



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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Dear Friends

"The End (of 1999) is coming" and we wonder where we, as the people of Colton, Satterthwaite and Rusland, are in our joint pilgrimage on this planet. All three churches have achieved "Millennium projects" of different kinds; Rusland has its additional churchyard space, Satterthwaite a newly furnished and equipped building and Colton is busy completing an ambitious series of projects ranging from the Church Hall to the restoration of our lovely Holy Well of St. Cuthbert with its almost unique (and near perfect) little Baptismal Pool.

If anyone knows of a spare block of red sandstone which would form a lintel for the well, we should be touchingly grateful.

We are taking advice of professional archaeologists to make sure that we get it right and the National Park Authority is interested too!

At our school (Satterthwaite & Rusland C of E) we are just completing our celebration of 150 years in the building and probably 250 years of the actual existence of the School! Our 16 pupils and 3 teachers held an enjoyable Open Day, thanks to the patience and sharp memories of some Old Pupils, a cheerful service in Rusland Church with our, now famous, handbell ringer and some delightful insights into life today from present pupils

Did you know we are now on the Internet? With the support of the people of our three parishes we can look forward to the next 150 years.

The PCC'S and congregations of the parishes are being gradually initiated into the slightly new forms of worship and I hope that each will now think about the future by considering a 'Parish Audit' which shows where we are now, where we are heading and how we might get there. In modern business-speak it involves a Mission Statement and Development Plan.

The real difference is that in our parish life we are doing it for the sake of our real and loving 'Director' (GOD). With our church buildings serviceable we can look at the work of the Church in the parishes and also at the practical needs of our people, as relevant to the Church, as spiritual matters.

Ours is an inclusive Church of England; everyone is 'one of us' unless they decide not to be. The church doors in all three parishes are open to all and as such all Christians are welcome to our Communion. Doubters and questioners are especially invited as well as the fortunate ones who believe they have the answers!

Mention of our community brings me to farming, again, for did you know, that some churches are holding 'Farmer's Saturday Markets', stalls in the car park etc., so that folk can show their loyalty in a very practical way ? There is still a huge gap between the prices obtained by the farmers at market and the retail prices in supermarkets.

Maybe this is why a 'farmer's market' held locally would do everyone a good turn where freshness, quality and assured provenance are a real 'added value'. Perhaps some people would let me know their ideas on this. Which brings me to cultivating youngsters; in the year 2000 I hope to have two groups for Confirmation. (young people who are rising 'rising 12 and over' & adults). Times and places of meetings to be arranged to suit the groups.

No firm decision about going through to actual Confirmation is required until the 'candidate' decides, so people who are 'just enquiring' about our faith are welcome although we do hope you will 'come on board' for the adventure of your life, the membership of our Church +

This is an exciting time! Did you know that more women and men are coming forward for the ministry of the Church? Many of them mature folk ready to give their time, talents, wisdom and experience to the service of our Lord, The whole Church of England is now more positive, leaner and stronger than it has been for several decades.

So let us face this Millenium with joy and faith. God will be with us all the way giving us a Father's love, the kindly example and teaching of His Son

Jesus Christ and the gentle guidance of His Holy Spirit. Christ is the Alpha and Omega [beginning and end] of every Millenium; 'the same, yesterday, today and forever' and he will be with YOU now and always.

So God bless you next year, AD 2000 in the 21st century and the NEW Millenium

Yours sincerely



Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.

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CHURCH MATTERS

There was a busy PCC meeting in November in which your editor was gently chided by the chairman who did not think that 2 hours once every 2 months was excessive. In defence it is not the actuality it is the perception - it just seems a long time but they do say that patience is a virtue; must try it.

Pastoral reorganisation is churning its way through the bureaucratic machinations of the Church towards the Privy Council and should receive the approval of the Queen early next year until then cross parish visits by the clergy are, on advice, not advisable. Strange but true.

Tenders are in for the toilets and churchyard path but are higher than expected which is nothing new when you invoke the services of the construction industry. The work is essential and will go ahead although the path will be limited to the existing path from the gate to the porch.

