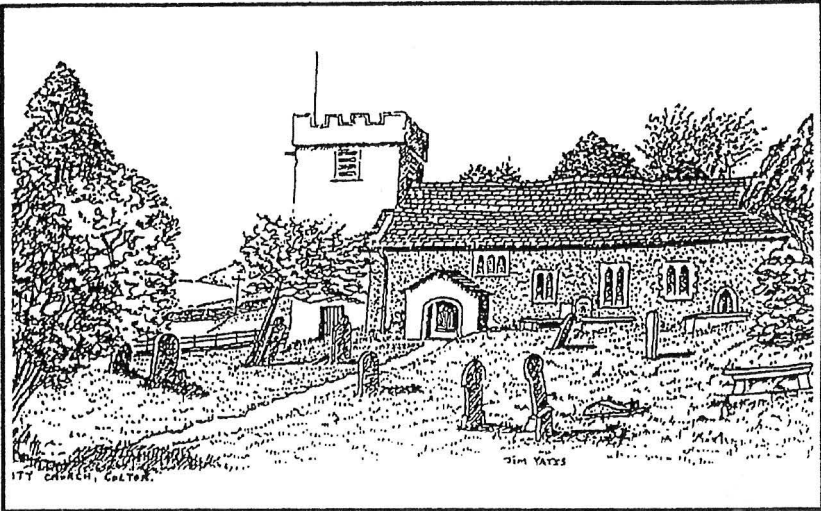




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

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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

Fox How
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May 1999

Dear Friends

Just as the Church emerges from the drama of **Easter's** victory, we move towards the mystery of the **Ascension** (always on a Thursday, so ignored as a public 'holy day') and then comes Pentecost or **Whitsuntide** as it used to be called. Whatever happened at the Ascension we cannot ever know; those who witnessed it could only express it in poetic language.

The essential meaning of the event is that the risen Christ made it clear that He would no longer be seen on earth and that soon, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit would be His gift to the infant Church and to all mankind; His presence for ever.

This year we shall be celebrating our **Confirmation** at this time, Sunday 16 May, when the Bishop of Penrith, the Rt. Revd. Richard Garrard, will confer the Rite upon six of our young people, in Rusland Church at 6.30 pm. Please support them by your presence or your prayers.

" The young people are :- Adam Crowe of Hall Farm, Rusland, Esther Dobson of Thwaite Moss, Keith Graves of Beckside Farm, Colton, Philip Mulcaster (soon to be of Close Foot Farm, Sparkbridge) and Lucinda & Rupert Wingate - Saul of the Dower House, Whitestock. "

As we progress through the **farmers'** year we come to **Rogationtide** (Sunday 9 May and the days following), a time for blessing the land, the growing crops & flocks **and** the farm folk! This is one of my real pleasures; visiting our farming friends and sharing with them the wonder of Creation (and indentifying with them in the grave problems they face these days).

There is something so permanent about the Church's observance of the passing

seasons and its celebration of our passage through life. This stability is echoed in the very stones of our churches, the names found in our registers and our little ceremonies. We can **gather** for worship, then **go out** to serve the world in God's name and through His people.

May we all be blessed in such a ministry.

Yours sincerely



Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



CHRISTIAN AID

A timely reminder that our Christian Aid Lunch is to be held in Rusland Reading Room on **Wednesday 12 May** at a reasonable cost of £3 although you may of course give more. ° Time 12 noon to 2.00 pm. °



Do your givin
Whilst you're livin
Then you're knowin'
Where it's goin'!

CHURCH MATTERS

The Annual Church Meeting was a jolly affair and if someone had thrown in a few points of order it could have been a merry riot. Twelve sturdy souls turned up which was two less than last year so we had a double go at the biscuits.

No one will be surprised that the same 'old' people were elected or appointed as Church Wardens, Officers of the PCC and the PCC itself. Your Synod representatives continue as does your Editor.

The Electoral Roll has increased to 84 and the average service attendance remains stable at 28. The accounts are fine as is the general state of the fabric and the 'goods & ornaments' are all present and correct. Our beloved sundial is back in its place of honour patiently waiting for the sun; it could be in for a long wait!

