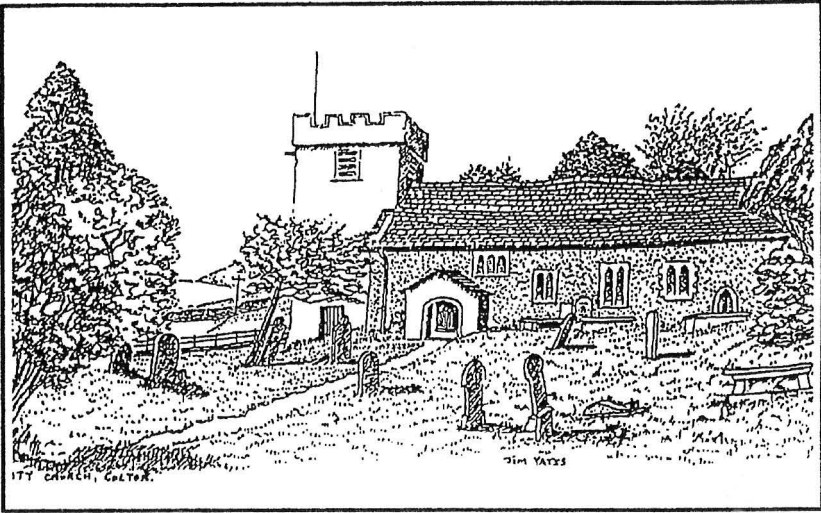




PARISH NEWS

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

PASTORAL LETTER

Fox How
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December 2001

Dear friends

"Peace on earth", a Christmas greeting to be found on the cards we receive and sung in our carols. The song of the angels is a song of peace, hope + love.

But how realistic is that message today? REAL peace is not just the absence of war (even that has been unlikely throughout Man's time on earth.) A whole world without armed conflict would be a new experience for Man, and for God, whose will it is.

Yet, peace cannot be 'at any price'. The Munich Agreement of 1938 stated, in effect – "leave us alone and we can turn a blind eye to your evil deeds". We are our brothers' keepers and should defend the right of others to live in security and freedom.

Peace is not something signed on paper by politicians and presidents; it is the condition of quietness needed for people to live good lives in harmony with others to do likewise. Peace, like war, begins in the hearts and minds of men and spreads across time and space.

Jesus came to show what the law of love means; love for God and our neighbours. This is a tough and unsentimental love as it demands so much from us and is the steady regard ...

for the well being of others, a true peace through good will.

This is the angels' message; not only "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men" (God's gift) but also 'Peace on the earth to men of goodwill' (the challenge to each of us to make peace.)

Jesus Christ came as the Prince of Peace and we are called to respond to His message of love with our efforts to bring a just and lasting peace to those with whom we share our planet, our nation, our communities and our families.

It is no easy option!

Based on firm faith in God, the father of all mankind, this love is the best policy for peace in our land (which is part of Christendom) and it is the basis for all our relationships among families and friends.

May God bless you with His love and peace, now and always and may you have a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



CAROL SERVICE – Sunday – 16 December - 4.30pm.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION – Monday – 24 December - 11.30pm.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The great man Turnbull has now turned his accountants' mind to clerics stipends and in saying they should be increased states that parishes would be delighted to pay more if they knew the money was going to their priest. Undoubtedly they would if only they had the money in the first place.

The Deanery Synod was slightly more pragmatic and has set up a working party to see how best the Parish share throughout the Deanery may be met. It was a lively meeting as the future of the Deanery was discussed and surprisingly, at the end, there was support for its continuance. It is the only vehicle that can present the views of parishes to the diocese without appearing parochial.

The Prince of Wales, bless him, for he is always useful for the odd paragraph, has been continuing the war against the Book of Common Worship. Wot we

use! Not mincing his words he described it as “painfully inadequate in expressing the glory and the holiness of Creation.”

In defence of the Book of Common Prayer (Cranmer) he spoke of the need for “firm, familiar and unchanging in a turbulent and changing world.” There was he said ‘a need for permanence.’ It a fair bet that the aforementioned Common Worship will not be around in 400 years.

