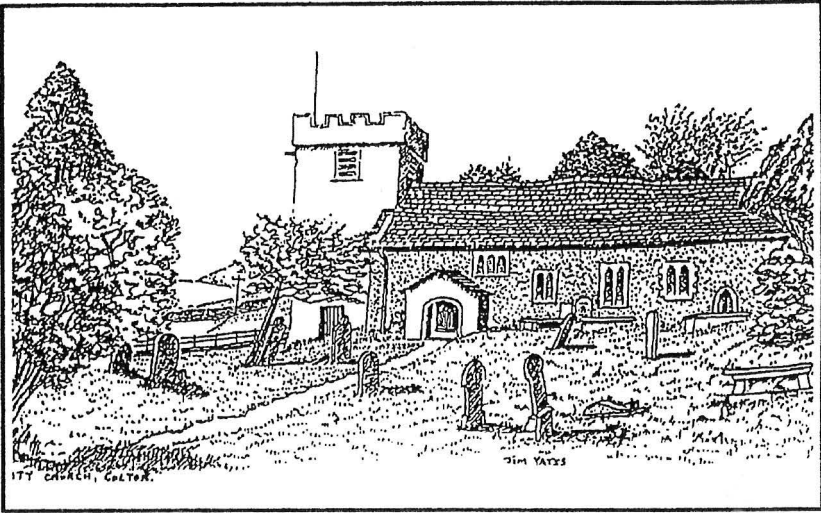




PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

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

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| 1 | April | LAST DAY FOR ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS
TO BE HANDED IN |
| 3 | April | Mother's Union joint gathering at Bardsea School |
| 4 | April | Maundy Thursday |
| 5 | April | Good Friday - Devotional Hour at 2.00 pm. |
| 7 | April | Easter Day. Eucharist 9.45 am. |
| 10 | April | Bouth W.I. Meeting - Mr. P. Howarth on 'Does and
Dont's in Gardening' - Bouth Village Hall 7.15pm. |
| 14 | April | Holy Communion. 9.45 am. |
| 15 | April | Church Annual General Meeting
Colton Church Hall 7.30 pm. |
| 21 | April | Holy Communion 9.45 am. |
| 23 | April | St. George's Day |
| 25 | April | St. Mark the Evangelist |
| 1 | May | Mother's Union at Satterthwaite Parish Room
The Rev. Sheila Wareham on the Work and Organization
of the Mother's Union. Also something new - an AGM |
| 15 | May | Christian Aid Annual Soup and Cheese Lunch - more
information next month |
| 6 | July | Annual Church Fete - same time - same venue |

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FROM THE REVEREND SHEILA WAREHAM

Dear Friends

The message of Easter is essentially twofold.

It is first an invitation to a personal commitment to the Living Christ; and secondly, a challenge to personal involvement in his on-going ministry in the world. Too often we have opted for one or the other instead of realising that they are not alternatives to be voted for but two halves of a single whole.

When an old Indian Chief was being told about the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, he asked, 'When did this all happen?'

'Nineteen hundred years ago' he was told.

'But', he replied, 'Why haven't you come to tell us sooner?'

Why, indeed? Surely because the truth of the Living Christ has not yet captivated our minds and captivated our hearts.

In one of the stories of David in the Old Testament there is an interesting little phrase in 1 Samuel 21 v.8 'the king's business requires haste'. The Christian Church sometimes forgets that!

Time is short. The world seems to be running down, the time of the Lord's return may be nearer than we think. This good news of Easter must be shared by all of us who have come to see it for ourselves and accepted for ourselves, with those who, as yet, are not aware of their need of a living Saviour.

The Cross is truly the only hope!

Every blessing

Sheila



CHRISTIAN HUMOUR

Vicar to parishioner: 'Did you like my sermon on 'The milk of human kindness?'

