



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

'Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, and summer's lease hath all too short a date' *Shakespeare*

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| 27 August | Spark Bridge & Lowick WI. Mr & Mrs. Stricker
'A lovely view' - 7.30 pm |
| 29 August | Standing committee 7.30 pm |
| 1 September | Family Service 9.45 am |
| 2 September | School term starts |
| 4 September | Mother's Union Holy Communion
Rusland Church 2.00 pm |
| 8 September | Holy Communion 9.45 am |
| 9 September | PCC Church Hall 7.30 pm |
| 11 September | Bouth WI. Ian Brodie 'Trekking in remote
Turkey' - Bouth Reading Room 7.15 pm |
| 15 September | Holy Communion 9.45 am |
| 22 September | Holy Communion 9.45 am |
| 24 September | Spark Bridge and Lowick WI - Miss Claire Owen
'Tourism and Conservation' |
| 29 September | Fifth Sunday - Type of service to be announced |
| 2 October | Mother's Union - Bring and Buy with afternoon tea
Bouth Reading Room. Tea at 2.30 pm |

FROM THE REVEREND SHEILA WAREHAM - JULY 1996

Dear Friends,

When as a child I laughed and wept, Time crept;
When as a youth I dreamt and talked, Time walked;
When I became a full grown man, Time ran;
When older still I daily grew, Time flew;
Soon shall I find in travelling on, Time gone,
And face eternity begun, Time done.

During the last two and a quarter years I have gone through most of the above stages seemingly a lifetime in a short span..... It has been a time of great joy and fulfilment. It has been your friendship, your encouragement and your prayers that has made it so.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you... sharing with you your joys and your sorrows. Thank you for serving and sharing with me my joyous and difficult times. I shall remember the Christian family at Colton with great affection as a family who lives out its Christian commitment, a family whose fruit is love.

Now time has run its course.... I say 'goodbye' with sadness but also with joy for all you have given me. I shall still be living in Allithwaite so will look forward to seeing you here and there, now and again. I commend to you the words of this hymn.

Jesus is Lord!
Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by His power each tree and flower was planned and made
Jesus is Lord!
The Universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry,
Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with 'Hallelujahs',
For Jesus is Lord!

With warmest thanks and prayers

every blessing

Sheila



CHRISTIAN HUMOUR

An Archdeacon was horrified to hear a little girl describing the Church as a dangerous place to be. She explained to him... "I heard my uncle telling my aunt that last Sunday there was a Canon in the pulpit, the Choir murdered the anthem and the Organist drowned the Choir."

CHURCH AFFAIRS

"What we are is God's gift to us; What we become is our gift to God" Anon

Although July's edition carried a valedictory message about the impending departure of our Priest-in-Charge, a few final words are appropriate.

Reverend Sheila Wareham joined us in May 1994, shortly after her ordination, and after this Parish had endured a lengthy interregnum. She can look back on her Ministry with a good deal of satisfaction, for she leaves a Parish that is now closer knit, with more of the laity involved; we now have a consistency and coherence of themes within our worship, yet a welcome variety of music and Services accessible to all age groups; many of us, including children, have taken up her encouragement to read and learn more about the Christian message, above all, we have been privileged to enjoy her own profound spirituality, sincerity, understanding and compassion which she has so freely shared. We are now much better prepared for the next phase of the Parish's life.

You will all have noticed that we now have a wonderful collection of books in the Church that are suitable for all ages to borrow.

The children really seem to enjoy them and I am sure that more adults would discover these books help their spiritual understanding if they could find the time to read. There is everything there, from help in times of trouble and distress to stories about other people's lives, all giving us a deeper understanding of the wonderful world around us.

All the books belong to Sheila and she is being incredibly generous by leaving them with us..... Thank you Sheila

THE FUTURE

The Archdeacon, the Venerable David Jenkins, has told us that at a recent Bishop's meeting it was agreed that as from 26 August, 1996, he will become Priest-in-Charge of our Parish. The Reverend Doreen Harrison will be Assistant Priest.

