



PARISH NEWS

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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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March 2001

Dear friends

I write this in mid-March in the midst of this dreadful plague of foot and mouth disease. Few of us are unable to feel the anxiety and hurt of our farming community. Those who live in rural parishes can identify with farmers and others whose livelihoods are affected by this scourge.

In towns and cities there are many who seem to have forgotten the source of their daily bread (and meat) Supermarket packaging is far removed from the flocks and herds in our fields. Some resent the controls that restrict their 'right' to roam, and we are reminded that a population of country dwellers in 1801 is now a population of townsmen in 2001.

Does it take this tragic loss of animal life to make us recognise the interdependence of town and country? If the farms fall silent, what is there worth coming to see?

So, where does GOD come in to all this? The answer is all, through and everywhere; this planet and our little parishes are all part of His mighty plan of Creation begun long ago and continuing through the wonder of evolution and the humble co-operation of Man. We are the stewards of all He has made, not careless 'owners' of throwaway possessions.

The church has a poor record in its treatment of animal life, in spite of St. Francis! Only in the last century has Christianity recognised our responsibility for God's creatures; from wild life to farm animals and our companion pets at home. If any good can come of this terrible situation it may be a better understanding of the living landscape.

We can help by supporting our farmers and their families and those others whose related activities are ruined. We can remind them that we care by telephone, letters or E-mail. Some could offer help with errands to town and ALL of us can learn more about farm life.

We must never cease to pray for ALL concerned. 'So may the earth yield its harvest' the reward of honest toil. God bless the farms and bless the folk and bless you all.

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest



CHURCH MATTERS

In these quiet sombre times many meetings, groups and gatherings have been cancelled and Holy Trinity, being as it is, in the middle of a farmyard, has transferred its services to Rusland, for the time being. Nothing however is sure and should circumstances change so could that arrangement. Our Parish Priest is very much aware of the situation and is up to date with the latest information.

As always, she is doing a great job and is putting up posters throughout the parish indicating where and at what time the next Sunday service will be held. Do your bit and watch out!

One advantage of the current position is that Rusland are a touch more generous with the heat in church, a statement that will do doubt result in our treasurer thrusting an envelope in to this poor editor's hand for an extra donation to church funds.

The lovely Joanna, our trainee Reader preached her first sermon recently and despite her initial nervousness was brilliant – well done! This will be the first of many and in wishing Joanna well we have to remind her that she has set herself a high standard.

The future ministry of our church grinds slowly on and the latest is that the Churchwardens met the Archdeacon and exchanged views. The views of the Wardens may not of course be your views, so please speak up. The Parish Priest, the PCC and the Wardens may represent you but the important people are you the parishioners and it is your opinions that are important.

The Deanery Review is in similar state but now all the parishes have been finally visited a version for parishes should be available 'shortly' but don't hold your breath. It was an interesting exercise and without surprises; two matters were common to all in that nobody liked the manner in which the Parish Share was calculated and nobody really understood the purpose of the Deanery. Unlike Government and one would suspect Diocesan Reviews, at least it did not cost anything.

We say again that we are lucky to have such good music in our CHURCH AND we are, or should be, grateful to our organists and choir. If you have been awake you will have noticed the introduction on 'new' hymns and tunes and no doubt some of you will grumble but we cannot stay forever in the nineteenth century or earlier. So get with it and acknowledge it is the 21st. Century, now, and that little but important word – progress.

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COFFEE ROTA

1 April Mrs Sue Dean + Helper

6 May Mrs Sue Smith & Mrs Hilary Brooks

MOTHERS UNION

We spent an enjoyable afternoon again with the Leven Valley group at their February meeting when Keith Buckley spoke about his Faith & Work.

Leven Valley joined us for our meeting in Bouth in March when the Rev. Hague talked about his time in India, which everyone found most interesting. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 April at 7.30pm. in Rusland Parish Room when Canon Ellis will be speaking about the 'Easter Experience'.

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FLOWER ROTA

1 April Lent

8 April Lent

15 April Easter Day

22 April Easter Flowers

29 April Easter Flowers



CHRISTIAN AID

So far so good, the Christian Aid Luncheon is still on and will be held on Wednesday 16 May in Rusland Parish Rooms - 12 noon to 2.00pm. As usual raffle prizes will be required. If perchance the luncheon has to be cancelled then do not grieve as we are assured the committee will find an alternative way to lighten your pockets!

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“ We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

‘Anon’

PRAYERS FROM LAMBETH PALACE FOR USE IN THE PRESENT CRISIS.

‘Eternal God, our loving Creator, look with compassion on those whose life’s work is in ashes and all who are caught up in the crisis affecting our farming communities. Give grace and wisdom to all who carry heavy burdens of responsibility: those who have to slaughter and dispose of affected animals; those who administer the necessary system of controls; those deciding the government policy. And in your mercy grant that our countryside may soon be free from this disease and turmoil, that all your creatures may flourish, families and communities be at peace, and free all to enjoy the beauty of your creation. We ask this in the name of the great Shepherd of the sheep, Jesus Christ our Saviour.’

‘Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, we praise you for the beauty and fertility of the earth. We praise you also for its complexity and mystery before which we bow in wonder and awe.

Hear our prayers for all upon whom we depend for the production and provision of our food, for the management of the countryside and husbanding of its resources.