Parishioner" 'Yes, but I wish it had been condensed'



A child on the way home from school decided to call in on the Church and have a look around. When he arrived home he told his Grandmother he had been In God's house. 'Oh' said Grandma,'and did you see God?'. 'No'. replied the little boy,'but I saw his wife scrubbing the floor'.



FROM THE REGISTERS

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Elizabeth (Betty) Minton

19 February 1996



PARISH NOTES

The winter of our discontent continues and Spring, that showed so briefly her smiling face, was rudely pushed aside by yet more winter snow and our 'sick list' shows little sign of diminishing.

Eric Walker is rather poorly and is currently in Preston Royal Infirmary but hopes to be back in South Lakeland shortly. Ruth has asked that we express her thanks for the support she has received in, what for both of them, must be very trying times.

Eleanor and Don Worsley of Windermere, but frequent celebrants at Colton, are also having their share of trouble. Don has been in Furness Hospital having half-hourly treatment to his eyes and although he is now home, Eleanor is in Christie Hospital, Manchester, also for treatment. We send them all our love and good wishes for a return to good health.

On a more cheerful note it was good to see Tom Wren back in Church, he is not quite back to his old self but still managed a sharp word or two of advice to your editor. It was refreshing. Freda, his wife, is not fully recovered to full health but is progressing. We also send her our good wishes.

Mothering Day service was well attended and it was good to see so many children in church. Despite it also being a day of remembrance for the Dunblane tragedy, or perhaps because of it, it was a poignant service.

The reading of the poems written by the children was particularly touching. Small voices do not always carry, especially to those of us who are not so young; we have, therefore, printed two of these poems this month and will print the other three next month. Our thanks and congratulations to Sadie and Eleanor Lambert and to Bernard, Richard and Robert Walker. Well done!

Thanks, again, are also due to Cynthia Burns and Mrs. Croasdale for collecting the wild daffodils (with permission I hasten to add) and making them into such beautiful posies. But in this age of equality, why cannot the boys help in church with these flowers?

News, particularly good news, is a little scanty this month, but the final outcome of the Rummage Sale held in Bouth Village Hall looks good. Although we know the incomings we are not yet sure of the outgoings - but it would seem that the final 'profit' will not be much short of £80. The ladies of that village are a constant source of amazement, if on occasions, also somewhat fearsome.

Talking of which, poor Mike Thwaites has done himself a nasty injury as a wall came up and hit him. Bad though it is he has had a lucky escape and no doubt will be well cared for by the irrepressible Jacqui.

And he is not the only one - and just to prove that it isn't only men who are not always attentive and careful, many residents in the Parish must count themselves lucky to still be receiving their daily milk. The intrepid and the unsuppressible Carol Wood slid on the ice recently and broke her wrist. But there she was the day after, still delivering the milk with the help of her daughter Stephanie. Our heartfelt thanks to both of you - like many of us, I do so dislike my early morning cup of tea without a drop of milk!

POEMS AND PRAYERS FROM THE MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Dear God, Thank you for my Mummy. She looks after me and cares for me. Amen

Sadie Lambert

Dear Lord, I feel all bright inside,
Like sunshine after rain,
For winter's gone and now the spring
has come to earth again

Bernard Walker

More next month.....



SCHOOL NEWS

Leven Valley School News

There is nothing like snow to bring out the child in everyone! Excitement mounted to fever pitch when the thick white flakes began to shroud the school ground on Monday 5th February. By six o'clock the staff abandoned their cars and the school was closed for four days as the whole of Cumbria came to a dramatic stand still. Many of our children had never seen snow like that before and experienced the joy of sledging, snowball fights and snowmen - an education in itself!

Some of the middle junior children have enjoyed visits to local places of work as part of this term's work about employment. Ulverston Post Office welcomed us to the sorting department, Booths Supermarket gave us a very entertaining tour of the store and provided a delicious lunch in the restaurant. Highlights for the children were the freezer rooms and watching the 'burglars' on the close circuit television in the Manager's office! Mr. Bob Emmett came to talk to the children about his work as a civil engineer and delighted them by allowing them to use his surveying equipment.