The donation to the Children's Society will go ahead but on a restricted basis; the Society are clearly financially embarrassed since they went politically correct and included homosexual couples on their adoption and fostering lists. The £100 that should have gone to Relate is now to go to the Indian Cyclone Fund.

✿ The Christingle Service will be held on Sunday 19 December at 4.30 pm. and for those who prefer the Sunday Eucharist there will be a said Communion in the morning at 11.15 am.

There will NOT be late night service on the 31 December but there will be bellringing at Noon on the 1st. followed by 10 minutes or so of prayer. A prayer to God is to be set to music and performed in the perfidious Dome; it was written by a Minister of the Reform Church and is not explicitly Christian which is odd as this is supposed to be a Christian country and the C of E is the official Church of the State! But it doesn't finish there for the new Book(s) of Common Worship are to be designed, the print & layout not the contents, by two non-believers. Is it any wonder that the Sunday attendance at Anglican Churches in this country has fallen to below one million for the first time since records were kept. Mind you this is still more than attend weekend football matches.

And Church House, that's the London lot, and the Diocese, the Carlisle lot want more of our money. Our share for next year has increased by some 15% i.e. £1400 which will take some finding.

This then the last issue of this so called century; so called because it began on the 1st January 1901, Germany apart who wanted to be first and celebrated a year earlier together with Sweden whose reasons weren't stated.

Unfortunately my word processor is 2000 compliant so you may look forward to more serious nonsense in February. So have a happy Christmas and a good New Year. daw

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"Enjoy yourself. These are the 'good old days' you're going to miss in the years ahead."

anon.

FLOWERS

'Tis Advent and as tradition dictates the church remains undecorated until Christmastide. The faithful ladies do a wonderful job keeping our church beautiful throughout the year and deserve our heartfelt thanks but now, like Easter & Harvest, it is your turn.

Turn up with your gear a cheerful smile AND decorative foliage etc. on Saturday 18 December at 10.00 am onwards. Please remember, don't leave it to others.

daw



MOTHERS UNION

Sadly the November meeting was cancelled as most members wished to pay their last respects to a very dear friend, Ruth Ellwood. Ruth had moved from Newcastle in the forties and for many years lived and worked in Satterthwaite, as a 'Milk Girl' delivering milk from the farm where she worked. She moved on to become a Dinner lady at the local schools and became much loved for her mouth-watering and wonderful parties touching the hearts of all the children she came in contact with.

Although moving 'across the water' to live at Lowick Ruth kept in contact with her many friends in the Valley attending many fêtes and fund raising events usually contributing some of her wonderful baking. She will be sadly missed and we extend our sympathy to her son Richard and his family; our thoughts and prayers are with them.

The December meeting is being held in Rusland Church on Friday the 3rd, NOT the 7th as in the last magazine, at 7.00 pm when we shall be entertained by a Bellringer. We hope the children from Satterthwaite & Rusland School will be joining us. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Room. Please come.

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'Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends.'

yeats

PARISH NEWS

It has been an especially sad month with the passing of Ruth Ellwood and our dear Jim Teasdale. Our sympathy goes out to Tiesy, Zella and the family as we remember them in our prayers. We leave it to Jean Sly who writes this moving tribute.

'About thirty eight years ago I was recruited into Colton choir and from then on met with Jim regularly. At that time he sang alto - as he had always done. Later when we needed a tenor, he became a tenor, typically, without fuss. Many will know more than me about the various aspects of his long life, adapting to different jobs, being a handyman when needed in the parish and entertaining with his dialect jokes and stories.

It's all the little things that make my picture of Jim complete; how he enjoyed the gingerbread after choir practice at the Barwell's, how he complained he'd never learn that piece of music and then learnt it perfectly, his voice leading the responses in church and his enjoyment of the visits to friends in Tenbury Wells.

In latter years the pensioners luncheon club has enjoyed Jim's company and whenever he attended he helped to make the meetings into happy occasions. With his jokes and friendly ways he lit up all the little social gatherings.

All this was Jim - he leaves an empty space in the parish.'

sjs

We send our best wishes to Cynthia Burns as she enjoys her stay in Barrow General Hospital. Jack tells us she has recovered well from her op' and is getting mobile. Hurry on back as this editor is missing your Welsh sense of humour. Get well!