Family service was well attended and everybody stayed to the end despite the chilly conditions. Bonzo’s excuse was that he was feeling neglected in these pages and was desperate for some sort of recognition. He is, of course, our Treasurer and treats church funds as if he was from Yorkshire and as if they were his own, which is just as well as the Diocesan wants to dig a little deeper into our piggy bank next year.

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FLOWER ROTA

2 December – First Sunday in Advent – No flowers.

16 December – Carol Service – Christmas decorations.

❖ *Decorating the church – Saturday 15 December – 10.00am.* > ❖

COFFEE ROTA

2 December – Mrs Margaret Sanders + Helper.

6 January – Mrs May Lambert + Helper.

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CHRISTIAN AID

The collection from the Christian Aid boxes gathered in at Harvest time amounted to £290. Our thanks as always to all whom contributed so generously to this cause and ask whether other people might like to take a box home and support this very worthwhile charity.

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MOTHERS UNION

Our members welcomed the members from Leven Valley to our November meeting in Rusland Reading where they heard Mrs Joanna Henson talk of her work as a co-ordinator for 'Sure Start' in Barrow. This organisations a national trailblazer project working with families with pre-school children in order to improve their education and life opportunities.

On Thursday 6 December, at 2.00pm. we are joining with other branches of the Deanery in St, Anne's church, Haverthwaite for a joint Advent service. Members who require transport are asked to contact either Margaret or Wendy.

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PARISH NEWS

Great rejoicing in Bouth as the 'Driving Lesson' saga has come to a successful end. Penny Buick has passed her driving test and one fears that having completed the London marathon this year and now having wheels might just interfere with training for next year. Congratulations Penny!!

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Congratulations to Zella and Frank Slater on the birth of a granddaughter, Bethany and, of course, great granddaughter for Teisy.

More congratulations, this time to Sally and Ian Pirnie on the birth of their eighth grandchild, Alice.

The NSPCC Coffee Morning, which spilled into Sunday after family service raised £420. The Places game was won by Pam McIver who seems to keep winning things, the Books game by Graham Lindow and the Raffle by Howard Lindow.

Zella would like to thank everyone who supported the event in any way and especially to the Helpers who were so essential to its the success.

The life Boat collection in Bouth amounted to £71.58. Thank you!

Bouth Village Hall, is in dire need of funds and we are having our popular **Bingo Night on Thursday 20 December, first call at 7.30pm. Don't miss it!**

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

In November we welcomed Federation Advisor (VCO) Mrs Ann Walshall to our A G M. The Secretary and Treasurer gave excellent reports on a variety of activities and events which members had enjoyed during the year despite the terrible effects of F & M. President Mrs Cooper thanked the committee and members for their support; she in turn was thanked by everyone for her firm but friendly and happy leadership.

As 11 members had been nominated for 9 places on the committee a ballot was taken, the first for many years, which indicates not only a growth in membership, now 22, but the vitality of and interest in the Branch.

The existing committee and Officers were re-elected; Elspeth Cooper remains President (bless her) with the very capable assistance of Susie Smith as Secretary.

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At the conclusion of the business Mrs Walshall presented Mrs May Lambert and Betty Hall with certificates for more than 40 years membership. There were also certificates for Mrs Croasdell and the late Mrs Ruth Walker, which will be presented to her family.

Mrs Walshall went on to describe her training as a V C O, now Federation Advisor, and how much satisfaction she had derived from her membership of the W I.

The Christmas Party is on Thursday 13 December, Village Hall –7.15pm.

*** On Wednesday 9 January we are having an OPEN meeting when Bobby Dobson will give a talk on 'Travels in Greenland'.**

bmw



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Two members of the oldest Mountain Rescue Team in Britain, Coniston, were the speakers at our October meeting. They gave a brief history and told of their work on the Coniston Fells rescuing walkers, mainly with lower limb injuries. They were thanked by Joanna Henson who had been a recipient of their services in the past.

We do not meet in December, as this our holiday month, we will however be gathering to enjoy a Festive dinner at 'The Manor', Oxenpark, **on the 4th. and members are asked to get their names down for this to Sandra Tel: 01229 861 081.**

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SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Success breeds success, pupil numbers are up again and the forecast for next year is very encouraging. Parents who want their children to attend this excellent school in September 2002 should not delay their Applications, as they might be disappointed

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Congratulations to Katy Walton, a year 8 pupil, who was the overall winner of the South Lakes 'Poet of the Year'. Three other pupils have received valuable music bursaries for performance work.

