



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 WORSHIP IN A TIME OF BITTER SUFFERING

Nobody could blame our farm families if they felt like turning away from harvest services this year, but I hope they won't. They may well think, "Harvest, what harvest?" We shall NOT however, be holding the usual 'upbeat' services of rejoicing.

We must come to terms with what we can pray about, with what can be said about the land, the people and God. THIS is the heart of what the Church is all about.

Those of us who live and work in rural parishes know the grief, tension and continuing anxiety brought about by 'Foot and Mouth Disease' particularly following upon the years of increasing pressures on the rural economy.

Even the most prudent farm management could not alleviate the hardship of a depressed income together with rising overheads and F & M has wreaked its own havoc on precarious farms.

So, why harvest?

- a) The harvest of the land and sea across the planet, as well as here, shows our dependence on primary production and humbles us all before God and all creation.
- b) This is our chance to declare our solidarity with our farm neighbours and to rebuild our links with them.
- c) It is our chance to pray for determination, to support by whatever means we can the recovery of farming which is essential if our lovely landscape is to remain productive and attractive to visitors. NO farms NO tourism!
- d) We can but hope that national and local leaders of all political persuasions (and especially none!) will show insight, responsibility and courage in defending our land and people of Cumbria as well as other regions.

There will be recovery: meanwhile, our service this year will be **“Harvest Reflection”** a recognition of hope and despair, (‘tears of relief and tears of grief’) and the reminder that our faith is centred on a Cross.

Our services will include times of quiet; prayers of hope and healing; reminders of those things for which we can still give thanks and a Blessing on field, fell and folk.

Please join with us and God bless you all.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



✠ HARVEST SERVICES ✠

RUSLAND

Friday 28 September – Farmers Harvest – 7.00pm.

Sunday 30 September – Parish Harvest – 11.15am.

SATTERTHWAITE

Friday 5 October – Farmers Harvest – 6.30pm.

Sunday 7 October – Parish Harvest – 11.15am.

COLTON

Friday 12 October - Farmers Harvest – 7.00pm.

Sunday 14 October – Parish Harvest – 9.20am.



CHURCH MATTERS

The style of open government has not yet reached the Church of England, which continues to conduct its affairs, which affect parishioners, in the utmost secrecy. You could be forgiven for thinking that those in charge have taken some strange vow of silence.

Good authority tells us that our friends in the Leven Valley are, this month, to get a new priest. He is Derek Goddard presently curate at St. Mary's Windermere and he will become a 'House for Duty' priest. This means that he will continue to be Non-Stipendiary but will live in the Vicarage.

Derek like most NSM's came to priesthood in his maturer years, he is a talented administrator and is dedicated to pastoral care. We all pray that he will, in the coming months and years, revive the fortunes of the Leven Valley parishes.

They are at it again, this time re-organising Lambeth Palace. The idea is to reduce the bureaucratic workload of the Archbishop by appointing a ‘more powerful chief of staff’. Another chief to pay for?

The Diocesan Board of Finance has produced a draft budget for 2002 and states that the average increase in the Parish Share will be 2.9%. It turns out that the average for the Windermere Deanery is 4.1% and for Colton a massive 6.7%. One can understand Bonzo turning the wick down on the heating but to be fair the church was pleasantly warm in mid September. Mind you the sun was shining.

We have received a donation of £100 for the wheelchair we wish to purchase; it will of course cost a lot more than that!

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FARMERS APPEAL

This appeal started before F & M really hit the area with the full force of its scourge but attracted donations from all over the UK and as far away as Canada. The total given reached an amazing £7,748.

It was heart warming to realise that so many locals and visitors appreciated the contribution made by farmers and their families to the beauty, enjoyment and sense of community in our countryside. The organisers wish to thank all those who contributed to the fund and also to the farmers and their families for all they have done and continue to do for the community.

Nearly 80% of farmers took up the offer and the funds collected have now been distributed but this is not the whole story. It has become very clear that not only have our farmers appreciated the support and how much the care and concern shown by the wider community has meant to them but also how much the farmers are valued for their contribution to society.

gws



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

Thomas Hardy

FLOWER ROTA

7 October Mrs M Campbell

14 October Harvest

21 October Harvest

28 October Mrs T Teasdale

4 November Mrs T Teasdale



COFFEE ROTA

7 October Mesdames S Smith & H Brooks

4 November Mrs M Campbell & Helper



MOTHERS UNION

Our new season began with a service of Evensong at Colton where we were joined by our neighbours from the Leven Valley and some members from our link branch, Rampside. This was followed, the next day by a visit to Grange to take part in our Deanery festival service where we passed the Deanery Banner to the members of St. Paul's.

After this lovely service we had refreshments and a Bring & Buy stall which enabled us to send £125 to the M U 125th. Anniversary celebration and some much needed money to our Deanery 'Away from it all' fund.

