



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

THE PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends

As Christmas approaches (and throughout its 'TWELVE' days) we look once more for its real meaning beneath (yet often present **in**) the trappings of modern Western lifestyles.

If we are Church folk, or even **marginally** concerned with truth of the Christmas Story, we may be guilty, at times, of moaning about commercialism, and the 'secular' (NON-religious) complexion of the festival nowadays! It is useful to unwrap these outer layers, and we may find some deeper value in them.

Lets call them the five 'M's of Christmas.

Firstly, **Memories** : yes, we all recall Christmas past (usually 'better' than today; but perhaps we look at the past through a rosy glow). Christmases of childhood remind us of home and family, of friends, fun and freedom. But there may be some sadness too; as time has changed us and those with whom we shared those memories.

Memory is God's gift; to prompt our prayers for those we knew and loved : and memory can also recall events which need God's **healing**; our grudges, prejudices, fears, unresolved quarrels or broken relationships.

Christmas can be a time for letting go; forgiving (ourselves as well as others) for **re-creation**. And the great Memory/Memorial for us all is Holy Communion at Christmas.

"Do this **in memory** of me", says our Lord : and the **past** becomes the present.

Which brings me to **Meals** : since, it is over shared meals, that families grow in understanding; and extend their web of loving concern across the generations, and towards friends and neighbours.

In our great Communion meal there is peace, trust and joy, just as in your family feasts (**and** the quickly made snack or packed lunch which sends your loved ones to work or school. Strength and support for "meeting the world" beyond the security of home)

And so to **meetings** : even the most determined 'hermit' or the loneliest soul is likely to meet others around Christmas time. Let us **use** our meetings for

the good of others, and we shall find that they enrich US too. And why not make it a time for 'meeting' with God through worship or private prayer? He will always walk with us as our Companion; and be our gracious willing Guest.

Christmas brings its share of **Music** too : and all the other gifts of the 'Muses': books, pictures, plays, poetry, the beauty of scenery; all these and more can lift the spirit and bring us to the very gate of heaven.

So here we find the fifth 'M' - **Mystery**. To a child it is the 'magical' quality of Christmas; and should we not **all** become 'as little children' to find the Kingdom of God?

Let's approach Christmas with open minds and hearts; let us feel once more the power of God's great Mystery in coming to this world "for us men and for our salvation", the best reason of all to rejoice at Christmas. May **you** find the memories, meals, meetings, music and mystery of Christmas; and may these blessed Gifts from God be yours always.

Yours sincerely,

Doreen Harrison

(Curate)

November 1997



CHURCH MATTERS

Reviews are all the fashion these days and the Church of England is no exception with its latest publication " Review of Synodical Government in the Church of England".

It effects the constitution of PCC's and pulls out what little teeth the Deanery Synod possessed, as well as amending the size and constitution of the General Synod. It is a long and complicated treatise that cannot properly be discussed in these pages but it will go to the PCC for their consideration and if anything worthwhile emerges from their discussions you will be the first to know!

The Colton team of Bonzo, Jack and Donald ably led and directed by the inimitable Doreen presented a profile of our parish which was both disciplined and explanatory setting a standard for others to follow.

There was a report on the General Synod held in York in July where the debated topics were :- Ethical Investments, Provision for the Deaf in Church, Standards of the Media and Gay rights.

Coming down to earth a PCC meeting was held in October which was extraordinary, not so much for the length of the meeting, and it was not short, but for the firm decisions taken. The major item, yet again, was the future of the Pastoral Organisation of our parish. It was decided by a substantial majority of about 3 to 1, that we throw our hat in the ring with Hawkshead & Sawrey when a new Priest-in-Charge is appointed early next year but still with an NSM and continuing our links with Satterthwaite & Rusland.

The continuance of these links was unanimous as was the view that the pastoral needs of our three parishes would be best dealt with by our own Priest -in Charge.

Some little progress was made with the scheme to tidy up the lectern area mainly to make it more convenient and safer for the readers. The charities to whom we give were reviewed and it was decided not to make any changes. Thanks were expressed to our appointed cabinet maker, Bonzo, for the new notice board in the church and good progress is being made with the replacement of the sundial.

The PCC adopted the Diocesan Regulations for the Graveyard and it is important to note that before doing anything or ordering a Headstone you must contact our Curate first. Artificial flowers of any sort or description are strictly forbidden.

There will **NOT** be a Morning Service on Sunday 21 December. We shall be having a Carol Service and Christingle at ~~4.00~~ pm.

4.30

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



This month we are attempting to get our magazine into every home in the parish with the hope that those of you who have not read it before will not only read it now but also have it delivered in the future. It only costs £3 a year for ten issues and will help to keep you in touch with what goes on in the parish as well as the Church.

Please contact Judy Redhead Tel: 01229 861 238

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MOTHERS UNION

For our November meeting we were joined by members of Bardsea Mothers Union, and spent an enjoyable afternoon with Mr & Mrs Bricker, who gave an illustrated talk on their tour of South Africa.

On Wednesday 3 December we will be holding our Advent Service in Satterthwaite Church at 2.00 pm. This service will be taken by Rev. Doreen Harrison and afterwards we shall meet in the Hall for tea. All are welcome to join us.

During January and February we shall have a break and hold our first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday 4 March in Bouth Village Hall when Mrs J Wright will be speaking about the Blind In Africa.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 20 December from 10.00 am. onwards. Help, flowers and foliage will be much appreciated.



