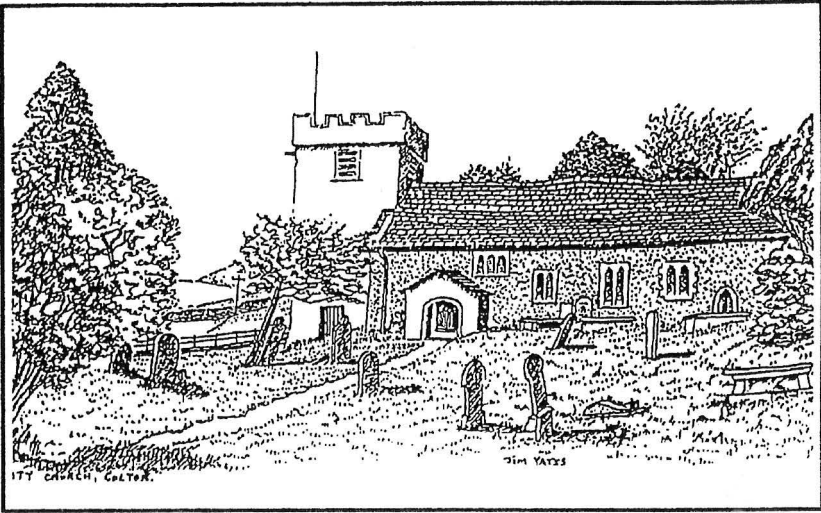




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY 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

CLAIMING DATES

- 3 July St. Thomas
- 6 July Family Service - 9.30 am.
Sparkbridge Village Hall - Car Treasure Trail
Praise on the Lake - Bowness Pier - 6.00/6.30 pm.
- 9 July Bouth W I - Modern Medicine - Old Remedies - 7.15 pm.
- 10 July Deanery Synod at Colton - 7.00/7.30 pm.
WORKING PARTY - Garden Fete
- 12 July GARDEN FETE - Old Vicarage - 2.00 pm.
- 13 July Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
- 20 July Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 22 July St. Mary Magdelene
- 25 July St. James the Apostle
- 27 July Holy Communion - 11.15 am.

AUGUST SERVICES as shown on the back page

- 7 August P C C meeting - 7.30 pm.
- 13 August Bouth W I - 'The real Uganda' - 7.15 pm.

" A great deal of what we see depends on what we are looking for. "
Anon.

THE PASTORAL LETTER

June 1997

Dear Friends

The old song says " summertime and the living is easy " - but is it ? Life often seems to become livelier and livelier, even hectic. The Church itself is not immune from this busy - ness, and we are encouraged into new projects and 'happenings' - this year being the "Year of the Pilgrimage".

Well, of course, we are ALL on a pilgrimage through life; sometimes placid, often *too* exciting. Do you sometimes want to say "Stop the world, I want to get off" ! Do you ever look at the pile of jobs to be done and think "I like work , I could sit and look at it all day, but don't ask me to get on with it " !

If so, think of the words of Jesus "Come aside and REST for a while". Try *retreating* from the hassle and , by resting, get yourself ready to throw yourself into it with renewed ZEAL and ZEST . H O W ?

You *could* go on holiday to somewhere expensive; you might visit a health farm; you could sit on a tropical beach or do a tourist round of famous places; or even fling yourself into a new and untried sport, but *would it work* ? Even theme parks and luxury hotels can become tedious, or at least 'so they say'.

Why not try a **do it yourself retreat** ? Starting at home , one can watch the birds or fish, weed the garden or mow the lawn (it never stays mown!) Read a relaxing book, maybe a Whodunnit, or better still begin writing your own life story (now that would be thriller !)

Get a mouth-organ (call it a harmonica if you must) or even bagpipes; learn to play your favourite tunes, someone may even recognise them. Paint a picture or paint the kitchen (both are good for relaxation AND quiet thinking)

Write a poem or a list of jobs you *don't* need to do for a long while (that's very comforting). Meet friends or *AVOID* meeting them, both are just as necessary for us all, at times. Some times just do *nothing*. Reverse the usual advice "Don't just *do* something , sit there". Yes, it is sometimes in *stopping*

ourselves in quietness of heart and mind that we find new strength.