Both Priests will now be working amongst the three parishes, Colton, Rusland and Satterthwaite. Doreen will be full-time and is keen that Colton should continue its pattern of services as currently exists. She is also keen to rebuild our former links with the other two parishes.

Some parishioners may be of the opinion that events have taken place hastily, but it was important to avoid another interregnum and from a practical point of view there was hardly a viable alternative. Never-the-less the PCC is anxious to hear your views no matter how uncomfortable it might find them.

The PCC secretary, Margaret Campbell, can be found at Woodfield, Spark Bridge. Tel. 01229 -861 327



PARISH NOTES

"Joy and woe are woven fine, A clothing for the soul divine" Blake

From time to time these notes seem to be a reflective microcosm of life in that we report births, baptisms, marriages, illnesses and deaths.

Since the last issue there have been two weddings, the first on 21 July of Jane Dean and John Wilcock and the second a week later on 27 July of Gillian Wroe and Anthony McVey.

We wish both the happy couples a long and good marriage.

Also on 27 July, Caroline Lambert gave birth to a daughter, Esther Mary. And two days earlier on 25 July, a daughter, Dorothy Mary, was born to Mandy Minton.

Congratulations to parents, Caroline and Thomas, and Mandy and Michael; also to the respective grandparents May and Tommy Lambert and Hilda and Terry Minton. A special thought, too, for great-grandparent Reg Minton.

Baptisms there have been aplenty....

30 June Thomas James Grunshaw

7 July Robert John Walker
Thomas Isaac Walker

28 July Faye Elizabeth Patton

We warmly welcome these young people to the fellowship and family of our church.

Jack Burns is still suffering from his troublesome knee; the blessing is that it no longer gives him pain.

Maisie Buchanan is having a spell in hospital and to date progress is slow. Also in hospital is Miss Wallet, but as yet we have no firm news.

We also learn that Mrs. Puddy has had a fall. We hope that all our 'invalids' are comfortable and will soon recover.

Mrs. Mary E. Saunder, who was 88, died on 25 July and a Memorial Service was held at Colton church on 29 July.

George Newby has also died, but suddenly. We offer our sympathy and condolences to all the families concerned.



It was a pleasure to have Derek, Hilary and Ruth Tinsley at our Baptism Service on 28 July and at our Family Service when Derek played the organ. With his superb talent *performed* is perhaps the better description.

Many congratulations, Derek, on your appointment as organist at a small village church on the Surrey/Hampshire border that has a great music tradition. We all hope that you will be very happy in your new surroundings.

On a less happy note, a lock has had to be fitted on the south door of the church, which is now locked each night. It is unfortunate but we have been having unwanted nocturnal visitors whose habits are not as tidy or as clean as they might be.



The Church Fete was successful - again! It was opened, with her usual aplomb, by Mrs Christine Dobson - although there was a little trouble with an indisciplined hat! Mrs Dobson was charmingly presented with a bouquet by Kiva Fishwick from High Nibthwaite.

The proceeds (cash to you and me) amounted £1,694; with expenses of £277 to be paid this left a nice profit of £1,467. No wonder Bonzo's smiling these days!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and especially to the 'extras' who wrestled with the tent and humped tables, forms and anything else that was needed. We made a plea and it was answered. We are obliged!

Bouth has also done its bit as £62.02 was collected for Dr. Barnardo's Charity. We are clever as well - or at least, one of us is - Rachel Dean, sister of the bride previously mentioned, has recently graduated in History with a BA(Hons) from the University of Wales, Bangor. She has a place in September at the School of Law in Chester.

There are some melancholy faces about as George Cedric Dent of Bouth fame has announced that, as from August Bank Holiday, he is retiring from ONE of his jobs, namely supplying fruit and veg to many people in the parish and beyond.

From that day his front door will be closed and weekends will never be the same again. Many will miss the 'crack' and his weather forecasts, which were always more reliable than those from the Met. Office.

From all of us - thank you Cedric - Best wishes and good luck for the future - even if it does mean a sharp rise in our greengrocery bills!



THE MOTHERS' UNION

We shall miss Sheila now she has retired and we thank her for all the help that she has given us during her ministry at Colton. We look forward to seeing her at some of our meetings in the future.