The next meeting will be held on 2 October at 7.00pm. with a coffee evening and entertainment by the Kirby Singers. Please join us and help to raise charity funds.

mc

PARISH NEWS

If there has been a lot happening in the Parish then nobody has told this poor editor which is not unusual. We have new residents in Bouth but as I cannot remember their names, well, the meeting was in the 'White Hart' the welcome must be informal but as always warm. We will try to do it properly next month.

The Coffee Evening at 'Burn Knott' for Village Hall funds was a resounding success and raised £600 plus a further £100 from the Millennium committee, which apparently resurrected itself for this occasion. Thanks all round but especially to Judy Redhead and Brian for their hard work and the use of their house and newly reconstructed garden.

A few of us put the gazebo up and it is a pity that nobody had a video for such humorous incompetence was far funnier than any TV sitcom.

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

After the August break we welcomed Mrs M Eastlick who gave a delightful talk on 'Wild Flowers'. She described their habitats, seashore, meadows and woods explaining the importance of conservation as there are not so many wild flowers as there were but they are still there if you look. Her talk was beautifully illustrated with some enchanting slides.

The next meeting will be held on 10 October when Mrs Henry will talk on 'My Memories of a Life time in Cookery'. Village Hall – 7.15pm.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our August meeting members and friends were given an insight into Bellringing by Mr Walmsley who gave a history of bells and towers. This was followed by a demonstration of hand bell ringing before the members tried their hand, which resulted in much laughter and not a little pride in our achievement.

The next meeting is on 23 October, 7.30pm. with a talk on Mountain Rescue. mc

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The new Headteacher, Clive Peaple, is now in post and the school has a web site for those that understand that sort of thing. The report of the short OFSTED inspection has been published and is, in the main, complimentary.

Of course, everything is not perfect but the report together with the excellent GCSE results show what a fine school we have at Cartmel.

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Overheard on holiday

“A mans place – is in the wrong”



CRIME WATCH

Our local bobby is nearly happy as it has been a quiet time; thefts from cars have dropped dramatically but there is still a bit of thieving going on.

Particularly high value amounts of fuel keep disappearing in the Furness and Grange peninsulas so take all the precautions you can and if you can, garage the car. As always phone the police if you see anything suspicious anytime, day or night.

The poachers are with us again in the Rusland Valley so please keep a watch out and phone PC J Baldwin as the Wildlife Liaison Officer has retired and a new one has not been appointed who may or not be the said PC Baldwin.

Watch it! Several people have been caught drink-driving and as well as a hefty fine there is a minimum one year suspension of your licence AND your next insurance premium will bring tears to your eyes.

Do not be shy, if you know anything phone Ulverston – 01229 824 532 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

jb

You nearly did not get this issue as a very nasty virus hit my computer and who didn't have any protection? If you get E-mail even one that purports to have come from a friend or a loved one and isn't in their usual style and has an attachment – **BIN IT!** Otherwise it will cost you time and money. *Donald*



NEWS EXTRA

The memory lapses are getting worse as I was sure that we had welcomed mine host and hostess of the Manor. Apparently not, so a warm welcome to Terry and Lorraine McCreedy and we wish them success and happiness for the future.

It was good to hear that Brian Armistead is recovering well and we look forward to seeing him out and about and aboard his beloved tractor. We send our kindest regards to Marjorie Croasdel who is having ups and downs but is hoping to move into Swarthdale fairly soon.

We are very sorry to hear that Ken Dawes from Old Hall Farm Cottage is rather poorly in Furness General and we pray and send our best wishes for a speedy and full recovery.

Would anyone like to join our choir at Colton as we start to think about Christmas (and other services)? We have been offered help from a *Bass* who also may sing *tenor* and they are like gold, to sing with us but we are a bit thin in all four parts and would appreciate any help. jr



At this sad time in the history of this troubled world we remember those who lost their lives in New York and Washington, those who were left behind and we also pray for those responsible for this mindless act of violence and destruction particularly as it was carried out as 'an act of faith'.

A Better Way

God of peace, overturn our warring;
God of mercy, awaken our forgiveness
God of healing, guide us to a better way
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIARY DATES

- 2 October M U Coffee Evening- Bouth Village Hall – 7.00pm.
- 4 October **St Francis of Assisi**
- 7 October Family Service – 9.30am. – Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 10 October BOUTH W I meeting – 7.15pm.
- 12 October Farmers Harvest – 7.00pm. – Something in the Hall afterwards.
- 14 October Parish Harvest – 9.30am.
- 18 October **Luke the Evangelist**
- 21 October Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 28 October **Simon and Jude Apostles**
- Holy Communion – 11.15am.



Not in Utopia – subterranean fields, -
Or some secreted island, Heaven knows where!
But in the very world, which is the world
Of all of us, - the place where, in the end
We find our happiness, or not at all.

Wordsworth

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