



PARISH NEWS

Holy Trinity Church

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 May Beginning of Red Cross Week
- 4 May Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
- 5 May Cake Stall - Satterthwaite and Rusland School at Grizedale
- 7 May Mothers Union AGM at Lakeside YMCA - 2.00 pm.
- 11 May Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
- 14 May Christian Aid Lunch - 12 noon - 2.00 pm.
Bouth WI. 7.15 pm.
- 18 May Whitsunday Service - 11.15 am.
- 25 May Trinity Sunday - Colton Patronal Festival
Service - 11.15 am.
- 26 May Spring Bank Holiday
- 27 May Sparkbridge and Lowick WI
- 7 June Satterthwaite and Rusland School Summer Fayre
- 12 July GARDEN FETE

"To choose time is to save time"

Bacon

FROM THE REVEREND DOREEN HARRISON

Dear Friends,

May is a busy month for the church and community. We have ROGATIONTIDE (4th - 6th), when we pray for God's blessing on the growing crops and young animals and commend our farm families to His protection. Rogation means 'asking' and is the counterpart to our 'thanking' at Harvest.

Then we celebrate the great festivals of ASCENSION, WHITSUNTIDE (Pentecost), TRINITY (Colton's patronal festival) as well as several Saints' days.

We begin with MAY DAY, the old pagan festival of Flora, Roman goddess of flowers, which became the Christian homage to "Our Lady, Queen of May", her special month, when children used to cover a cage of hoops with flowers and place a doll inside to carry in procession. Later we had maypoles, the gathering of 'knots of may' from hawthorns and the May Queen procession.

ASCENSION DAY, always on a Thursday - (so no public holiday!) - reminds us that, after meeting His disciples on many occasions, the Risen Christ made it clear that they must no longer rely on His visible presence and He 'withdrew from their sight', but not before promising them the Holy Spirit as Comforter. It marks the close of His earthly ministry and WHITSUNDAY celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and is the 'birthday' of the whole Christian Church.

This makes us think about what the Church is. It is not just lovely buildings; not just a head count of clergy and congregations; not just our schools and teachers - vital though they are. The Church is you and me and the whole of God's people - the Church 'militant here in earth' and triumphant in Heaven, too. Even our Baptism symbol reminds us; we are marked with a cross just as surely as any Lakeland sheep is marked, to show Who owns us and that we are marked for Life. We belong, though some can't come to church by reason of ill-health, increasing age, pressures of work or family responsibilities, God looks at His whole flock and this gives us a new way of looking at those

we meet every day in the streets, at work or in our leisure. The Holy Spirit is at work in them and in us, often in unexpected ways (and in unlikely folk!)

God has no selection tests - no vetting of who is worthy to serve Him (He doesn't judge anyone until the end of their lives and then with mercy and understanding). He is not racist, sexist or ageist and He doesn't look for 'qualifications and experience'. We don't join His great organisation, we are in it already and only need to hear His gentle call to follow Him. As Easter was the message of hope, so Whitsuntide is the promise of strength for life in this confusing and often awkward world. TRINITY SUNDAY reminds us that we can know God as our loving and forgiving Father, as the strong Son who understands our life with its sorrows and joys, and as the Holy Spirit who gives us quiet assurance when we pour out our fears and all our unspoken prayers to the One who always listens and cares. May the power of the blessed Trinity overshadow you all your days.

Yours sincerely,

Doreen Harrison (Curate)

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**HAS ANYONE SEEN COLTON'S SUNDIAL? STOLEN FROM
THE CHURCHYARD DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS
BETWEEN 7.00 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST AND
9.45 AM SATURDAY?**

It may be miles away by now, sold in a car-boot sale or at some garden centre, or maybe it was 'stolen to order' by thieves who had a customer in mind. Please help us, and the police, by finding any sketches or photographs of the sundial which may show its details.

DH

CHURCH AFFAIRS

The church annual meeting was held on 14 April and by all reports was only exceptional in the length of time it took to get through the business. There were changes though.

Wendy Smith and Zella Slater have stood down from the PCC and in their place Mrs. Janet Pickles and Mr. Alistair McIver were elected.

Wendy and Zella are tireless workers for our church and we are assured that nothing will change apart from the fact that they will not be members of the PCC. Never-the-less we thank them for what they have done and what they will continue to do.