FLOWER ROTA

7	December	Advent
14	December	Advent
21	December	Christmas Flowers
28	December	Christmas Flowers



PARISH NEWS

We generally think of November 5th. as a day of bonfires and bangs but strangely enough it is also a birthday for some. One of those lucky persons really did have a big bang this year as Jack Burns celebrated his 80th Birthday.

Congratulations Jack, Cynthia obviously takes good care of you; good luck too with your forthcoming visit to hospital.

It was good to see Tom Wren back in church with a welcoming "shurrup thee". Despite his poor health it was good to see his indomitable spirit is as strong as ever. We wish Tom better health and hope it will not be too long before we see him again.

The bad news is that Guy Redhead who is now a student in Middlesborough was set upon and mugged in that fair town ending up with his jaw broken in three places. He is now back home in the capable and loving hands of his mum Judy. We extend our sympathy to Guy and hope for a quick return to full fitness and that his studies have not suffered too badly.

Congratulations and a warm welcome to Samuel Steel who was Baptised in our church on 26 October 1997. Samuel is the second son of Sue and Gary Steel and grandson of Alma Pennington.

After many years in Bouth we have to say good-bye to Kay and Jack Marsh who are moving to Ulverston. In their differing ways they have, over the years, been stalwarts of the village and until fairly recently Jack was chairman of the Village Hall. At the moment Jack is not well and about to have another spell in hospital. We wish them well in their move and better health and happiness in their new home.

The coffee morning at Zella's was another success; with her baking it could not have been anything else. The amount raised for the NSPCC was £252 and counting. Note: I am sure other people baked with equal expertise!

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CHRISTMAS FAIR



Our Annual Christmas Fair is to be held on Saturday 29 November in Bouth Village Hall starting at 2.00 pm. PLEASE give, work and come and spend.

Tombola prizes to Christine Dobson.

Raffle Prizes to Ruth Walker.

and

Gifts for the Gift stall to May Lambert.



Mince pies from the members of the PCC.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Backbarrow & District Branch of the Royal British Legion is on a recruiting drive. It is a small branch with 56 members and without a club. Membership costs £5 a Year all of which goes to H.Q. Full membership is open to all who have served in H.M.Forces full, part time or support units. Associate membership is open to those who support the aims & ideals of the Legion. Interested ?

Contact ; Robert Hutton, Hon. Sec. 20 Ainslie Street, Ulverston LA12 7JE.

Tel: 01229 585 888.

WOMENS INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

The table top sale at Preston Patrick was a new experience and raised the sum of £192. The Hallow'een Evening a magnificent £453 - all to go towards new kitchen fittings in Bouth Village Hall. Thank you to all those involved in any way and a special thanks to David Trotter, the White Hart landlord, for his generous donation of a meal for two (one each that is).

The monthly walk for members and four footed friends is proving popular but is in abeyance until January. Four members went on the Federation trip to Manchester to shop and see a performance of 'Les Miserables' - a great show! Speaking of which the Christmas Party is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3 December at 7.00 pm. for 7.30.

Flushed with success and in order to continue with community efforts the W.I. would welcome new (and former) members to join us and support the Village.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our October meeting members and fellow group members enjoyed a fascinating demonstration by Mrs Pamplin on Christmas Decorations using greenery and 'left overs' (the mind boggles but that's what it said).

The Christmas Party is to be held at the Farmers Arms on Tuesday 2 December at 7.30 pm. we think, so check.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The first half academic year ended on a high note, with an 11 mile sponsored walk around Cartmel, Holker and Cark to raise money for Multi Media (CD ROM) computers for school. The challenging course was successfully completed by all pupils and the total raised so far is £2,200.

Following on from Speech Night reported last month the exam results this year were the best ever and for the first time in the history of the school the average number of passes per candidate has exceeded nine. Bearing in mind that, every year 11 pupil was entered as an exam candidate, it is a very impressive achievement and furthermore ALL pupils obtained at least eight GCSE's.

On 26/27 November the Drama Club presents 'Dracula Spectacular' at 7.30pm. .

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SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

Once again the children are to take part in 'Operation Christmas Child' filling shoe boxes with toys and other gifts for children in need across Eastern Europe.

There is a 'hush' among the children as they rehearse for their Christmas Production at the Theatre-in-the-Forest on Friday 6 December at 7.30 pm. Please join us, it is well worth it!

At the end of term school says a sad farewell to Mrs Mallinson who has taken up a new post at Haykshead & Esthwaite School. Our thanks for all her care and hard work over the years and we wish her every success in her new school. She will always be in the hearts of her pupils as 'their first teacher'. Good luck Mrs Mallinson we shall miss you!

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A Visit from St. Nicholas.

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through
the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.*

Professor Clement C Moore 23 December 1823.

CLAIMING DATES

- 29 November Christmas Fair, Bouth Village Hall - 2.00 pm.
- 30 November Morning Prayer - 9.30 am.
- 1 December St. Andrew's Day
- 3 December M.U. Advent Service - Satterthwaite - 2.00 pm.
Bouth W.I. Christmas Party, Village Hall - 7/7.30 pm.
- 6 December S & R School production, Th.-i-t-Forest - 7.30 pm.
- 7 December Family Service - 9.30 am.
- 14 December Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
- 19 December End of Term !!!
- 20 December Decorating the Church for Christmas - 10.00 am.→
- 21 December NO MORNING SERVICE - Carol Service + Christingle -
4.30 4.00 pm.
- 24 December Midnight Communion - 11.30 pm.
Carols on the Green - Bouth - 6.30 pm.
- 25 December Christ Our Saviour's Birthday - ☩
- 26 December St. Stephen - The First Martyr.
- 27 December St. John - The Evangelist.
- 28 December Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 29 December Holy Innocents.

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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.