We now know that Spring is around the corner because we also visited Flodder Hall Farm at Crosthwaite where we held the new-born lambs and saw the first snowdrops peeping through the earth. What more special time is there for us to await the arrival of Mrs. Kent's baby - the first Leven Valley baby since Mrs. Brook's second boy was born. We wish her all the best as she goes on maternity leave this week.

We were all saddened by the news of Mrs. Douglas' death, our thoughts are with Guy through this difficult time.

Julia Jones

Cartmel Priory

The minds of most people connected to the school have been concentrated on the on-going OFSTED inspection and the aftermath of the fires. The inspection will run its course but all concerned are optimistic.

Many people have worked hard and the first fire damage has been repaired with a smartened entrance to the school. The music room and fitness room are probably lost until the summer.

As David Ingram, the Headteacher writes, 'two fires, a flood and an OFSTED inspection have tested our resolve this term'.



A contribution.....

Love is.....fragile as a china vase. It needs pampering and care. The slightest crack has a painful tendency to grow. Taking love for granted and then weeping on the tomb is the surest way to diminish life.



THE MOTHER'S UNION

The long-awaited trip to Bardsea has now got a firm date, providing the elements don't interfere! There will be a joint gathering of members at Bardsea School Room, opposite the Ship Inn on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.00pm.

On Wednesday, 1st May, the meeting will be held in Satterthwaite Parish Room, again at 2.00 pm.. The speaker on this occasion will be the Rev. Sheila Wareham talking about the Work and Organization of the Mother's Union.

The June Meeting will be an outing.



FLOWER ROTA

31	March	Palm Sunday
7	April }	Easter Day
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14	April }	
21	April }	Mrs Silcock
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28	April }	
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5	May }	



THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

BOUTH

There was a good turnout on Wednesday 13 March when Mrs. Hopper gave a sound and fascinating talk on a Day on Radio Cumbria. The Limerick competition was won by Patricia Booth. Somebody also won the raffle but they are not saying who.

The meeting was a rather special occasion as the Ladies welcomed Ruth Pass who is in Bouth on a visit from the Philippines, where she now lives.

SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK

The February Meeting, we are told, was very informal, when 13 members enjoyed a Hotpot Supper at the Farmers Arms. It doesn't sound like a meeting to me but I am assured that after the meal and lots of happy chatter, Mrs. Keagan actually managed to hold a 'very short' business meeting when the forthcoming March Open Meeting and the Group Meeting were discussed.

They, too, had a raffle, with six prizes and they, too, are equally shy at naming the lucky recipients, they merely wish it to be known that they went home happy!



BETTY MINTON - A TRIBUTE

Now and then an especially lovely person comes along and it is only when they leave this mortal earth that they are properly appreciated. Betty Minton was just such a person and all those attending her funeral could not but have been touched by the poem she wrote about Christmas Day, which was read so beautifully by Sheila Wareham.

As a tribute to Betty we print that poem here and it needs no further comment.





Christmas Day



This being the festive season time
I thought I'd write a little rhyme
I'm pleased to have you here with me
Enjoying together our Christmas tea.

Once there was only two of us
But now we've got all of you
I'm pleased you didn't want to stray
And round us always want to stay.

I'm proud of all our grandchildren
And when they are all wives and men
I hope that they will still recall
The Christmas's when they were small.

Don't bother if you make a spill
In fact I rather hoped you will
Because when I go out to tea
It always seems to happen to me
Before the beetroot hits my lip
It always seems to make a slip

I try to slide my plate along
But even that seems to go wrong
It never seems to reach the place
So there I sit with a red face.

So eat up and never mind
I don't mind the mess you leave behind
I'm very pleased to see you all
Happy Christmas One and All.

