



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY COLTON

Priest - in - Charge & Team Rector Designate Canon Stephen Pye

Parish Priest & Team Vicar Designate

Rev. Doreen Harrison
Fox How
Ambleside
LA22 9LL

Tel: 01539 43 30 21

Church Wardens

Mr J. Burns

01229 861426

Mr R.P.H.Johnson

01229 861437

Mr P.Smith

015395 31872

Honorary Secretary PCC

Mrs Margaret Campbell

01229 861327

Honorary Treasurer

Mr R.P.H.Johnson

01229 861437

Parish News Editor

Donald A. Wroe

01229 861275

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
Ambleside
LA12 9LL

November 2000

Dear Friends

Christmas New Year will soon be here again with the round of parties and presents. You already give generously to all kinds of charities including our Church efforts for the Children's Society at our carol services; many of you give hours of time and energy for voluntary work for your neighbours near and far.

For some, it is part of your daily work and in this way you are the gift of yourselves, more precious than money. As it is said 'It's the thought that counts.'

If you want to plunge with zest into Christmas and the future, why not consider offering something new of your time and talents to God and your neighbours? God does not fulfil His plans for the world in huge, spectacular and miraculous ways (or not often). He relies on the ordinary frail, busy folk, like you and me, to use the gifts He has given (and we have cultivated) to do His will.

To use a misquotation 'Don't ask what God can do for you, but what you can do for Him.' Also for other people and maybe for the Church too, which exists to do His work on earth in caring for all mankind.

At a local level this may mean offering a few hours now and then, or a shorter time regularly, so to give Him the best gift you can offer, **YOURSELF!**

If you are too busy, remember the saying ‘If you want a job doing ask a busy person’. Another equally true proverb is ‘better to wear out than to rust away’. Remember too the words of Jesus “Inasmuch as ye have done it for the least of these my brethren, ye have done it for me.” Your parish church can find you some ‘job’ which will enable you to use whatever skills and interests you have; whether on a regular basis or from ‘time to time’.

Best of all, you can feel needed and part of the fellowship which is your parish church and exists to serve the Lord and the community.

As we rejoice at Christmas in God’s great gift to us in sending His Son in showing us how to live, may God bless you and your efforts for Him wherever, and however you offer them.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



CHURCH MATTERS

It is all go this month with the publication of ‘Common Prayer’ causing angst in high places. Prince Charles was not much pleased and was well supported by the Prayer Book Society. His mama however gave her tacit approval and as his boss and the Lay head of our church that is that.

Your PCC approved the more traditional version of the Communion Service, which retains much of the majesty of Cranmer whose version kept some of the greatest beauty of Catholic devotion. It did not though stop Mary from burning him for heresy, which makes you, wonder what she would do to today's reforming Bishops.

The Diocesan Synod did its usual rubber-stamping job pausing just long enough to grumble at the budget before approving it. The Deanery Synod did a similar job but did appoint members to the Upper House.

The PCC on the other hand worked hard and long approving the use of the new Hymnal 'Common Praise' but keeping its option open by retaining the other three sets of hymn books. It set up a committee/group to look at what can be done to improve the Church Hall no doubt at minimum cost; we can't have you being too comfortable. The 'Suspension of the Benefice' is to continue but it means little as we do not have a Vicarage and as such will never have a Vicar. (An explanation would take too long but ask our Priest if you are interested.)

CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTINGLE

Will take place on Sunday 17 December at 4.30pm. There is not normally a morning service but as usual Doreen will be in church for any that wish communion. Midnight communion 24 December at 11.30pm. *Don't miss either.*

daw



FLOWER ROTA

Being Advent there isn't one, but with the kind permission of our Parish Priest, Doreen, the church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 16 December – 10.00am. onwards and as ever please come and help. It is even worth coming to stand and watch although it may not make you very popular.



“Strive with the wanderer from the better path,
Bearing thy message meekly, not in wrath;
Weep for the frail that err, the weak that fall;
Have thine own faith, but hope and pray for all.”

