



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

THE PASTORAL LETTER

October 1997

Dear Friends

"Use it, or lose it:" a slogan much used by the Post Office and rural shops and equally appropriate to your parish church. Yes: **YOUR** parish church; even if it is the church you like to stay away from, until you need it!

Many regard it this way and I have seen a church being demolished; a horrible sight. I have watched the conversion (excuse the pun) from a church to a "desirable weekend residence".

Now, don't worry; **your** local church is **not** under such threats: **yet**. Perhaps we have a bad (and often deserved) reputation of always asking for money; **MORE** importantly **your church needs YOU**. Whether we are ever short of clergy may be one problem; but **far** more seriously we are short of the **presence of our communities**.

There never was a "golden age" when people flocked to each service: but when **more** folk lived in our parishes they did attend more often, and this **appeared** to be "everyone". But of course you **DO** come, don't you?

Some of us are too frail, too busy with work or home duties; or without a car (ask churchgoing friends about that problem; it **can** be solved). **Some** might say "I don't go to church but I live a Christian life". Well, you would find it easier if you **DO** come.

There are no 'lone' Christians; and the word church means an "assembly" (of the people of God). **Some** might say "those who go to church are hypocrites" (No one would dare to say that 'there is always room for one more!'). **Then** "there are more interesting ways of spending Sunday" (**All** 24 hours? can't you spare just **one** for God?). **Or** "I never know the times of services" (they are in the Magazine/Parish News **AND** on the church notice boards!). "They sing hymns that I don't know" (being there would help you get to know them).

"They sing the same old hymns we knew as children" (so, you would feel at home then). "They may not speak to me" (yes, DO blame us if that happens) **or** "I hope they don't try to INVOLVE me " (I hope we shall be quiet and tactful if you need that). "I would have to dress up in Sunday best clothes" • NO: because God is not interested in clothes (and the rest of the congregation SHOULD have their minds on HIM, not on your best suit!).

"Sermons are long and boring" (OUCH! I'll try to keep to 12/15 minutes; and I don't want to bore myself, anyway). "The children may make a noise and I would have to leave" (No, we **like** children, just as our MASTER does; and He always welcomes them to His house, and anyway the curate has a voice that can compete with your child's loudest!).

So, really, there are no reasons why people should not feel **welcome** to our services; and as a beginning why not come **one** Sunday and give yourself a chance to 'meet' with God ! (And if you come **occasionally**, why not come more often; it will help you to feel part of the 'family' to which we ALL belong).

If you only come **once in a while don't feel guilty** about it: you are doing your best; (and we believe you!).

God bless you, **every** one.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison (Curate)

*"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up
and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the
sabbath day".*

. Luke chapter 4, verse 16



CHURCH MATTERS

Tranquillity is a word associated with churches and indeed our own Colton is a haven of rest and peace. When dealing with church affairs however, things are not always so serene. This is understandable considering the mixture of people, buildings, land and money.

Over the last few years our parish has not been able to look forward with any degree of certainty to a stable and long lasting relationship with those responsible for our pastoral care. On the other hand we have been exceptionally fortunate, not only in the quality of the care we have received, but also in the quality and loving nature of our spiritual leaders. No other church could have had more loving guidance, care and inspired hectoring than we have received from both Sheila and Doreen in their differing ways.

All this may shortly alter as an opportunity for change and a more secure future has now arisen as the Vicar of Hawkshead is due to retire early in the new year and it has been proposed that the four parishes of Colton, Rusland, Satterthwaite and Sawrey join with Hawkshead with the Vicar of Hawkshead as Priest-in-Charge assisted by a N S M who with a lot of luck and a following wind would live in a house (vicarage?) somewhere in our parish.

