



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

As we approach summer and whatever weather it may bring to the holidays, it is not easy in this lovely and peaceful place to imagine the grim reality of war in former Yugoslavia; even the pictures on television and in the press seem echoes of 'unhappy far-off things' **until** we begin to contemplate the plight of the families who, but for the course of human history, might be ourselves.

Wars are a sad reminder of our frailty, and civil war is saddest of all. Some of you know from holidays, or service in World War II, the landscapes, the ancient towns and remote villages involved and can relate to the destruction of communities. As in Ireland too, may peace come soon, and may it be a **real and lasting peace**.

Christian teaching reminds us that wars begin in the hearts of men, and it is there that peace must begin too. Even within families and with neighbours 'over the garden wall' a few thoughtless words or a silly deed can so easily lead to feuds which can last for months or years (until no one remembers the original cause!)

In their pastoral letters the apostles urge us to live at peace with all men (in so far as is within our power) and Christ reminds us to 'agree with our adversary quickly' in case it is oneself who is in the wrong!

It is no wonder that images of **Heaven** are found in peaceful scenes, or that music, art, poetry and the language of prayer fill us with a longing for the peace which is God's will for this world.

May we all work for peace on earth, and may the peace of God rest upon your home and within your heart now and always.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doreen Harrison".

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



CHURCH MATTERS

We are fortunate in Colton in having a Church memorable for its peace and tranquillity rather than ornate beauty but even here the reality of life impinges on our rural haven. Buildings have to be maintained clergy, although not ours, have to be paid and money has to be found for the whole structure of the Church of England.

We have to pay what is known as a Quota to the Diocese and this is dictated by the Diocesan Board of Finance, recently decried as men in grey suits out of touch with parishes. Some parishes have trouble in finding the money and we in the Windermere Deanery have asked some pointed questions only to receive what can best be described as a polite brush off.

The Deanery Synod will persist and at the same time see if we can be a little more christian amongst ourselves and help each other. Money was the main subject of debate at the last Synod when the 'Communications Officer' from Carlisle came to enlighten us. He bore all the hallmarks of a priestly spin doctor and the Synod was not amused. It is doubtful that this story will have a happy ending but we will keep you informed.

The meeting was tinged with a little sadness with announcement of the

retirement of our charming Archdeacon who will be sorely missed. Apart from anything else he listened and always tried to help whenever he could; his sermons were concise and to the point. Also to retire is Mrs Mary Quine who has been the lay chairman for the last six years with similar firm charm as the Archdeacon; she will however continue on the Synod.

There was also a P C C meeting which dealt, in the main, with practical matters concerning maintenance and the like. There are some troublesome sycamore trees by the north boundary wall which need removing and we are to go ahead with the panic buttons and tower siren. Anyone using the church on their own and who has any doubts, contact our Parish Priest or a churchwarden.

Much discussion on access and the P C C are investigating a proposal to provide another access gate from the road by the northwest corner of the tower. Because of the levels it is impossible to have a ramp so it is suggested we have long steps with short risers, a hand rail and an automatic light. The path to the church will firm and environmentally friendly. Some kind of waterbound macadam which is the form of construction of all the old Lake District roads beneath the blacktop and surface dressing to which we have today.

According to our sages there used to be a gate in the wall from the churchyard into the field and it was considered useful to reinstate it. The church hall is not a vision of delight and has a very low priority for funds but some repair work is to take place which will be a minor improvement and at least it's a start.

There is not a closed shop in suggesting improvements to our buildings and churchyard so if any parishioner has any ideas please, please contact our Parish Priest or any member of the P C C.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Annual Soup & Cheese lunch was a huge success; people came, eat and with a little hustling, gave. The sum to-date amounts to a magnificent £820. Our thanks are due to Christine Dobson and her team and also to the generous customers.

A newspaper report states 'the Pope was recognised as the overall authority in the christian world by an Anglican and Roman Catholic commission'.

Lambeth Palace issued a statement - which is not binding - accepting that if a new united Church was created it would be the Bishop of Rome who would exercise a universal primacy. The 'clap happy' lot are not going to be very happy at this news. Neither it seems are Catholic traditionalists.

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FLOWER ROTA

6	June	Mrs D Puddy
13	June	Wedding
20	June	Wedding
27	June	Mrs M Campbell
4	July	Mrs M Campbell

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*For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth, and the time of the
singing birds is come.*

'Song of Solomon'

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MOTHERS UNION

Our small branch proudly hosted the Deanery Annual Festival at Colton when our church was much admired. Thanks must go to Wendy Smith & Sally Pirnie for the beautiful flowers that enhanced it. The Evensong was much enjoyed with hearty singing; the Archdeacon, who stepped in at short notice to give the address had everyone wishing to visit Italy. The Windermere Banner will now have pride of place in Colton for the next twelve months.

At the May meeting our Parish Priest, Doreen, was also a late replacement, as the speaker had had a call to go into hospital. After some electric sleuthing and fuse swapping we were treated to lovely slides of churches in the north west. We held our AGM whilst taking tea; Treasurer, Mrs Jenny Askew stepped down after an over long time in the post and was thanked for all her hard work. She will be replaced by Mrs Julia Crowe but the remaining officers are unchanged. The meeting was asked to consider changing some of our gatherings to evenings in the hope of attracting new members. If this appeals please let us know - **we can be flexible**. We have invited our Link Branch at Rampside to join us on the trip to Leighton Hall on 15 June - anyone is welcome to join us.

