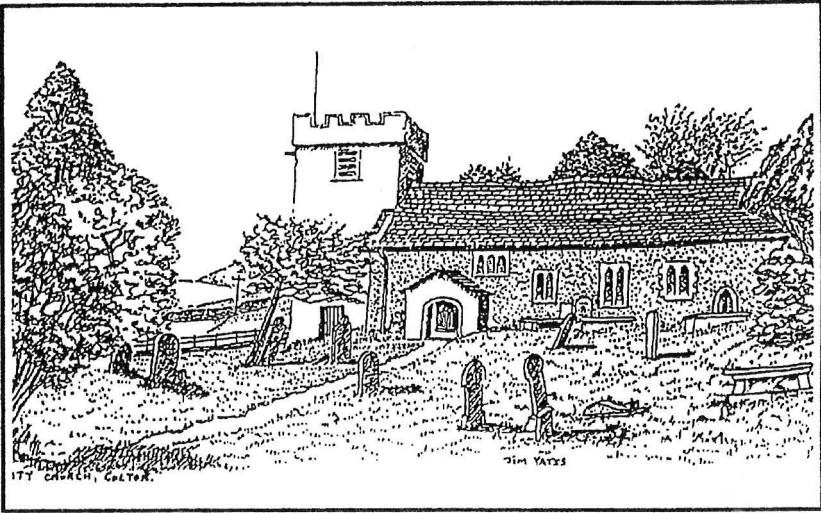




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

COLTON

HOLY TRINITY COLTON

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SERVICES

1st Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Family Service
2nd Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Holy Communion
5th Sunday in the month	9.45 am	Morning Prayer

SERVICES AND CLAIMING DATES

27 January	Deanery Synod, Windermere
28 January	Holy Communion 9.45 am
29 January	PCC Standing Committee
4 February	Family Service 9.45 am
5 February	Fellowship Group at Kennel Cottage 7.30 pm.
7 February	Mother's Union meeting at Bardsea 2.00 pm.
11 February	Holy Communion 9.45 am.
12 February	PCC Meeting, Church Hall, 7.30 pm.
14 February	Bouth W.I. Meeting, Bouth Village Hall 7.20 pm.
18 February	Holy Communion 9.45 am.
19 February to 23 February	Half term at Cartmel and Leven Valley Schools
21 February	Ash Wednesday
25 February	Holy Communion 9.45 am.
26 February	INSET Day at Cartmel and Leven Valley Schools
3 March	Family Service 9.45 am
6 March	Mother's Union Service at Colton Church
Wareham	Taken by Reverend Sheila

"The nature of God a circle of which the centre is everywhere and the circumference in nowhere"

Anon

FROM THE REV. SHEILA WAREHAM - JANUARY 1996

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone. The weather gave us some problems but these were overcome by the hard work of many people. Our thanks go to those who worked so hard to grit the road to church, guide nervous drivers to safety and keep the church warm in spite of our temperamental boiler. My personal thanks to all but I must also express a sincere thank you to Peter Smith for transporting me from Allithwaite to Colton and back for the 11.30 pm. Communion Service on Christmas Eve.

The true spirit of Christian Community shone forth over the Christmas Season. Now we move forward into another season - Lent, which begins at the end of the month.

At this time we are offered an opportunity to refresh and renew our love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We need to plan now so that we can use the time well. Please have a word with me if you would like some guidance in your preparation.

Every blessing

Sheila

CHRISTIAN HUMOUR

The Vicar had a good idea for the Children's Service. He asked the children to come the following Sunday with an article that would illustrate a passage from the Bible. He was a bit disappointed with the result for only three children responded. He brought them to the front of the church. One little girl was carrying a nightdress case in the shape of a lamb.

She said - "This reminds me that Jesus is the Lamb of God"

"Good" said the Vicar. "And what do you represent?" he asked another child who was standing with a lighted candle.

"This means that Jesus is the light of the world"

The third child, a small boy, puzzled him greatly. He was holding with both hands a rather large lollipop.

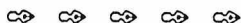
The boy said with a loud voice - "My text is "Hold fast to that which is good!



