



PARISH NEWS

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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

If you have had a health check recently or a MOT on your car you will appreciate the new project "Growing Healthy Churches" in which our three churches are participating. The Revd. Robert Coke from Ambleside came along to meet us as our external and independent 'referee' taking us through a set of indicators to test our spiritual temperature (or should that be blood pressure?) and helping us to make 'diagnoses'.

Linked to this national scheme our Bishop of Carlisle is sending one of his staff, this year, to visit each benefice or cluster of parishes as a follow up to the 'MOT' and to listen to our ideas for future growth. So, we are to welcome the new Bishop of Penrith in our valley on Tuesday 30 April.

He will be taken round the parishes by me during the day and will meet the three PCC's in the evening. During his visit he will call at our school, meet people at work, home or along the way. Then on 5 May (the following Sunday) he will conduct the Confirmation Service at Caton at 11.15 am. **Note the time!** This will be a joint service for us all and the only service on that day.

We have much to think and pray about over the next few months and life could be very exciting if we are determined to love and serve our communities and so help to establish a small part

Of God's Kingdom here where we are.

Let us show we care for everyone and that we all belong and have value for one another as well as to our Lord. We are not being asked to take on new things; this exercise (Growing Healthy Churches) is to help us do our present jobs better.

After all, church is not just a building to which we go, it is a family consisting of every resident in the parishes, and, although we meet together for worship, we are then called to go out and serve others by being the church of God.

Let our hopes and prayers flourish as the summer approaches and may God bless and prosper all we are and all we do in His name!

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest



JUBILEE SERVICES

Our Jubilee Services will be held on Sunday 2 June. Colton at 9.30am. – Satterthwaite at 11.15am. – and Rusland *sometime* in the afternoon/evening (watch for the poster!). All three will be lively and memorable to mark this historic event.

CONFIRMATION

Reminder that the service will be at Colton on **Sunday 5 May at 11.15am.** and it will be the **ONLY** service in the three parishes on that day.



COTTON CHRONICLES

The future of the ministry of our church is enclosed in an ominous silence but there are more pressing matters of concern. The grass is growing in the churchyard and there ain't anybody out there to cut it. A willing worker is much needed for the task, which attracts a salary of £360 per year paid in quarterly instalments. The grass needs cutting about once a month during the growing season and if there is anybody, please contact Bonzo Johnson 01229 861 437.

It is annual meeting time again otherwise known as the APCM and there were 18 present which is a bit of a record in these parts. The church Electoral roll is up to 90, 18 of who are without the parish and 38 are new; there must be some defectors somewhere. The same Churchwardens were elected plus John Tarr and Judy Redhead and Peter Smith will continue as deputies.

Ian Pirnie and your editor were appointed to the Deanery Synod and there were many expressions of thanks and congratulations to veteran Jack Burns who stood down from the Synod after an amazing 42 years service. Well done Jack.

Margaret Campbell and Bonzo Johnson graciously accepted the posts of secretary and treasurer although they probably didn't see it that way. On behalf of all of us, Ian Pirnie expressed thanks to our priest Doreen for her dedication, hard work and pastoral care over the last six years. Doreen is to retire in October and this was her last PCC. We will miss her and her forthright views. (It takes one to know one.)

The usual lot were elected to the PCC plus Sue King and Barbara Watson which gives us the first complete PCC for some years and all of them workers. Thank you! The next PCC is on 20 May in the hall @ 7.30pm.

Our Jubilee project is a small stained glass window, over the porch, and a modest team has been formed to handle this task but, it will cost money and we do not want to raid church funds. So get your hands in your pockets and contribute cheerfully. We don't want any of this Yorkshire 'short arms and long pockets'.

It is unfortunate but money is still a problem in the Church of England, which was highlighted recently in an article in a national newspaper by Lord Wrenbury who is, like Doreen, a Non Stipendiary Priest. They do not get paid.

We are the National church and therefore controlled by Parliament and we cannot move without their consent. He states 'At the moment Parliament and the Church hierarchy seek to have it both ways: we are bound hand and foot in what we can do and cannot do and are berated when we do not pay.' He goes on 'The church is the boilerhouse of any parish. If the church is allowed to close, the entire spiritual life of the parish dies of hypothermia. If we make the worship of God our highest priority the rest of the Christian message will follow, but we have lost sight of this and are encumbered by central committees and permanent staff...'