With thanks to Margaret Sanders

MOTHERS UNION

Due to a series of mishaps the November meeting of the Mothers Union was cancelled. This was to be the last meeting of our branch for this year so we are now joining the other branches of the Deanery for an Advent Service to be held on 7th. December at 2.00pm. in St. John's church, Flookburgh. Transport is being arranged for interested people.

On the 16th. January 2001 we are joining with our friends at Haverthwaite, which will be held in the Church Hall at 2.00pm. when Mrs Kath Wise will be talking on 'Criminal Court Counselling'. Again transport can be arranged for everyone; please let Margaret, Wendy or Julia know. mc



PARISH NEWS

It has been a sedate month with not a lot happening, if there was nobody has told your editor but what news there is, is good.

Congratulations to Kath and Nigel Barton on the birth of their second child, Jack who arrived on 14th. November weighing in at 7lbs 4ozs.

We have had a lovely note from Renè Phizacklea who returned home last month and is getting back to her ebullient self. Renè writes

'I can't even begin to say how kind everyone in the village has been in the last couple of weeks -you have all been terrific. I don't think I have missed receiving a card from anyone.

It has been a real boost for me – Thank you, every one!

It is truly wonderful to be home again and Neville, Bless him, has been a BRICK! As have Gill, the family and everybody. Lots of love. R.'

daw

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

November saw our A G M when the committee were all re-elected with the welcome addition of Mrs Debbie Perry. It will come as no surprise that the officers remain the same. President: Mrs E Cooper, Secretary: Mrs S Smith and Treasure: Mrs R Thornthwaite.

They were all thanked for their efforts during the past year and congratulated on the feeling of fun and friendship now prevailing and attracting new members.

Our speaker was Mrs Holden from the County Executive Committee except she didn't speak. Instead, the chairs were put back and we all 'danced' a reel – a sight to behold!

Monday is the day when we have a walk but this month our intrepid group went on a climb up the spiral staircase to the top of the Dalton Church tower, at the invitation of Mr. Walmsley our bell ringing speaker. We all took a turn at handling the bell rope with varying degrees of success.

When told to catch the 'sally' on the way down, one member missed and threw her arms round Mr. Walmsley, much to his surprise. To recover we retired to the Clarence House hotel for an excellent lunch.

In December we hold our Annual Christmas Party which will be held in the Village Hall on 13th.December at 7.00pm. Invitations will be issued. bmw



SPARKBRIDGE& LOWICK

Baskets were the topic of Owen Jones's talk at our last meeting. The history of basket making of different types, which are made in different parts of the world, has always been a fascination to Owen, who has taken up the ancient occupation of Swill making.

He brought some samples of baskets, which is a dying industry, from his collection, to show to members and he also demonstrated how he makes his swills. From choosing and cutting his wood, the shaping and weaving, to the finished article, members were shown how swills were made.

Owen then judged the Turnip Lantern competition, which was won by Margaret Campbell with Mrs Reeves coming second.

December is our holiday month but we are meeting at the 'Farmers' for a Christmas Dinner. Our next meeting is on 23rd. January at Lowick Sunday school when Mr. Burton will be talking about the work at Sandscale Hawes Reserve. mc



CARE TO HELP

CARE TO HELP ? – HELP TO CARE.

We are not, this time, begging for money, just suggesting that you may be prepared to give some of your Time & Talent towards helping with the many tasks that make your Church and its life a reflection of our Lord's love for us.

There is a list included in the magazine and we would like you to indicate, with a ✓, with which of the various tasks you would be willing to get involved. It would be of help if you could also put a tick against any activity with which you are already involved.

Put a x if it is not your thing or a? if you would like to know more before committing yourself.

Please return, by the end of January, the completed list to the church, to a member of the PCC or to whoever delivers your Parish News.

The Church Wardens



CROSSPATCH

“Crosspatch,
Draw the latch,
Sit by the fire and spin.
Take a cup
And drink it up,
And call your neighbours in.”