The majority of the P C C seem inclined to climb through this window of opportunity which is contrary to the resolution they passed some months ago. But then we cannot always have what we prefer;-

- i) would have a strong preference for joining other rural parishes rather than urban communities
- ii) would much prefer in geographic terms a cluster involving parishes to the east/or west rather than any extension to the north of Satterthwaite.
- iii) would wish to keep the association with Rusland and Satterthwaite.



Our remarkable curate has done it again, where does she get the energy from and please can I have some. The P C C has been debating how to treat, sympathetically, the area in the churchyard reserved for the burial of cremated remains. She has laid her firm hands on a substantial stone cross now redundant at St Johns Windermere and it has been agreed that it will form the 'centre piece' for this special area. Transport apart all for free!

Please note that Sunday 9 November is **REMEMBRANCE DAY** and there will be a Remembrance Service not Holy Communion.

On the subject of special services can we reiterate the well chosen words of thanks from Doreen to all who contributed to the success of our Harvest Thanksgiving with special mention to Cynthia and Jack Burns for their sterling work in refurbishing the rather grand and tall candlestick holders (originally for oil lamps) which we now know by their proper name of Torchère.
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Our thanks are also extended to those people who read the lessons and brought gifts of flowers and fruit which was taken to the sick and elderly in the parish on the following Monday

The christian aid committee would like to thank everyone who brought their Boxes to the Harvest Service. The amount collected to date from the Boxes is £135 with a little more to come.
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MOTHERS UNION

On 27 September the Mothers Union enjoyed a trip to York Minster where they joined with 2500 fellow members in a Service. The Bring & Buy at Bouth Village Hall netted £94.11 when ideas were taken for Christmas presents to give out round the parishes by the MU.

The Coffee Evening at Windermere was enjoyable despite the Weather when Mrs Sue Harland gave an illustrated talk on her and the Bishop's Travels to Argentina, Zululand and India.

The next meeting is on 5 November at 2.00 pm. in Rusland Parish Room when Peggy and Vic Bricker will show slides of a "Colourful South Africa" and we will be joined by our friends from Bardsea. All are welcome. mc



FLOWER ROTA

2	November	Mrs. M Campbell
9	November	Remembrance Sunday
16	November	Remembrance Sunday
23	November	
30	November	1st Sunday in Advent



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Even when it comes as a blessed relief, death is always tinged with sadness especially for loved ones. Mrs. Bessie Alexandra Wright, mother of Hilary Brooks died peacefully on 24 September at 'Hollow Oak' where she had resided for some time. Mrs. Wright had lived with Hilary & Noel in Bouth for several years and was not perhaps known to a great many in the parish because of her immobility. She was a lady of strong, forthright and very firm views and those who were fortunate to spend time with her were better for the experience. Our blessings and sympathy go out to Hilary and her family for their sad loss.

♥ Hilary, Noel and family would like to express their thanks to everyone for cards, flowers and condolences. Also for the many kindnesses her mother received during her time with them in Bouth and subsequently at HollowOak' Nursing Home

As one star burns out another is created and we welcome to our world Daisy Lydia Ball born on 28 September 1997 . Congratulations to proud parents Chris and Phil and also our thanks for bringing Daisy to church on Harvest Festival making our celebrations more poignant. daw

At the time of going to press we are pleased to report that Tom Wren and Jack Marsh are back home from hospital and we hope they will enjoy better health.

Mrs. May Sproat has had a short spell in hospital and is now happily back home and busy as ever. jr

NOVEMBER 8 th. 10.00 am. to 12.0 noon - Coffee Morning at Zella Slaters!
In aid of the NSPCC

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National Newspapers get it wrong which makes our little slips pale in comparison unless it affects you. Dates and times are only printed after diligent research but like the results of opinion polls it all depends on who you ask as your editor has been firmly reminded. Sorry!

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The cost of the Parish News has remained static for some time and it still remains at **£3**. Collection time is due so please, please have you money ready next month - December - || Thank you ||

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Sparkbridge Village Hall is to hold a Coffee evening and a demonstration of flower craft, "ideas for Christmas" , by Mrs. Robinson on Thursday 30 October at 7.15 pm. when a £1000 grant from the Cumbria County Council will be presented. To follow 60s/70s disco on 6 December.