This peace is *God's gift to you and me*; and it really does "pass all understanding". Remember that you are God's child and like any good parent He can carry you when the world has wearied you. Be still and know that He is God; no doubt He can go on running the world as He always does without you worrying about doing it for Him!

For a while, leave it in His hands and 'let God be God'.

Enjoy this letter too in the light hearted spirit in which I have written it, but be quietly comforted by the deeper message within.

Christ's words are for YOU ; "Come to me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest". In quietness, in retreat from the pressures of daily living we can *draw nearer to God*. Silence can lead into prayer whether we frame prayer into words or let God 'speak' to us by being patiently attentive to Him.

Setting aside some *time* is the key : to relax by enjoying some recreational activity, or by doing nothing (which can be just as positive , and is 'spending time with God' !

Whether you rest energetically or let the world go by or whether you play games or play the harp or whether you sit and think or just *sit* , MAY THE PEACE OF GOD KEEP YOUR HEART AND MIND NOW AND ALWAYS.

Yours sincerely,

Doreen Harrison (Curate)

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"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure
is trying to please everybody"

Bill Cosby

CHURCH AFFAIRS

The Deanery Synod next meeting is to be held at Colton but as it is not until 10 July all those interested in such affairs will have to wait two months (no magazine next month) to hear what momentous decisions have been reached.

The Synod is normally a very quiet affair, though usually interesting, but the next session promises to be lively as the 'Deanery Review Working Party' is due to present its report. Proposed change does wonderful things to most people's normally inactive vocal chords. Parishioners are welcome:

The Colton Parochial Church Council has however had a meeting at which the 'deliberate' mistake in our last issue was mentioned. To put everybody's mind at rest there is no such date as 31 June, as if you didn't already know.

The main business was the usual hum drum housekeeping but some items of note are that essential electrical works in both the church and the hall are to be carried out in the summer. A heater is to be provided for the organists and as those of you who attend services will know the water pipe from the tank in the fell is being replaced. There was talk of a filter so that the water could be drunk.

The offending trees in the church yard have been cut down and we are all grateful, once again, to Mike Thwaites who has worked hard and brought about a much needed improvement to the paths.

Our Worship was discussed and Doreen asked that should any one have any views on style or detail would they please let her know. It is your Church !

Questions were asked about the magazine , such as. what is its purpose? Is it for example for a) information or b) to spread God's word or is a combination of both or something else and should it be free. If free should we ask for donations and should it go to every house in the parish. Please, please comment; the PCC cannot operate in a vacuum.

"If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly."

Shakespeare.

Future dates for your diary :-

14 September Visit of the Bishop to Colton

3 October 'Farmer's' Harvest Service

5 October Harvest Festival

***** 12 July **GARDEN FETE** *****

We have said before that an awful lot of work goes on behind the scenes and in this case we thank Jane Johnson for her work in making and her gift of a weekday Altar cloth. That is the plain one that covers the Altar when the fancy ones go back in box which the other half of the Johnson family (Bonzo) made. But then he has little else to do.

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PARISH NEWS

We were sorry to hear of the problems that Ronnie Meins is suffering with his eye. He has had an operation which we are told was successful and we wish him well for the future.

Everyone has been shocked and saddened by the news of Jack Croasdale's very serious illness ; all our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family at this time.

Wayne Young has now returned home and is reported to be his old cheery self. He has however to go back to hospital for a bone graft to his arm. Happily Ian Young after years of suffering with his back has had a successful operation and is now at home.

On a joyful note Anne Marie Campbell, daughter of Margaret our PCC secretary, got married on 14 June to Graeme Greeves . We wish the happy couple a good, long and fruitful marriage.