To those who are suffering in the present crisis, bring comfort and hope; to those entrusted with the decision making that effects others’ lives, give wisdom and discernment; to your church in its ministry to all, grant a watchful eye, a loving heart and a prophetic voice in the service of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.’

‘God of light and love, visit this land with your healing power; in your compassion restore wholeness in communities blighted by disease, destruction and the loss of hope; have mercy on your whole creation, and guide us to wise stewardship of your beautiful world, that all your creatures may live in peace and health. We ask this in the name of him who in whom all things are made new, Jesus Christ our Lord.’

Amen.



PARISH NEWS

For the most part there is not any and if there is nobody has told us. We can however celebrate the baptism of Jack Barton son of Kath and Nigel of Bouth.

Welcome home Hilary and Noel Brooks after their sojourn in Australia, it’s good to have them back. Whether they feel the same is another matter as Hilary has had an important birthday she would rather forget and Noel prefers the sun without the frost. C’est la vie!

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The open meeting in March was enthralled by their 'virtual' journey along the Lancaster Canal. John Acres & Chris Oxborrow graphically described the history and construction of the canal before explaining the proposals for the re-opening of the closed section from the motorway to Kendal. This will necessitate crossing the M6 and the river Ribble with a winding hole in Kendal.

It's back to reality next month when on 11 April Sarah Anderson will give a talk on upholstery, in Bouth Village Hall.

The line dancing has clearly inspired some action and Callisthenics (?) class is to be introduced. The first is to be on Tuesday 3 April, 7.30 to 8.30pm at a cost of £2 and the tutor will be the delightful Jackie Thwaites.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

A very enjoyable Hot Pot Supper at the Farmers Arms was nicely rounded off by a very interesting talk by the Head of Care from Bleasdale School, Silverdale. This school is the only one in the country, which cares for severely handicapped children on a residential basis. The work and care that this school gives seems to inspire phenomenal happiness in both the carers and the cared for.

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CRIME WATCH

Crime, what crime? PC John Baldwin tells us we have been virtually crime free this month and much of his efforts have been concerned with the Foot & Mouth outbreak.

He asks that everybody adhere to the various restrictions applying to footpaths and within the National Park, to avoid any possible spread of infection.

Keep calling @ Ulverston, 01229 583 111 or Crime stoppers, 0800 555 111 (free)



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The Headteacher, David Ingram is putting away his chalk and hanging up his gown to embark on a voyage of discovery to see whether the grass really is greener in the country of retirement. David has been at the school for 18 years, 11 of which as head. He has guided the school through the choppy waters of changing to Grant Maintained status and more recently to the uncertainties of Voluntary Aided status.

Throughout this time the school has grown in strength and has achieved improved academic and sporting standards year on year, but enough is enough. His wife Ann is also retiring. We wish them both well in their new life.

It's change all round as Paul Beech, modern languages, is off to better things and Malcolm Walker, history, has had enough of teaching and is returning to Swindon obviously not believing that anything must be better than Swindon. Jenny Weir, Head of humanities wants to step down and just teach. We wish them all well and hope that they will be happy in their new roles.

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SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

As elsewhere most out of school activities have been cancelled but fortunately the children were able to attend the ship launch in Barrow and saw Princess Anne naming 'Albion'.

It is all very sad but that is it.

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CANCELLATIONS

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND SCHOOL

The Beetle Drive and Bingo, which was to be held on 24 March, was cancelled.

BOUTH W I.

The Spring May Walk and Cream Tea is cancelled.

A GRACIOUS INVITATION

Come join ME in Gethsemane
And stay awake awhile;
And pray, and tremble as we wait
For Judas, full of guile.

Come, stand by ME in Pilate's hall
While crafty priests look on.
And glance around for MY close friends,
And sigh that they are gone.

Come, march with ME to Calvary
As pitying Woman wails.
Simon Cyrene shares MY load:
Strong timber, built for nails.

Come, stand beneath MY cross, My friend
And hear the mocker's cry;
And look around as darkness falls
And Earth mourns, when I die.

Come, watch beside the garden tomb;
MY sacrifice complete.
As guards bemoan their gloomy task
While Death's calm sleep is sweet.

Come, rise with ME on Easter morn;
Make haste to tell the truth.
A glorious Gospel "Life is won
For all" both age and youth.

Come, follow ME on your life's way,
With all folk far and near;
And be co-workers with your LORD
Rejoice, for Easter's here.

I have been told to say that this lovely poem is anonymous but it isn't - guess!

DIARY DATES

- 1 April Passion Sunday. Family Service – 9.30am. Coffee afterwards.
- 3 April Mothers Union – Rusland Parish Rooms – 7.30pm.
Callisthenics – Bouth Village Hall – 7.30pm.
- 8 April Palm Sunday – Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 11 April Bouth W.I. – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 12 April Maundy Thursday.
- 13 April Good Friday – Devotional Hour – 2.00 <> 3.00pm.
- 14 April Decorating the Church – 10.00am.
- 15 April Easter Sunday.
- 21 April Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
- 23 April St. George.
- 25 April St. Mark.
- 29 April Morning Prayer – 9.30am.



Please check carefully all dates, venues and whether the actual event is being held.



“The Bird of Time has but a little way
To fly – and Lo! The Bird is on the Wing. . . .”

Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.

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