



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

If there is one belief that marks a Christian, it is the belief in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ : a 'stumbling block' to some, foolishness to others : but the 'strength and stay' of believers. As an **historical event** it has changed the world, as a message of **hope** it has changed lives and as the **fulfilling** of God's plan for mankind it has **changed your destiny and mine for eternity**.

Two short but life-changing messages come from Christ as He meets His followers on the first Easter Sunday; the angelic 'Be not afraid' and 'Peace be with you '. These are the words that can help **each of us** confront the pain, loss and suffering which are part of life on earth.

It is the **reality** of suffering, as individuals, as communities and throughout humanity **and creation** that is 'proof' of our existence as living, sentient beings. It is the **reality** of the Resurrection of Christ that enables us to look beyond suffering, to the hope of eternal life.

All of us experience loss, bereavement and the darkness of our own 'Good Fridays'; *time will heal* is not helpful and may not be true for everyone. But as Cardinal Newman reminds us " the wounds of the spirit never heal, but may bring us **closer to God**". We may even **learn and grow** through becoming more open to the sufferings of others and more understanding and compassionate.

The suffering of Christ has saved a fallen world and restored us all as children of God, here and in eternity. Our own 'lesser Calvaries' may be used by God to bring comfort to others in their 'dark night of the soul' .

Whether you are at present enjoying a full and active life, blessed by God's bounty, or whether you are passing through the 'valley of the shadow of

death', literally or by some misfortune of your life, look to the **Cross of Jesus**. Remember the promise and challenge - 'This I have done for thee, what hast thou done for Me?'

Rejoice at Easter, thank God for our loving and **victorious** Lord and may God bless you evermore!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doreen Harrison". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doreen" and last name "Harrison" clearly distinguishable.

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest



+ *If you know of anyone, including yourself, who cannot come to church for Easter Communion, please let Doreen, our Parish Priest, know and she will be happy to visit* +



CHRISTIAN AID

Mrs Christine Dobson writes:- "Christian Aid Week is from Sunday 9 May and we are having the usual Soup & Cheese Lunch which will be held this year at Rusland Reading Room on Wednesday 12 May . Cost £3 from 12 noon to 2.00pm.

The committee met on 11 March to make plans for the lunch and to hear of the wonderful result of our efforts last year when we sent £1921 to H.Qs. The tragic events of last year such as the floods in Central America, killing thousands and making many more homeless; also the endless pictures of starving children and homeless people wandering in various parts of Africa, pulled at our hearts.

If by any chance anyone is interested in special Millenium Gift Aid, through which tax is waived and goes to Christian Aid instead please ask Wendy Smith @ 01539 531 872 for a leaflet or talk to Judy Redhead or Christine Dobson for details."



CHURCH MATTERS

There has been a PCC and a Synod meeting this month to deal specifically with 'Progress in Partnership'. Sifting through the 'simple', thank goodness it wasn't complicated, text the main issues were proposals to reduce the size of the Diocesan Synod, which was liked; reducing the number of Deaneries, which was not liked and reducing the number of Archdeacons which was equally not liked. Who else would we argue with?

The discussions were for the most part rational and helpful although there were those who insisted in relating everything to money making the common error of mistaking efficiency for quality of service.

Our church on Mothering Sunday was awash with daffodils, the baskets of posies were a delight and again we are indebted to Mrs Burns and Mrs Croasdale with a little help from Jack Burns. These two intrepid ladies have, for over thirty years, picked the wild flowers and painstakingly transformed

them into enchanting tokens of love. Thank you both and to the rest of you, say 'thank you' when you see them.

Talking of daffodils, your editor was summarily confronted in Booths by a determined lady who wanted to know what he had against the Welsh. 'Nothing' he replied, 'Indeed I have some strong connections with the Principality'

'Why then did you miss out St Davids Day from the claiming dates?' was the query. 'Ah' was the response 'that's me off Cynthia's Christmas card list!'

My sincerest apologies for this sin of omission and I trust our Celtic cousins will forgive me.

*'Do not go gentle into that good night,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.'*
Dylan Thomas

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FLOWER ROTA

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 3 April from 10.00am. Flowers and help will not only be greatly appreciated, they are needed!

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4	April	Easter Day
11	April	Easter Day Flowers
18	April	Easter Day Flowers
25	April	Mrs S Pirnie
2	May	Mrs S Pirnie

"Flowers are the only thing God ever made that He didn't give a soul"

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MOTHERS UNION

We were pleased, at our March meeting, to welcome Mrs Barbara Watson into our membership at our service in Rusland Church.

On 28 April we are to host the Deanery Festival in Colton Church and we are attempting to bring our Millenium Project, 'The renewing of our Banner', forward for this occasion. This now, for technical reasons, does not seem possible and so work is in hand repairing and rejuvenating the red Banner in readiness to lead the procession of the banners for the Festival.

Six of our members attended the "Women's World Day of Prayer" held this year in St Peters Church, Far Sawrey. The service had been prepared by the women of Venezuela on the theme "God's Tender Touch" and proved to be very thought provoking .

Our next meeting is to be held on 7 April - 2.00pm. in Satterthwaite Parish Room when Mary Christian will be speaking on Age Concern; why not come and join our Christian fellowship, we promise you a warm welcome.

Our neighbours from Haverthwaite have invited us to join them for a 'Lady Day' service on Thursday 25 March at 2.00pm. If anyone requires transport please contact Wendy Smith.