Bouth Village Hall held a Rummage Sale but unfortunately it was a non-event for not only had most of the rummage been dispatched to Kosovo but the customers has disappeared as well. It is intended to hold a Bingo night in December but the date is yet to be fixed so watch the notice boards in the village.

daw

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our AGM all the officers were re-elected; they are - President: Elspeth Cooper, Vice President: Wendy Smith, Secretary: Susan Smith, Treasurer: Rowena Thornthwaite. Mrs E Cooper looked back over a busy and successful year of meetings and events and felt we had all enjoyed 'fun and friendship' along the way in the true spirit of the W.I.

Mrs R Thornthwaite proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring, soon to be re-elected committee. Mrs H Brooks our excellent program fixer was awarded the Rose Bowl for her competition entries throughout the year.

Plans are well in hand for our Christmas Party to be held on Wednesday 8 December when we will be entertained by the Kirkby Songsters. This year there is to be a special raffle of Home Made Christmas Produce so be prepared to buy lots of tickets.

We will be holding an open meeting on 12 January when the speaker Mr Ronnie Mien will be giving a talk on the 'Dolly Blue Works'. All are welcome.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

A journey, soaring away up in the clouds, was taken by our members, in October, when Mr Laurence Hill showed his slides of the 'Crake Valley from the Air'. Mr Hill is a retired professional photographer who has joined his love of flying with that of photography. The spectacular photographs showed some very different views of many well loved places including homes and gardens of members.

He went on to show views of other well known places in Cumbria even Rusland Show and at different seasons of the year illustrating how beautiful our countryside looks especially after a fall of snow.

Mrs Jackson gave the vote of thanks and Mrs Watson won the competition with Mrs Newby second. December is our 'holiday' month during which we shall be

having our Christmas dinner; the next meeting will be on 26 January at 7.30 pm. at the 'Farmers' when Margaret Bradley will be showing some slides. mc

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SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The Christmas holiday starts on Friday 17 December at 3.0 pm. and school opens for pupils on Tuesday 11 January.

LEVEN VALLEY

A reminder that the Christmas Nativity and Carol concert will be held in St Anne's church at 6.30 pm. on 16 December. The Christmas concert and tea is on Monday 13 December at 2.00 pm. daw

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THERE'S AN EMPTY SPACE

There's an empty space in the pew,
After all the years -
A voice that does not sing,
A bell he does not ring.

There's an empty space in our hearts,
After all the years,
A smile we'll never see,
A chat that cannot be.

There's an empty space around us,
After all the years -
But it's filled with memories of him,
With the honest goodness that was Jim.

jean sly



From Tiesy and the family

'Tiesy Teasdale and family would like to thank all friends, neighbours and members of the Church for their support and condolences after the loss of Jim, who is greatly missed. Thank you again.'

CLAIMING DATES

- 3 December M U - Rusland Church - 7.00 pm.
- 5 December Family Service - 9.30 am. - Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 8 December Bouth W I - Christmas Party.
- 10 December Satterthwaite & Rusland School Play, Grizedale Theatre, 7.30 pm.
- 12 December Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
- 13 December Leven Valley School - Christmas Concert & Tea - 2.00 pm.
- 16 December Leven Valley School - Nativity & Carols - St Anne's - 6.30 pm.
- 18 December Decorating Church - 10.00 am. →
- 19 December Christingle - 4.30 pm. [Said H. C. - 11.15 am.]
- 24 December Holy Communion - 11.30 **pm.** * Carols - Bouth - 6.30 pm.
- 26 December Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 1 January Bellingring and Prayers at Noon.



MORE SCHOOL NEWS - SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

Thanks to Mr Terry Storry of St Martin's College the children were able to enjoy both climbing at the YMCA & canoeing on Windermere. The School Play this year is 'Snow White' and **will** be performed at the Grizedale Theatre on 10 December at 7.30 pm.

On the 14 December the children will be visiting Colton House & Hollow Oak to sing carols and will be holding their Christmas party on the following day. May we thank everybody who has supported us throughout the year and wish you all the Season's Greetings.



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