Your editor wishes to express his thanks to yet another of our workers, Judy Redhead, who not only is a wonderful source of information but gently puts me right every month. She has now taken on the task of finding 'readers'. If anyone would like to read the lesson occasionally contact Judy.

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Please make an effort to attend church (you always should) on 25 May, which is Trinity Sunday and the Colton Patronal Festival.

"That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity"

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PARISH NEWS

Tom and Barbara Watson and family would like to extend their very grateful thanks to every one who sent cards, gifts and offered to help during their worrying time when Peter was in hospital. Special thanks to those who helped on the farm and with the milking and also to Mr. Ball, our Garden Fete patron, who looked after Peter when he was so ill.

Peter has made a good recovery and is now back at school.

Anne Silcox's father has had an accident (broken hip, we think). He was in hospital but is now home. He has been ill for some time but is getting better; we send our good wishes for a return to better health.

jr

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Jack Bowman recently. He and his wife, Laura, lived at Browhead Cottage, Sparkbridge and only left when he became ill. After a very trying time he died peacefully in a Hospice in London.

Parishioners will remember Mrs. Bowman helping on the secondhand stall at the Garden Fete for many years. We send her our sincere sympathy.

cd

Once again on 14 May Judy and Brian Redhead are hosting the annual Christian Aid Lunch at their home, Burn Knott, Bouth. From 12 mid-day to 2.00 pm. Delicious home-made soup and a variety of cheeses will be available.

There will also be a well-stocked stall and a good raffle. £3 is the moderate charge and young children are free. A feature will be the plant stall full of tempting bargains.

The 'Three Parishes Committee' only ask you to support Christian Aid once a year at this function, so please come and spend and enjoy yourselves.

cd

Another annual event in the offing is the Garden Fete which, this year, will be held on Saturday 12 July at the Old Colton Vicarage. It is not too soon to start thinking about and looking for articles for the stalls, tombola and raffle. More details will be published in the next magazine.

jr



MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting will be the AGM and a trip to the YMCA. The date - 7 May, the time - 2.00 pm. The June meeting will be an outing to be announced.

FLOWER ROTA

4	May	Mrs. M. Young
11	May	Mrs. M. Young
18	May	Whit Sunday
25	May	Trinity Sunday
1	June	Mrs. S. Pirnie



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

The standard of the speakers goes from strength to strength. At the April meeting Miss J. Clarke who was the first woman in the United Kingdom to become a Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer captivated her audience with her talk "Sites I Have known"

The May meeting will be on the 14th, when Mrs. Willacy will speak on "Acting is fun".

SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK

At the March meeting the speaker was Rachael Litton who gave members intriguing insight into the establishment and running of the Barrow Dock Museum.

The May meeting on the 27th is being kept free for discussions on resolutions for the TGM

MC



SCHOOL NEWS

LEVEN VALLEY

The junior children are involved in an exciting project at Lakeside. An Aquatarium is being built showing the journey of a river from its source to the sea and years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to follow its progress. Following the opening later in the spring the children will welcome visitors and tell them all they need to know.

The Mothering Sunday service at Haverthwaite church was led by the children of the Sunday School and the school. The following week saw the children organise their own fund-raising activities for 'Red Nose Day' They raised a highly commendable £182.50.

The current school project is a History programme - England since 1930. If anybody has any old household objects, historical memorabilia etc. the school would be very grateful. They also need Victorian artefacts, photographs etc. to support their work about the Victorians.

jaj

SATTERTHWAITE AND RUSLAND

As promised, the winners of the Egg Rolling contest were Nichola Hartley (juniors) and Jack Nash (infants).

The Easter Bunny called to hide chocolate eggs in the school grounds. Unfortunately the field mice found some before the children. The Easter Bunny has been asked to call later next year.

Fund Raising

The PTA has two events in May. The first a Cake Stall at Grizedale on the 5th. The second is a sponsored ten-mile walk around Grizedale Forest on the 18th.

The topic for this term is 'Our School'.



RED CROSS WEEK

The British Red Cross gives skilled and impartial care to people in need a crisis - in their own homes and in the community, at home and abroad, peace and war.

In Cumbria, they hope to expand their services which are given free of charge and there will be a house-to-house collection during Red Cross Week - 3rd to 10th of May.

Volunteers are needed and if you can give a few hours of your time please contact Mrs. Lynda Shaw at British Red Cross, Cumbria Branch, Woolpack Yard, Kendal, LA9 4NG. Tel: 01539 721504.