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The dreaded GCSE league tables are out and although the school did not quite reach last years high standards it did very well with 57% A – Cs which is well above the national average and well above the Cumbria LEA average.

The alterations and improvements to the technology store are completed which will now allow much needed improvements elsewhere in the school and a better use of the space available.

The only event in December is the end of term service at the Priory on 20th.December. School re-assembles on 8th.January. daw



SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

As usual this month is a litany of Christmas events but that apart it is good news that the children are now having swimming lessons at Ulverston.

- a) School Play Grizedale Theatre on Friday 8th December at 7.30pm. when we will be announcing the Menu Quiz. It is FREE so COME!
- b) Children's visit to Keswick Theatre to see 'Snow Queen' on 13th.December.
- c) School Party on 14th.December with his nibs Father Christmas; the big 'children' are invited afterwards for mince pies and carol singing at 3.00pm.
- d) PTA is holding a coffee morning at the Coronation Hall on Saturday 13th.January. Please come and spend!

The children, as always, will be doing their bit by visiting Hollow Oak and Colton House to sing carols.

Finally a big THANK YOU to all for supporting the school for as a small school we rely greatly on our local residents support. dw

This is the last contribution from Debbie Wilson who has sent your Editor a lovely note of thanks. Debbie, it is you who deserve the thanks. Donald

LEVEN VALLEY

Just three items this month: -

- 1) Kristkindle Market to be held in school on Sunday 3rd.December at 3.00pm.
By the time you read this it will probably be too late to organise a stall so go along and buy!
- 2) We extend an invitation to local elderly residents to join us in school on Friday 15th.December at 2.00pm. for a concert and tea party.
- 3) We are holding our Christmas assembly in St. Anne's church on Monday 18th.December.

jj



CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Where are you born today
O baby King?
What labours to give you life,
Her husband watchful by the stable door?

Which learned men
Fly across all the world
To bring you richest gifts?

What teeming pavement,
What muddy hovel,
Hears your newborn cries?

Who is the ruler, cruel and proud,
That sends his soldiers out
To fire and slay?

Which toilers in the ricefields
Or on bleak hillsides
Look up and hear an Angel's song?

Beyond the tinsel and the toys
The festive candy floss,
Look to a star above
And find the clarity of love.

Jean Sly

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid committee thank everyone in the three parishes who filled and returned their boxes. The total sum collected was £265.

Jr

CLAIMING DATES

- 3 December Advent Sunday – Family Service 9.30am. – Coffee afterwards.
Leven Valley School – Kristkindle Market – 3.00pm.
- 7 December M U Advent Service – Flookburgh – 2.00pm.
- 8 December S & R School Play – Grizedale – 7.30pm. – It's Free!
- 10 December Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 13 December Bouth W I – Christmas Party – Village Hall – 7.00pm.
S & R School visit to Keswick theatre.
- 14 December S & R School Party – Carol singing and mince pies – 3.00pm.
- 15 December Leven Valley School – Concert and Tea Party – 2.00pm.
- 17 December Carol Service and Christingle – 4.30pm.
- 18 December Leven Valley School – Church Assembly – St. Anne's, Haverthwaite.
Cartmel Priory School – End of term Service – Cartmel Priory.
- 24 December Holy Communion 11.15am. and Midnight – 11.30pm.
- 25 December ☩ Christ is Born ☩ otherwise known as Christmas Day.
- 26 December St. Stephen.
- 27 December St. John – Apostle & Evangelist.
- 28 December Holy Innocents
- 31 December Morning Prayer – 9.30am.
- 8 January Back to School.
- 13 January S & R School – PTA Coffee Morning – Coronation Hall.
- 16 January M U – St. Anne's Church Hall – Haverthwaite – 2.00pm.
- 23 January Satterthwaite & Lowick W I - Lowick Sunday School.

PARISH NEWS

Great relief all round as there will not be an issue in January but, if you haven't already paid your subscription of £3 please do it now. * Have a good New Year *

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