Continuing our joyful theme, congratulations to Sue and Gary Steel on the early arrival of Samuel, little brother to Jack and second grandson for Alma Pennington. Also congratulations to Debbie Moore and Paul Bennet of Owl Corner, Burn Knott, Bouth, on the birth of their son, Jamie Paul on 27 May.

A very big thank you to the intrepid work party who cleared the Boiler room and Bell tower in readiness for some plastering. A dirty messy job but done in high good humour, we hear.

Whilst on the subject of work parties please remember we need a gathering of STRONG people on Thursday 10 July at 6.30 pm. at Whitestock Barn for Marquee, table and trestle duty for the FETE. And anything else Mrs Redhead can throw your way. jr

It has been suggested that Bouth does not exist but fortunately Cumbria County Council know better and through their Neighbourhood Services system have allocated a much needed £1000 for the replacement of the broken down outdated small tables and chairs in the Village Hall. There is to be an AGM in the near future when it is hoped that our local elected representative will make an official presentation of the cheque.

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'would you tell me please, which way I ought to go from here?', said Alice.

'that depends a good deal on where you want to get to', said the Cat.

'I don't much care where....', said Alice.

'Then it doesn't much matter which way you go', said the Cat.

Lewis Carroll.

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MOTHER UNION

The visit to the Boat Museum at Barrow was thoroughly enjoyed and attended by six of our members. We were lucky with the weather which was warm and sunny.

The next meeting of the Mothers Union will be held on 3 September when there will be a Service at Colton Parish Church at 2.30 pm.

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By its very nature the Mothers Union is a caring organisation and Colton Church is extremely grateful for the generous donation of books to the church library. Thank you!

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FLOWER ROTA

6	July	Mrs C Cooper
13	July	Mrs P McIver
20	July	Mrs P McIver
27	July	Mrs P Parkin
3	August	Mrs P Parkin
10	August	Mrs S Pirnie
17	August	Mrs S Pirnie
24	August	Mrs T Teasdale
31	August	Mrs T Teasdale

WOMENS INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

In June, there was a visit , the chaps were invited, to 'Underfield' to stroll round this hidden gem of a Lakeland garden. The party was accompanied by Jane and Robin Higham whose knowledgeable commentaries enhanced the evening.

The garden is open to visitors for a very modest fee which is donated to the British Diabetic Association. A visit not to be missed but if you want a treat go at the end of May when the Azaleas and Rhododendrons are at their best.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

The Vice-president welcomed VCO Mrs Willink who led the members through a lively discussion on the resolutions for the Triennial General Meeting. The delegate got firm instructions on how to vote.

The July meeting will be a trip out ending at the "Sawrey Bank Arms"

SCHOOL NEWS

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

The Juniors had glorious weather for their week at Rydal . Lots of fell walking and outdoor activities. The highlight of every day was a dip in the splash pool under an icy Lakeland Waterfall (perish the thought).

Many thanks to Mr Wilson and the students for looking after them.

The summer fayre was less fortunate but after a thunderous downpour the sun returned and everybody enjoyed a good time

The children's topic this term "Ancient Egypt"

At the end of term we say farewell to the following pupils :-

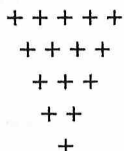
Anna Adams to Giggleswick, Sarah Jackson & Nicola Harley to UVWS Amy Posstlethwaite & Philip Baxter to Coniston. We wish them all success and happiness in their new school.

Children's Society

Wendy Smith tells us that £147-90 has been sent to the Children's Society for the half year up to the end of April. A big thank you to everyone who supported this cause



VICARAGE



The Church of England is interested in buying a house suitable for a 'Vicarage' !!

It should have three plus bedrooms, a garden and space for parking several cars and immediate or easy access to the road

If anyone is interested in selling such a property, please contact either the Curate, (Rev. D Harrison, Fox How, Ambleside) or the Archdeacon, (Ven. D T I Jenkins, tel: 015395 61281..



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.