We pay a substantial part of our income to the Diocese, which leaves very little to maintain our church and churchyard and indeed for improvements, like a loop system, and giving, generous as it is, is not enough. Gordon Pickles our Gift Aid secretary of Bouth House, ☎ 01229 861 159 offers the following advice for givers. Please contact him to change your amount (upwards) or payment method.

"PLEDGES. You can pledge, i.e. promise to give to the church, which helps in financial planning. A pledge is not a legal document and can be altered or cancelled at any time. Donations can be made by bank transfer or church collections. Forms are available.

BANKERS ORDERS. Don't think about it: get a form, fill it in and your offering will be paid automatically by your bank. It's painless.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES. If you want to pay this way, ask for weekly dated envelopes.

ENVELOPES IN PEWS. If you want to do it the hard way or are a visitor there are envelopes in pews but you must be a taxpayer. To cut out the woe of entering your name & address you can get a number. We get your tax not Mr. Brown."

Gordon, who takes no responsibility for the amendments made by an erstwhile editor.

VALLEY JUBILEE The Rusland Valley 'do' will be on Tuesday 24 June at Whitestock Meadow, Rusland Show Ground. You are ALL invited, *see insert*, it will start at 1.00pm with a celebratory lunch organised by the WI and on a 'Jacobs join' basis. There will be entertainment for all ages including a musical quiz, children's games with fancy dress etc. Entrance will be free for local inhabitants (how do you tell the difference?)

GARDEN FÊTE. A reminder that it will be held on 20 July at the Old Vicarage and will be opened by the delightful Sally Whittaker, better known as Sally Webster of 'Coronation Street'. Contributions as usual.

Donald.

FLOWER ROTA

5 May Mrs P McIver

12 May Mrs P McIver

19 May Whit Sunday

26 May Trinity Sunday

6 June Trinity Flowers.



COFFEE ROTA

5 May Mrs M Sanders + Helper



CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 15 May in the Rusland Parish Room 12noon – 2.00pm**. You can enjoy one of 7 types of soup and a selection of cheeses and biscuits. Please come as last year we had to cancel and it was the Charity that suffered. Let's make it up!

There will be a Raffle, now there is a surprise, plant & cake stalls so send or bring contributions to Barbara, Christine, Judy or Wendy.

Oh yes! Bring your boxes to church on the last Sunday of CA week - 19 May – Whit Sunday or Pentecost.

Judy & Wendy.



“Work, is the rent we pay for a room on earth”

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

MOTHERS UNION Colton, Rusland & Satterthwaite

As our normal meeting would have landed in Easter Week we cancelled and since Lady Day was postponed to 8 April again to avoid Easter we held a Eucharistic Service in Colton Church when our friends from Leven Valley joined us.

On 11 April six of our members enjoyed the Deanery Festival service at St. Mary's, Windermere where the welcome was warm, the address from Rev. Reg Harper thought provoking and the hymns unquestionably uplifting.

We shall be hosting a Deanery Tea Party on 22 April when two ladies from Zululand, our Link Diocese, will be visiting, but more next month. Two days later three of our members are off to Swanick for the Carlisle Diocese Mothers Union Conference and they are expected to return full of enthusiasm and ideas for the way forward.

The next meeting is on **1 May in Bouth Village Hall** when Mrs Kath Wise will be telling us of her trip to Zululand. This **extra** to our printed program due to a perceived clash with Sharing Day which isn't going to happen.

Margaret.

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At the April meeting our speaker was Mrs L Newman who demonstrated the art of painting on silk. She brought with us some beautiful examples of her original work on scarves and cushions illustrating the different techniques in applying the paints and dyes and the skill of the water colourist.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 8 May** when Mrs G Lawrence will talk about the 'History of the Sari' and we will discuss our RESOLUTIONS.

Spring Walk & Cream Tea. A welcome return for this popular event; this year it will be held on **Saturday 18 May starting at 1.00pm. from Bouth Village Hall – price including Tea £3.** All, the more the merrier, are welcome.

Barbara.

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Safety was the topic of our March meeting held a week earlier than usual in order that members could attend the Federation Spring Council meeting which fell on our normal meeting night.

Fire Officer Dennis Cooke gave an informative talk on safety in the home; smoke alarms fitted in correct places can save lives, hanging towels on oven doors is not advisable and toasters should not be used as shelves were some of the hints given.

Many members realised after the meeting that their homes were not up to safety standards and put their names forward for an advisory visit from Dennis.

On 28 May our own Wendy Keegan is giving her 'Granny Chest' talk so ladies, do come and join us.