The Sidesmen (no PC here) continue 'till they resign and currently we have eleven but volunteers are always welcome. The chairman, our Parish priest, Doreen, was fulsome in her praise of the workers who keep our church going and told us that the two Bishops had remarked on the quality of our music and choir. It wasn't clear whether this praise included the congregation but take it as read and pat yourselves on the back.

As if you didn't know, the Church Fête is to be held at the Old Vicarage on Saturday 17 July and as usual raffle prizes, tombola gifts, the bits and pieces for the various stalls are more than welcome as will be the delicious confectionary and bread that we hope will be on sale. I'm told Bonzo cooks a mean fruit cake but as yet I've never seen one on the stall. Looking forward to it!

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My preacher's eyes I've never seen
Though the light in them may shine,
For when he prays, he closes his,
And when he preaches, I close mine.

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FLOWER ROTA

2	May	Mrs S Pirnie
9	May	Mrs P McIver
16	May	Mrs P McIver
23	May	Whit Sunday
30	May	Trinity Sunday

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MOTHERS UNION

Mrs Mary Christian of Age Concern spoke to the April meeting on a "debate of the age" paper to be presented to government and asked questions, in order to find answers to support this paper. There was a lot of discussion on subjects ranging from taxation to pensions both private and state.

Colton are proudly hosting the Deanery Festival this year when representatives from all the M U branches in the Windermere Deanery will meet for a service in our church on Wednesday 28 April at 7.30 pm.

The next meeting will be on 5 May in Bouth Reading Room at 2.00 pm. when Mr M Grainge will talk on 'Help for Romania'.

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K O S O V O

The Christian Aid Appeal on Easter Sunday for Kosovo has reached the total of £333. Grateful thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

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PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Kath and Nigel Barton on the birth of their daughter Lois on Friday 9 April. Little Lois was born a touch early weighing in at 5lbs 11ozs. and , as a result, was not too well. She was transferred to Liverpool and was later joined by mum. The latest news we have is that mother and daughter are back in Furness General and are doing well. We don't know about dad.

Not a lot of news about others who are not so well and in any case one has to be careful about the invasion of privacy. Who and wherever you are, our prayers of hope and thanks are always with you.

We have a lady who hides her light under a bushel and is doing the same about her age and who is approaching an important anniversary. All we will say is that the lady in question plays a significant role in the music of our church and has immense poetic talent. Congratulations on your 70th birthday!



Editorial Note :

Doreen, your Parish Priest, described this editor as 'generally reliable' which is as unfair as it is fair but could have been better timed. With a name like mine that has been spelt incorrectly over the centuries you would have thought I would have taken more care with others, but, alas no!

I tender my sincere apologies to Mrs Croasdell for getting her name wrong last month. It was noticed on the home front and a severe chastisement was admonished finishing with 'and I did tell you' in that tone of voice known to erring husbands the world over.

The Sparkbridge & Lowick W I is not much pleased either as a claiming date of 27 was printed as 17. As it appeared between 26 and 28 I would have thought that, reasonably, it could have been seen as a slip of the thumb. Any one of the ten.

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WOMENS INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

The open and well attended April meeting heard Bernard Ellis give a very interesting account of the economy of Ulverston during the Slave Trading days. Gunpowder was taken in large iron pots to the thriving ports in the bay to be shipped Africa.

Slaves were then transported to America and goods returned to this country. Even local farmers were involved by growing beans to feed the slaves during their horrendous journey.

The next meeting is on 12 May when Mrs Sarah Bentley will talk about red squirrels, or the lack of them. The **important** date is Saturday 15 May when we will hold our Spring Walk which is not to be missed.

Meet at Bouth Reading Room 12 noon - 1.00 pm. - Price £2.50 Adults & Children (over 5) £1.50 - including a scrumptious Cream tea.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

The March meeting heard Mrs Molly Lamb give a talk on 'I was a Land Girl'. Although The Land Army was glamorised for the public the reality was very different as work started at 6.00 am. and often did not finish until 10 or 11.00 pm. Mrs Lamb did not regret her time in the Land Army not only learning valuable lessons but that is where she met her husband.