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CHRISTIAN AID

Shortly after page 4 was typed and printed a note was received from Mrs Chistine Dobson: "... the room was packed, as people enjoyed their choice of seven home made soups with rolls and a selection of cheeses. The well stocked plant stall alone raised £300 and the cake stall had a splendid array of home baked cakes (ed. including 2 from Bonzo).

Radio Cumbria announced the event and a number of people came as a result. Thanks are due to all who contributed so generously and above all to the team of helpers who worked so valiantly. Thanks to one and all".

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It was good to see Jim Teasedale at the lunch looking a touch pale but in good heart, voice and appetite; it was also good to see Tizzie. Not so good news of Cynthia Burns who is suffering more than somewhat with a poorly leg; it is not, as suggested, through kicking Jack but it might be used, when better, on this poor editor if he doesn't behave. We wish them both a good recovery.

Welcome to Baby Lois Barton who is home in Bouth and welcome back to mum, Kath. A happy ending for which we all give thanks.

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our open May meeting Mrs Sarah Bentley gave a very instructive talk on the life and habits of Red Squirrels whose numbers continue to reduce. Cumbria is one of the last havens but the Greys are encroaching from the south.

The problem for the Reds is their eating habits which make it difficult for them to survive; in particular they need much more land per animal than the Greys and they also fare better in conifer woodlands.

It is unfortunate that the best way of protecting them is to control the numbers of Greys. There is a Red Squirrel Alert Programme based at Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Brockhole and should anyone sight a squirrel of either colour please contact Sarah Bentley Tel: 015394 48280 Fax: 015394 48281.

The day of our May Spring walk was overcast but warm and over eighty intrepid souls of all ages set out to enjoy the delights of this special part of South Cumbria. It seems that more returned and the cream teas, provided by the members disappeared somewhat rapidly down hungry throats.

The occasion whilst enjoyable to all involved has a serious side and the 'profits' will go a long way to help the branch to survive another year. A few more members (younger?) would help.

The next meeting will be held on 9 June when Mrs Hilary Godfrey, an Organiser of Carers will give a talk, presumably on Carers. But who cares for the carers?

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

A 135 ladies packed into Greenodd Village Hall for the Sparkbridge & Lowick W.I.'s open promotional evening on the 27th. April to hear Mrs Joyce Yates from 'Billington's Unrefined Sugars'. Mrs Yates gave a very humorous and educational insight into the pro's of unrefined sugars and the con's of refined sugar.

We heard how the sugar on the supermarket shelves differ, and of their nutritional value. After tea and home-made biscuits everyone went home with a goody bag containing a bag of sugar and numerous recipes, courtesy of 'Billingtons'. There were a large number of lucky raffle winners.

Mrs Campbell won the competition, 'A dish of Rum Butter', with Mrs Philips coming a close second. May is our 55th. birthday and we intend to mark this occasion with a 'Jacobs Join' Picnic (weather permitting) at Lowick.

The speaker on 22 June will be Eileen Kirby who will be showing us how to become Creative Photographers.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Not surprisngly there is little news from our schools this month as they are steeped in exams, at all levels. The row over the so called 'Fair Funding' rumbles on its political way; thankfully the three schools in our area are not too badly affected this year but the future is uncertain.

Some time ago we reported on the success of Adult Education at Cartmel which is still going from strength to strength. So much so that it is able to fund a new Computer Suite which will also be available to the school.

A reminder that the Leven Valley School play will be held on the evenings of the 17th. and 18th. of June.

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A Prayer of Devotion

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublesome life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINALLY

THANK GOD FOR LAUGHTER

Thank God for laughter, and thank God for mirth;
He didn't forget them when He made the earth.
Look at Creation; God's Nature can joke;
See a goose waddling; or hear a frog croak

Thank God for laughter, and thank God for wit;
Pure, clean and simple, it's always a hit:
Just see the bright side, and laugh off the drear -
For laughter is holy, and God likes to hear.

Thank God for laughter, and thank God for fun;
Thank God for talent, in making a pun;
God wants us happy, not deep in blues;
So He gave us laughter and things to amuse.

Ivy Rawkins Jeffers



CLAIMING DATES

- 30 May Trinity Sunday - Colton Patronal Festival - Mattins - 9.30am.
- 31 May Spring Bank Holiday
- 6 June Family Service - 9.30am. - Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 9 June Bouth W.I. - CARERS - 7.15pm. - Village Hall.
- 11 June St. Barnabas
- 13 June Holy Communion - 9.30am.
- 15 June M.U. Outing - Leighton Hall
- 17 June Leven Valley School Play - also on the evening of the 18th.
- 20 June Holy Communion - 11.15am.
- 22 June Sparkbridge & Lowick W.I. - Creative Photography.
- 27 June Holy Comunion - 11.15am.
- 29 June St. Peter

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CHURCH GARDEN FÊTE

To be held on 17 July but help will be needed on the Thursday for putting up the Marquee and humping tables and chairs. Young help would be more than appreciated. Don't forget Raffle and Tombola prizes - if in doubt contact Judy Redhead - Tel: 01229 861 238. Turn up and spend your money on the day!

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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. Parish Priest