BOOKS AGAIN - RECENT ADDITIONS

Child of the Covenant - Michelle Guinness

Michelle Guinness was brought up to observe all the traditions and rituals of her Jewish culture. She is now the wife of the Vicar of St. Thomas' Lancaster. In this lively account she tells how she came face to face with the Messiah and had to make sense of being both Jewish and Christian.



A Little Kosher Seasoning - Michelle Guinness

To help Christians live out their faith the Jewish way, she includes recipes and prayers, meditations and suggestions for services.



More than meets the eye - Steve Chalke

Yes - the Steve of T.V. fame!

Boring? Irrelevant? or just good for a laugh?.....what do YOU make of Christianity?



FROM THE REGISTERS

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday 15th December

Mrs. F. Irving

AT THE CREMATORIUM

Wednesday 10th January

Mr. W. Burns

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PARISH NOTES

It is with sadness and regret that we note the passing of Billy Burns brother of Jack, on the 5th January. Billy was 72 and very well known in Bouth, where he had lived since 1938. He will be missed and our sympathies go out to Jack and Cynthia in their time of grief.

The Rev. John Ramsay died in December aged 93. he was the Vicar of Colton until the early sixties and together with his wife, were 'Friends of Colton'. He was much loved and respected. We send our sympathy to Mrs. Ramsay

Leonard Cowcill of Nibthwaite died peacefully at Hollow Oak Nursing Home aged 89. His wife died recently and when they were younger they used to accompany each other to their respective churches as he was a Methodist attending at Spark Bridge.

Our own Mr. T. Wren has been missing from his usual place by the Font. Over Christmas he caught a virus which insists on being persistent. We wish him well and hope to see him back 'on duty' sooner rather than later.

Winter always takes its toll and this year is no exception with many people layed low with a variety of coughs and sneezes. On a more serious note we are sorry to hear that Mrs. Minton of Bouth is rather ill in hospital and we wish her well in her fight for health.

Congratulations to Derek Tinsley who has gained a Ph.D. degree from Liverpool University.

We also congratulate Mathew Hind from Oxenpark who is now a fully-fledged Doctor at a London teaching hospital.

The period of time since the last magazine is always one of frantic activity. A Christmas fair was held in Bouth which gathered in £365 for much needed Church Funds. Thanks to the workers and those who spent their money.

The W.I. Party in Bouth Village Hall was a huge success, and again, thank you to the W.I. ladies and Mr. Minton for his wine.

The persuasive Roderick Smith enticed several members of the Ulverston Band to join, indeed lead, the intrepid Carol Singers on a frosty, snowy Christmas Eve on Bouth Village Green, Much thanks to the 'Band' whose fingers must have been close to falling off. £68, a record sum, was collected for the local Hospice.

Other events must have taken place other than in Bouth but if you don't tell us we can't print it. So to conclude the affairs in Bouth a very successful Age Concern Party was held in the White Hart on Saturday 13 January. We are indebted to Hosts, Kath and David, and those same ladies who seem to get everywhere.

After the Carol Service there was a festive gathering at 'Greenbank' Oxenpark at which a presentation was made to Christine Dobson in recognition of her tremendous contribution to our Church over more years than Christine probably cares to remember. Christine writes "if you are going to put in anything about the wonderful presentation to me will you please record my grateful thanks"She really is a lovely Lady! All our thanks are due to Zella Slater whose hard work and persistence, bordering on nagging, made the presentation possible.

After everyone had left the aforesaid gathering a beautiful lace handkerchief was found. If the owner would like it back please contact Bonzo.

We all have different visions of our God and in these Internet times one is that of a Divine computer with an infinite database.....but like all computers you only get out of it what you put in!!!!

The same thing is true of the Church Magazine - copy, as I believe it is called in more professional circles, is always needed and in fact is essential.

THE CHURCH AND CHANGES

At a recent Deanery Synod meeting a discussion was held on the subject of the Church and Changes and although there were no conclusions reached, the summary was on the lines of.....

'We all have likes and dislikes, some see worship as one to one, others as altogether. There is a need for traditional, changeable and even radical. There is no simple answer but whatever the answer, it is of prime importance to consider the needs of others and the Church.