Margaret.



PARISH NEWS

This section has not been deliberately relegated it's just that I forgot, probably because there is a dearth of news in these parts and if there isn't, nobody has told me.

There has been a fair bit of ill health around but the various patients seem to be improving and we wish them all a speedy return to normality. It would seem that the intellectually impaired are not all in Bouth as we have heard of a gentleman who lives nearer the church and is younger who has had a spasm of ill-judgement.

Despite his wide experience in such matters he acquired a motor that decided it was a mule; it only went when it wanted to, resulting in some embarrassing situations. Happily now is all resolved and his better, fairer and perhaps wiser half is now punting along prettily and more reliably.

Strangely, he is not on his own as someone else, even nearer church, has suffered similarly and we can no doubt expect a similar change of wheels afore long in the parish.

There is news of another grandchild but communications, presently, are obscure.

Donald.

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Congratulations to teacher Jean Bell and husband Steve on the recent birth of their daughter Philippa. Also to Courtney Benson on being selected by Cumbria Schools Athletic Association to represent the County in the English AA Cross Country Championships.

The bids for the Sports Hall and building improvement are going well but if successful the school/community will need to raise best part of £500,000.

Welcome to Maggie Stone who has joined us a year 9 class advisor. Maggie has an advanced degree in linguistics and she will be invaluable in helping the year to achieve. Also a welcome to Jane Carysforth as a Special Needs Advisor; being education there has to be an acronym – SENCO!

The school is now over subscribed for September entries, which is the first time for many years. It is a measure of the success of the school in the community and ALL the staff is to be congratulated.

Clive/Ed.



SATTETHWAITE AND RUSLAND

The Annual Cake Stall will be held at **Grizedale Visitors Centre on May Bank Holiday, Monday 6 May. We have no time but in 2000 it was 10.00am onwards.**

Lorna.



No further news from our Police Force although we have been told that a tramp has made his annual spring visit to the valley to carry out the odd break in or two; so be careful. The accidents keep occurring on the A590 but fear not, the County Council has the answer. Every time there is an accident they put up another sign.

I wish that I would ever see
A road sign lovely as a tree
But unless those road signs fall
I'll never see a tree at all.

With apologies to Ogden Nash.

DIARY DATES

- 30 April Visit of Bishop James to the parish – Meeting in Rusland P R 7 for 7.30pm.
- 1 May Philip & James Apostles –M U Bouth Village Hall – 2.00pm.
- 5 May **Confirmation Service – Colton – 11.15am – only service that day!**
- 6 May Bank Holiday – Satterthwaite & Rusland School Cake Stall - Grizedale
Visitors Centre - 10.00am. >
- 8 May Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 9 May Ascension Day.
- 12 May Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 13 May Mathias the Apostle.
- 15 May Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Parish Room – 12noon > 2.00pm.
- 18 May Bouth W I Spring Walk & Cream Tea from Village Hall @ 1.00pm.
- 19 May Pentecost/Whit Sunday – Holy Communion – 11.15am. – **Bring CA Boxes.**
- 20 May PCC – Church Hall – 7.30pm.
- 26 May Trinity Sunday/Patronal Festival – Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 28 May Sparkbridge & Lowick W I – venue and time as usual.
- 2 June Jubilee Service – 9.30am.
- 4 June Valley Jubilee Celebration – Whitestock Meadow – 1.00pm.
Bouth Jubilee Supper – Village Hall – 6.45 for 7.00pm.



There is a rumour that the dates and times are made up by the editor, which is partly true. If anyone wants a mention and you need to be brave, please let the editor know with date, time and venue, as it does help. Many thanks and thanks also to all the contributors who, this month, for the first time in living memory, got their pieces in, in on time.

Donald.

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY	COLTON	SATTERTHWAITE	RUSLAND
1st	9.30 am Family Service	11.15 am Morning Prayer (BCP)	2.30 pm Holy Communion (BCP)
2nd	9.30 am Holy Communion (+)	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	11.15 am Family Service
3rd	11.15 am Holy Communion (+)	9.30 am Holy Communion (+)	2.30 pm Holy Communion (BCP)
4th	11.15 am Holy Communion (+)	6.00 pm Holy Communion (+)	9.30 am Family Communion
5th	9.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)	See Church Notice Boards	

(BCP) - Book of Common Prayer 1662

(+) - Order One Traditional

Other services will be announced as appropriate

A very warm welcome to all

Doreen. Harrison. Priest-in-Charge