There were no meetings in either July or August and our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4 September at 2.00 pm., when a service of Holy Communion will be held in Rusland Church conducted by the Rev. Doreen Harrison. Afterwards, we shall meet for a chat and a cup of tea in the Parish Rooms.

On Wednesday 2 October a Bring and Buy with afternoon tea will be held in Bouth Reading Room; members meeting at 2.00 pm. We are looking forward to the Mothers' Unions from Bardsea and Haverthwaite joining us on this occasion.

This will be **an open** meeting and we welcome anyone wishing to come. Afternoon tea will be served at 2.30 pm.

FLOWER ROTA

	1	September	Mrs. T. Teesdale
	8	September	Mrs. T. Teesdale
	15	September	Mrs. P. Parkin
	22	September	Mrs. P. Parkin
	29	September	Mrs. J Henson
	6	October	Mrs. J. Henson

WOMENS' INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

The guest speaker at the July meeting was Mrs. Taylor of Finsthwaite, who gave a wonderful account of the late Gerald Durrell's Zoo which is spread over a large area of Jersey.

In August, Mr. M. Watling gave members a fascinating insight into 'Tai Chi' - which is system of callisthenics consisting of sequences of very slow controlled movements.

(Editor's note: This could well describe the actions, if not life-style, of some chaps in the village!)

SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK W.I.

"A view from the loo" was a very suitable title for a down to earth rural community. The Loo in question was an earth closet, without door, but with a wonderful view of a delightful valley in southern France.

The speaker, Mrs. G. Lewis, enthralled her audience relating her experiences of renovating an old farmhouse - turning it into a centre of learning for the study of art and nature.

That meeting was in July. The June meeting was mainly given over to business and a report from Mrs. Jones of Torver, who was the delegate in Cardiff at the Intermediate General Meeting.

There was time, however, for Mr. Scurrah to give an interesting talk on his hobby of gliding.



"Experience teaches slowly, and at the cost of mistakes"

J.A. Froude



CUMBRIA CHURCH LEADERS' PASTORAL LETTER

Pentecost 1996

As we enter the last few years of the century, and look forward to the celebrations that will mark the Millenium, we, the leaders of the Christian Churches of Cumbria, send our greetings to the half a million people who live in the county. We do this at Pentecost, when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and our message is essentially a spiritual one.

Although the secular authorities are rightly planning special events in connection with the Millenium, it is important that we do not lose sight of its spiritual significance. For it marks the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus, whom Christians believe to be the Son of God. Other religions also respect him as a great contributor to the spiritual life of human beings, whether as a prophet or as a teacher or simply as a good man. There is some danger that the country may lose sight of the man at the heart of the celebrations in the desire to make the celebrations themselves as memorable as possible.

We hope, therefore, that men and women of goodwill everywhere will join forces to accept and proclaim an important truth at the heart of the Millenium. This is, quite simply, that human beings are a three-fold reality of body, mind and spirit, and that all three aspects of humanity must be respected. Bodies must be clothed, fed, housed, cared for. Minds must be educated, stretched, challenged. Spirits must be nourished, not only by religious faiths but also by art, music, poetry, drama and literature. In the words of St. Paul, "Whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8)

Our country currently stands in desperate need of being called back from material self-seeking and sectarianism to that higher plane which the Millenium represents. We are pleased and grateful to God that in Cumbria the churches are moving ever more closely together in understanding and love for one another, and in common service to the community.

Plans are already laid for the joint celebration of an annual theme for every year between now and the year 2000, and details will be released as soon as they are finalised. For example, in 1996 we are majoring on Reconciliation; in 1997, on Pilgrimage; in 1998 on Spirituality; in 1999, on the Open Book; and in 2000, on the Year of Jubilee and Release.

Please be ready to join with us in making this a time of spiritual rededication, of compassion to the poor and needy across the world, and of openness to men and women of goodwill who belong to all religions and to none.

The Chairman of Churches Together in Cumbria
The Reverend Donald Frith
Chairman of the Methodist District