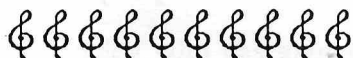
On the practicalities of public worship there were, we were told, three points to consider:-

- 1) That the condition of our Church is a reflection of the depth of our faith
- 2) The need to make our Church a welcoming experience, especially to visitors.
- 3) To take time at the end of the service to talk and not just to selective people but, again, especially to visitors.

On reflection Colton scores well but we can always do better.

We are lucky in this Parish that so many people quietly work hard on a wide variety of tasks. In the Church....in the Hall.....in the Church grounds and in the Parish generally. Thankyou!

On the not so quiet side we are fortunate to have a dedicated choir and organists whose valiant attempts to lead the not so musical rest of us are much appreciated. They were also appreciated at Colton House, where they sang carols prior to Christmas.



CARTMEL PRIORY AND LEVEN VALLEY SCHOOLS.

Schools are always busy places in and around the Christmas period but some unwanted activity took place at Cartmel where not one, but two mindless acts of vandalism in the form of arson took place. The effect has been devastating but, as always, the staff have been magnificent.

This at a school that achieved 100% of all pupils obtaining 5 or more grades A* - G in the 1995 G.C.S.E. results. A team of year 11 pupils won the trophy for a Public Speaking competition for local secondary schools organised by the Kendal Rotary Club.

Cartmel is a Grant Maintained School with a high academic and vocational profile offering both music and sport in a quietly disciplined atmosphere. It is, however, not as well supported as it should be.

Equally splendid is our junior counterpart Levens Valley which wishes us all A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. Activity over Christmas was more in keeping with the Season than at Cartmel.

The children enjoyed a party with conjurer and visited Lakeside YMCA to see a pantomime. The school had its biggest audience ever with more than 150 people attending two performances of the Christmas play 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. A generous £185 was raised for school funds.

A group of children visited Hollow Oak Nursing Home to sing carols and talk with the residents. Everyone was made welcome and fed with mince pies and warm drinks. A promise was made to return. The term finished with a Nativity Service in Church.

This term the school continues to be very busy working on projects about people's jobs, food and space.



Education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten'
B.F. Skinner



FLOWER ROTA

28 January	Sally Pirnie
4 February	
11 February	Mrs. May Lambert
18 February	
21 February	Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent



THE MOTHERS UNION

The Colton, Rusland and Satterthwaite Mothers Union will start the year by holding a service in Colton Church on Wednesday 6 March at 2.00 pm; the Service will be taken by the Rev. Sheila Wareham. Afterwards there will be light refreshments in the Church Hall.

All M.U. members are invited to join Bardsea M.U. on Wednesday 7 February at 2.00 pm. when the meeting is being taken by their Vicar, the Rev. Simon Rudkin. Anyone wishing to go please contact either Mrs. W. Smith or Mrs. J. Crowe and transport will be provided.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The next Fellowship meeting is to be held on Monday 5 February at 7.30 pm. at the home of Mrs. Christine Dobson, Kennel Cottage, Whitestock, Rusland.

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Brenda Patton has now taken over as President and Mrs. Sue Smith has taken over as Secretary. The Treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Wroe, remains unchanged.

The first meeting of the year was held on 10 January when the redoubtable Walter Lloyd spoke on the Appleby Horse Fair. The next meeting will be held on 14 February when the topic will be 'Lighting through the Ages'

COLTON CHURCH ON A SUMMER DAY

It lies among these gentle hills
Frequented by the few.
Safe, protected, hidden
From the marauder's view.

It has stood here solid on these rocks
Since days of Reformation.
When Henry broke the yoke of Rome
And England became a nation.

Small, safe and sturdy
Made from slate and stone
And within these whitewashed walls
Our sins we each atone.

The vista is of Coniston
Old Man fair and square
Of Dow Crag and Wetherlam
Seen through the shimmering air.

Draw night to God
The sign says over the door
The greatest hope for all of us
The same for rich and poor.

High upon the eastern wall
The Commandments written clear
Recited every Sunday
That we should hold them dear.

The plaques remind of people past
And those our Lord creates.
Of Rawlinsons and Robinsons
And Pennys and Postlethwaites.

My thoughts return to childhood
When time was in suspense.
Where all I knew was love and warmth
I feel it now - intense.

Bob Henson