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PLEASE NOTE: Due to other pressing committments (like going on holiday). Deadline date next month is 5 days earlier - Monday 10 November

WOMENS INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

At the October meeting Mrs. Parsons gave a interesting illustrated talk on the Brownes' of Townend. The property belonged to the family for over 400 years and was extended to suit their aspirations to the gentry!

It now belongs to the National Trust and it is hoped to arrange a W.I. visit next summer.

Plans are well in hand for Halloween Night on **31 October** in Bouth Village Hall. It has been suggested that children might like to dress up to suit the occasion. Please support as this event is in aid of the Village Hall refurbishment.

The Annual meeting will be held on 12 November.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Members were taken on a scenic trip to Austria at their September meeting by Mr. & Mrs. Bricker who are firm favourites because of the wonderful slides and graphic lighthearted commentary which kept the members , as usual, spellbound. They felt they could almost smell the fragrance of the alpine flowers and taste the sausage, coffee and beer during trips up the snow capped Alps.

Before business, members stood in silent tribute, to Mrs. Francis Allonby who had recently died. Mrs. Allonby had been a stalwart W.I. member for over 50 years having been committee member, secretary and President and also an active worker at the W.I. market in Ulverston.

The Annual meeting will be held on 25 November



The recent rummage sale at Bouth Village Hall raised £67 plus some very generous donations. Thank you to all who gave , bought & worked. daw

SCHOOL NEWS

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

The topic for this term is Land Transport and The Tudors and Stewarts.

Once again the children brought gifts for Harvest and year six helped with the decoration of the church. They had a lovely Harvest Service with the Vicar. Later, 29 Harvest Gifts were distributed around the Valley.

School welcomes 4th. year student Rebecca Chadburn from Charlotte Mason College. Rebecca will be with the juniors until christmas.

Thanks to all volunteers who are helping with Craft on Fridays especially Margaret Postlethwaite who is carrying on with cookery although her children have left. Anyone who would like to help with any craft is welcome.

CARTMEL PRIORY

The school had an outstanding success at the Kendal Torchlight Procession where their Alice in Wonderland float won trophies for 'Best New Entrant' and 'Best School Group' Congatulations to all concerned.

To put a little detail on last month's news there were six glass panels and the service was taken by Father Hugh Lindsay, Chaplain at Boarbank Hall, with the final blessing given by Ian, Bishop of Carlisle. The music was from the Taize Community.

The school speech night was held on 14 October in all its traditional splendour. The evening reflected the high quality of the school not just in academic achievements but also in the fields of sport, art and music.

More detail on Speech Night next month.



**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A SUITABLE
HOUSE FOR A VICARAGE**

CLAIMING DATES

30	October	Sparkbridge Village Hall, Coffee Evening, 7.15pm.
31	October	W.I. Halloween Night, Bouth Village Hall, 7.00pm.
1	November	All Saints Day
2	November	All Souls - Family Service - 9.30 am.
5	November	M.U. meeting at Rusland Parish Room, 2.00pm.
8	November	NSPCC Coffee Morning, Zella Slater's , Oxen Park 10.00 am. - 12 noon.
9	November	Remembrance Sunday and Service - 9.30am.
11	November	W.I. - Bouth, Annual Meeting, Village Hall, 7.15pm.
16	November	Holy Communion - 11.15am.
23	November	Holy Communion - 11.15am.
25	November	W.I. - Sparkbridge & Lowick, Annual Meeting and Festive Supper.
30	November	1st. Sunday in Advent and 4th before Christmas Morning Prayer - 9.30am.
6	December	Sparkbridge Village Hall - 60s/70s Disco
10	December	W.I. - Bouth, Christmas Party



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. Curate.