There have been some more changes of staff as Mrs Rachel Hill has been appointed Head of Music and Miss Amy Carol to the post of Modern Languages. We now have a good team to take us forward.

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LEVEN VALLEY

The school took part in a very successful Harvest Festival Service at St. Anne's Church when the children sang, read prayers and made a presentation on the word 'Harvest'. A few days later we held our own Harvest and were

delighted to see so many parents and relatives who joined us to watch a musical drama of ‘The Parable of the Sower’.

The gifts from the Harvest Table were then distributed to the community. Donations received towards the Bishop’s Appeal raised £52.10.

We are very grateful to the PTA for their support in providing the school with new equipment. We now have a TV/Video in each classroom and Class I have got some very imaginative play equipment.

+ **Date to remember** - Sunday 2 December – ‘Kristkindle Market’ – School at 3.00pm. This year the theme is ‘Victorian’.

lks



SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

There are new appointments afoot but more in the next issue. **Our Christmas School Play ‘007 and ¾, You only laugh Twice’** will be held At the Theatre in the Forest, Grizedale on **Saturday 8 December, 7.30pm**. Not to be missed!

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“The Christmas season reminds us that a demonstration of religion is often better than a definition of it”

anon.

CRIME WATCH

Good news! The Ulverston Rural Beat now has a second dedicated officer. PC 1126 Janice Keen who is an ‘old’ hand with 12 years service has been transferred from Barrow. It would seem that for once a government promise has been kept, as this appointment is being financed from “Extra money for Rural Policing”.

Janice started a couple of weeks ago and as her shifts are largely opposite those of John Baldwin this effectively doubles the policing of the area.

The only incident of note was an attempted theft of diesel from the Council's Saunders Foot depot. The thieves made off on foot with the arrival of the police leaving their van behind which has now been DNA tested.

Remember to ring Ulverston on 10229 824 532 and hang on, be patient as modern efficient telephones put you in a queue. In an emergency dial, 999 or 112. There is always Crime Stoppers but they have an efficient queue system too! O800 555 111.

PC 896 jb



END PIECE

Some years ago the City fathers of Carlisle commissioned a granite spherical stone engraved with a Scottish curse, the Scots were fed up with the north Cumbrians rustling their sheep and cattle. This commission was in the category of 'it was a good idea at the time'.

This has caused some fluttering in the ecclesiastical dovecotes as those in one of the worst hit F & M areas think it partly to blame for their problems and the Bishop of Carlisle has been asked, nay, it has been demanded of him to exorcise the curse.

You may think that some of the comments in this magazine are over the top but they cannot be compared to the Vicar of Scotby and Cotehill with Comewhinton who wrote "Clearly the council holds matters spiritual in such trivial regard that it can cheerfully commission the equivalent of a loaded gun and regard it as a tourist attraction".

DIARY DATES

- 2 December – **Advent Sunday**, Family Service – 9.30am.
Leven Valley School, ‘Kristkindle’ Market – School – 3.00pm.
- 4 December – Sparkbridge & Lowick W I , Festive Dinner – The Manor, Oxenpark.
- 6 December – M U , Deanery Service – St Anne’s, Haverthwaite – 2.00pm.
- 8 December – **The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
Satterthwaite & Rusland School Play – Grizedale – 7.30pm.
- 9 December – Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 12 December – Bouth W I Christmas Party – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 13 December – **St Lucy – Martyr.**
- 14 December – **St John of the Cross Poet Teacher.**
- 15 December – Decorating the Church – 10.00am. →
- 16 December – Carol Service – 4.30pm.
- 20 December – End of term – phew!
Bouth Village Hall, Bingo – 7.30pm.
- 23 December – Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 24 December – Midnight Communion – 11.30pm.
- 25 December – **Christmas Day.**
- 26 December – **St Stephen, Deacon and first Martyr.**
- 27 December – **St John, Apostle and Evangelist.**
- 28 December – **The Holy Innocents.**
- 30 December – Mattins – 9.30am.
- 9 January – Bouth W I, Village Hall 7.15pm. : For those interested – Term starts.

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