsh, tried, with little success we are pleased to report, to blow himself up and it wasn't even bonfire night. Jack did, however, suffer nasty burns and is still suffering although some would say not as much as his wife, Kay.

We send them our love and wish them a speedy return to health.

Sue Walker and family have, with reluctance, moved from Bouth to Witherslack. Sue, with her green fingers, had made that little corner by Wear Beck quite special.

Jean and George Prickett wish to thank everybody for their kindnesses during George's stay in hospital. The prayers, the cards, the lifts and the good wishes were more than appreciated.

It's called Christianity!

AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH

"He multiplieth words without knowledge"
Proverbs

Words are the diet of meetings and the PCC often confuses length with progress. This month, however, a well run meeting, was not only mercifully short but also effective.

The most important decision to be taken, and unanimously, was to put in motion proper provision for the burial of cremated remains in the churchyard.

It is intended to tidy up the present area, remove the old and not very pretty yew trees, judiciously plant round the area with, say, a small box hedge and erect a suitable and large memorial stone.

Dorothy Hartley, whom some of our older parishioners might have known, has left £200 to the parish. The Diocese has been uncommonly kind and only increased our quota for next year by 3%.

One of the practical problems of the church is the poor water supply which comes off the fell. Peter Smith is investigating the possibility of having mains water before any other improvements can be properly discussed.

The Christian Aid boxes raised a total of £257 - thank you to all who gave and those who collected.

On 1 December there will be a Family and Advent Service at 9.30 am. and on 22 December there will NOT be a morning service, but at 4.00 pm. we shall be holding a Carol Service with Christingle.

As usual there will be Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm.

Help is needed on 21 December to decorate the church for Christmas. Flowers and foliage will be welcome.



"Nothing needs reforming as much as other peoples' habits"



MOTHER'S UNION

The Mother's Union meeting in December will take the form of an Advent Service to be held at Colton Church on Wednesday the 4th at 2.00 pm.

The service will be taken by the Rev. Doreen Harrison and tea and mince pies will be served afterwards in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to join in.

There will not be any meetings in either January or February.



FLOWER ROTA

1	December	Mrs. C. Dobson
8	December	Mrs. P. McIver
15	December	Mrs. P. McIver
22	December	Christmas flowers
29	December	Christmas flowers

If anyone would like to put flowers in the church on any particular Sunday, in memory of someone or for an anniversary, during 1997, please get in touch with Mrs. W. Smith (Wendy) Tel. 015395 - 31872



"All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today"



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

The AGM was held in November when the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Galbraith, the VCO, who has been the chairman of CFWFI for the last six years.

Those nominated and elected for office were:

President - Brenda. V. Patton

Vice-president - Wendy Smith

Secretary - Hilary Brooks

Treasurer - Rowena Thornthwaite

Speaker finder - Silvia Chadwick

Press secretary - Barbara Wroe

Towards the end of October a two-day First Aid course was held in Bouth organised by the W.I. and run by St. John's Ambulance. It was a worthwhile down to earth common-sense course.

Congratulation to the W. I. and 'heartfelt' thanks to our Instructor Neill Crossland, who was brilliant.

SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK

Sixteen members and ONE invited gentleman attended the October meeting when the speaker, David Gill, gave a fascinating talk on his 'Wild Life Park' at Dalton, where the prime purpose is to save endangered species.

The competition for "two gingerbread squares" was won by Margaret Campbell with Mrs. Edmonson second.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Subscriptions for YOUR Parish magazine are now due so please have your £3, and cheap at the price, ready for collection!

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SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

After years of persuading cajoling and almost fighting, Free School Transport is now available to all pupils attending the school other than those living in the immediate vicinity of Cartmel.

A competition organised by Dulux Paints caught the eye and the school entered their Arts and English murals. To their surprise and delight the school finished as National Winners.

Our congratulations!

LEVEN VALLEY

In the summer a concert and tea party was held for our senior citizens and, since they enjoyed their visit to the school, we would like to repeat the invitation. A Christmas concert is to be held in the school on 16 December and we shall be sending out invitations to the residents of Hollow Oak, Colton House and Grange Nursing Home, but any local residents who consider themselves to be of mature or senior years are very welcome,

Kind regards - Julia Jones

SATTERTHWAITE SCHOOL

The children have, once again, taken part in 'Operation Christmas Child', filling shoe boxes with gifts for children in troubled countries.

They are now earnestly rehearsing for their Christmas Production on 6 December at the Theatre-in-the-Forest, Grizedale, at 7.30 pm. Anyone welcome.

Playgroup called 'Babes-in-the-Wood' starts in School on Friday afternoons at 1.30 pm. from November 29th. Organised by Mrs. Mallinson, with an environmental slant. Everyone welcome.



Christmas Eve in Colton

*On Christmas eve the sky was clear,
The single bell was ringing
And high above the ancient tower
The stars were singing*

*Inside the church the tree was lit,
Warmth and welcome bringing
And though the people heard them not
The stars were singing*

*Four hundred years of Christmases,
Of old traditions clinging.
What speech was heard, what songs were sung,
When stars were singing?*

*And all because a child was born
And sheperds came adoring,
And stars with angels in the sky,
Were songs outpouring.*