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PARISH NEWS

It has been a quiet sort of a month with some of our invalids getting better and others in and out of hospital. We wish you all well, with prayers of thanks for those who have improved in health and prayers of hope for those who are still not very well.

The cheerful news is that Philomena and Chris from the Old Vicarage have done it again as they have a second daughter Lucy Alice born on 11 March. Congratulations from us all but you still have a fair way to go to match another medical couple in a neighbouring parish.

The Annual Church meeting is definitely to be held on Monday 12 April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall and NOT as printed in last month's News [14th]. It will be followed by an unusual event - a short PCC.

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The Annual meeting of the Bouth Village Green is to be held on Wednesday 21 April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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Line Dancing for beginners started on 15 March and will continue on Tuesdays in Sparkbridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. For a modest £2 a week you can enjoy good company, music, learn the steps and exercise with fun.

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Three cheers for Jean Mitchell at the Manor, Oxenpark for reinstating the Luncheon Club. It will take place on the first & third Wednesday of the month, 12 noon for 12.30pm. and for £4.25 you will get a three course meal followed by tea or coffee. The afternoon is then yours to play dominoes, cards or whatever takes your fancy.

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

For his second visit to our Institute Mr Nettleton talked about the life of Wordsworth, his fellow poets and his family. He enlightened his talk with slides of contemporary paintings and his own photographs of the present day.

His presentation illustrated vividly how harsh life was in the Lakes before cars and Booths!

Our next meeting is on 14 April- 7.15pm when Bernard Ellis will talk about 'The Slave Trade in Ulverston' This is an open meeting with small fee of £1 to non-members.

ADVANCE NOTICE - Our delightful May walk with its scrumptious cream tea will be held this year on Saturday 15 May. Make a note in your diary.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

The annual Hotpot Supper at the "Farmers Arms" was enjoyed by the full membership of our Institute. This was followed by a business meeting especially organising our representation at events around the area. Our fund raising event is to provide supper for a dance.

The April meeting is to an open promotional event and the speaker will be Joyce Yates from Billingtons Sugar. Besides inviting other W.I.'s in the area we are also inviting other associations, schools and colleges.

It really is Open Night and everybody is welcome at Greenodd Village Hall - Tuesday 27 April - 7.30pm. As a free goodie bag is available please let us know if you are coming. ☎ 01229 861 327 & 01229 861 081

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SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The priority for the school is still the Budget which, because of prudence this year, is not looking too bad but we will still be running at a deficit and the financial future is not as certain as we would wish. A few more pupils would help; some of the reasons given by parents for not sending their children to this school with its academic and sporting excellence verge on the ludicrous.

Congratulations to Ruari McGoff for being selected to represent the County Rugby Union under 14 side and also to Barry Mason who has been selected for the Barrow Boys Rugby League team. Nice to see success in both codes.

The school hall now resplendent after a comprehensive make over is to be officially opened at 1.30pm on Friday 16 April.

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"To make your children capable of honesty is the beginning of education"

john ruskin

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

On Thursday 15 March the children visited Wigan Pier to support the National Curriculum and on Friday 26 March our PTA are holding a Quiz in aid of the school. As well as the quiz there will be a supper and a raffle starting at 8.00pm.

On Bank Holiday, Monday, 3 May we will be holding our annual cake stall (all homemade) - Please Support our School.

From the 26th to the 30th April is an important time for our juniors who will be staying at Rydal and participating in different out door activities.

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THE MILLENNIUM

I wonder if any readers are as confused about the Millennium as the editor of this Magazine. As I understand the situation 'Anno Domini' literally means 'in the year of our Lord'.

As apparently there is no zero A.D. it must be assumed that the 'official' birth day of our Lord was 25 December 1 A.D. disregarding the messing about of calendars by Julius Cæsar in 46 B.C. and Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 A.D.

Mathematical logic would dictate that the 2000th Anniversary of the birth of Jesus is on Christmas Day in the year 2000, so what is all this hype about celebrating the so called Millennium at the end of this year.

One can only assume that, sadly, commerce has raised its ugly head; in any case New Years Eve has never had any particular religious significance, just an excuse and a good one for an old fashioned knees up

What is particularly disturbing is a pamphlet issued from on high which categorically states 'Christmas' is nothing special. Try telling that to the millions who go to Midnight Services on Christmas Eve.



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CLAIMING DATES

- 1 April Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion (said) - 6.30pm.
- 2 April Good Friday - Devotional Hour - 2.00 to 3.00pm.
- 3 April Decorating the Church for Easter - 10.00am. →
- 4 April Easter Day - Holy Communion - 9.30am.
- 7 April M.U. - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 2.00pm.
- 11 April Low Sunday - Holy Communion - 9.30am.
- 12 April Annual Church Meeting - Church Hall - 7.30pm.
- 14 April Bouth W.I. - 'Slave Trade in Ulverston' - Village Hall - 7.15pm.
- 18 April Holy Communion - 11.15am.
- 21 April Birthday - Queen Elizabeth II
A.G.M. - Bouth Village Green - Village Hall - 7.30pm.
- 23 April St George
- 25 April Holy Communion - 11.15am.
- 26 April St Mark
- 17 April SB & L W.I. - Open Meeting - Greenodd Village hall - 7.30pm.
- 28 April M.U. - Deanery Festival - Colton Church.
- 2 May Family Service - 9.30am.
- 3 May Bank Holiday - Satterthwaite & Rusland School - Cake Stall.

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