The next meeting will be held on 25 May (editor please note) when we shall be celebrating our 55th birthday with a social and a 'Bring & Buy'.

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Due to the response to the Tuesday Beginners Line Dancing it has been decided to hold another session on Mondays. In Sparkbridge Village Hall - 7.30 pm. at the same price - £2. What a bargain !

BOUTH

Our communal thanks and those of some unknown refugees go to Alma Pennington who has organised a collection of goods, clothing and bedding for the unfortunate souls of Kosovo. Alma being Alma and having done the majority of the hard work has asked us to express HER thanks to all who gave and especially to Roderick Smith and Penny Buick for printing the leaflets and to Mike Thwaites for storage and transportation of the items.

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The Rummage Sale in the Reading Room in March was not as successful as in the past but still managed to reach £60 . Cumbria County Council through the local 'Forum' have given the Hall a substantial grant towards upgrading the kitchen and work should start in the summer.

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SCHOOL NEWS

LEVEN VALLEY

The term has galloped by again with 'Red Nose Day' being a highlight. The children came to school in fancy dress and paid a donation at the door. They had a dancing competition, a showing of their favourite film 'Matilda' and at lunch the older ones presented a 'talent' show. In all £130 was raised for Comic Relief Charities.

'Scenes from the school room' is to be our school play to be performed on 17 & 18 June and everyone is busy rehearsing. On the next page is a poem written by one of our pupils, eight year old Ross Lawler.

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There is not a lot of other significant school news although Cartmel had a successful opening of the refurbished school hall cum gymnasium with a table tennis display from young people which, in modern parlance, was awesome.

Debbie Wilson sternly reminds me that the P T A Cake Stall (Satterthwaite & Rusland School) will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 3 May at the Grizedale Visitors Centre starting at 10.00 am. If you want a cake don't be late !

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POETS CORNER

SPRING by Ross Lawler

A longer day, a shorter night
When I wake up I see a bright sight
Yellow flowers in luscious soil
Lots of sun, it'll never spoil
An old tree leans and starts to fall
But new saplings grow, slender and tall
A bird has laid eggs in its well made nest
When they hatch out they should be the best
Calves and lambs come out of their mums
Then they multiply just like in sums
Everyone's happy to see winter go
As new life starts and begins to grow.

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THE SUNDIAL by Jean Sly

I was made
To mark the hours of sunshine
In the quiet hallowed place.

I am the apprentice
Among the venerable tombstones
Young, unworn by weather and by time.

I am visible stone
Yet represent a spiritual vision
That is everlasting.

Let me be a symbol
Of man's forgiveness
For the sins of others.

I am today's gift
Come to renew the legacy of centuries -
Cherish me.

"Dedicated to our 'new' sundial in the graveyard"

CLAIMING DATES

- 2 May Family Service - 9.30am. - Coffee afterwards.
- 3 May Bank Holiday - Cake Stall - Grizedale Visitors Centre - 10.00am.
- 5 May M U - Bouth Reading Room - 2.00pm.
- 9 May Rogation Sunday - Holy Communion - 9.30am.
- 12 May Christian Aid Lunch - Rusland Reading Room - 12 → 2.00pm.
Bouth W I - Reading Room - 7.15pm.
- 13 May Ascension Day.
- 14 May St Mathias.
- 15 May Bouth W I - Spring Walk - Reading Room - 12 → 1pm.
- 16 May Holy Communion - 11.15am.
Confirmation - Bishop of Penrith - Rusland Church - 6.30pm.
- 23 May Whit Sunday - Pentecost - Holy Communion - 11.15am.
- 25 May Sparkbridge & Lowick W I - 55th. Birthday Celebration 🍰
- 30 May Mattins - 9.30am.

• For the Future •

- 17 June Leven Valley School Play also on the 18th.
- 17 July Church Fête - Cakes, prizes, gifts & workers required.



'Time's thievish progress to eternity'

Shakespeare

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