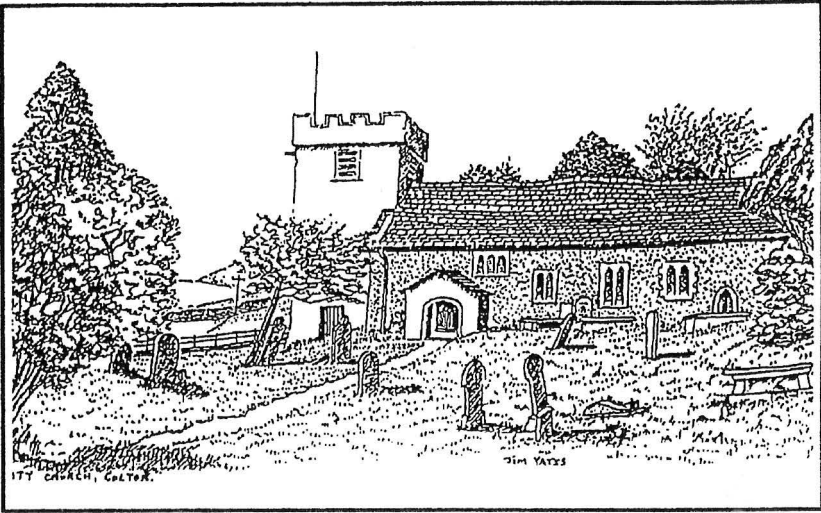




PARISH NEWS

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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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December 1998

Dear Friends

"Did you have a nice Christmas?" people ask, often as early as Boxing day, or maybe even sooner. Why? Perhaps because shops begin 'Christmas' in October and finish it on Christmas Eve ready to begin January Sales. But the Church spends time preparing quietly for Christmas with the season of Advent (purple on altars, no flowers etc) and then suddenly and joyously bursts into life at Midnight on Christmas Eve lasting for TWELVE DAYS until Epiphany on 6 January. Now, there's a real 'party' for you.

It is a pity that commercial Christmas gives folks so many carols before the big day so that they seem stale when 'Nine Lessons & Carols' comes on the air.

A good holiday, a job exchange, sabbatical or Retreat gives us a break, a time to look at the world and our life from a new angle and to gain fresh understanding. Christmas is a bit like that! When Christ, the 'human face of God' came to earth he shared our experience of life, took time to listen, to speak, to care, to console and to show that everyone is important to Him. Because of His coming (Incarnation) we can be sure that God knows and understands our hopes and fears, our failures and failings, our little triumphs and dreams so He can enrich our lives with His Presence (His title Emmanuel means 'God with us'). This gives us confidence to face the New Year (and each day) with assurance.

We look back with nostalgia, regret, joy, thankfulness or merely a sigh of relief at having 'survived', until we remember that we are always in the hands of God whatever may happen to us. The future is not 'change and decay' but it will be change and challenge; exciting, a bit daunting, unknown but brand new and waiting for you and me to make our marks upon it. Like unwrapping a huge Christmas present from God our lives open up before us: so let's go ahead and use them to His glory. With God's help we will.

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep you in His love, and may His Blessing rest upon you this Christmastide and through the years to come for evermore.

Yours sincerely



Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest



CHURCH MATTERS

The mysteries of the Standing Committee are revealed at last; the truth is, as long suspected, that it is just another boring committee with lots of influence but technically with little real power. It leads rather than decides.

Our Parish Priest brought an unpleasant sense of reality to the proceedings by introducing the effects of the "Child Protection" legislation. We are obliged to have a 'Draft Parish Policy' in order to ensure that children are safe on church property and a copy will be displayed on the church notice board. For further information contact Margaret Campbell, PCC Secretary. Ain't it sad!

C. A. Campbell

The Mothers Union by this time will have held a Coffee morning for Christian Aid funds for Central America and the Standing committee agreed that £100 from church funds should also be sent.

It looks as though progress is being made with the much needed improvements to the toilets. A compromise solution of one WC each for the genders and one for the disabled is being proposed and should be approved as long as nobody rocks the financial boat.

Bonzo and Peter are, or shortly will be, combining their woodworking skills in order to provide a wheelchair access to the church but the problem of the path remains. It is not wheelchair friendly but a solution has yet to be found, other than bitumen macadam, tarmac to the uninitiated, which nobody wants. If anybody has any bright ideas please let the Churchwardens know.

Our sympathy and best wishes to Revd. Stephen Pye who has a poorly and painful knee. There is no truth in the rumour that he did it whilst having a trial for Carlisle United although on recent form they could do with some new blood.

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A thought for any day:

"It is hard to believe a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place."

M L Mencken.

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MOTHERS UNION

The speaker for our November meeting was Miss Margaret Wignall who took members on an illustrated journey into China where Miss Wignall had been, for twelve months, instructing the Chinese in Tourism and Hotel Management. Members heard how vast China is, learnt some of the culture and viewed some very interesting scenes. It was agreed that we had had a very enjoyable afternoon and members are looking forward to next year when we shall book Miss Wignall for a return visit for 'China II'.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 December at Satterthwaite starting at 2.00pm. with a short Communion service followed by carols and social time in the hall. We have invited the Revd. Pye, the parishioners from Hawkshead and members from the various MU branches to join us.

We warmly invite everyone to our meetings so do come and visit ; we promise you will enjoy yourself. In case you had forgotten the **NEXT** meeting is **NOT** until the first Wednesday in **MARCH!**

mc

FLOWER ROTA

'Tis Advent and in keeping with tradition the church remains undecorated until Christmastide. This is a timely reminder of how beautifully our church is normally decorated and what a large a debt of gratitude we **ALL** owe to that small but dedicated band of ladies who work unstintingly Sunday by Sunday to bedeck God's house in Colton in nature's glory. ♥ **THANK-YOU** ♥



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Even the faithful band cannot do this job on their own so get your gloves, your secateurs and scissors and turn up at church with a cheery smile on Saturday 19 December 10.00am. onwards and it would be a great help if you brought along flowers and foliage. Don't forget and don't leave it to others !



✿ CHRISTMAS FAIR ✿

It is really a Christmas get together and a joyous occasion not a chore so make an effort to attend on **SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER AT 2.00pm AT BOUTH VILLAGE HALL**. Before that day, however, remember Tombola, raffle prizes, cakes, produce and gifts to either Christine Dobson **01229 86 03 60** or Judy Redhead **01229 82 12 38**. Oh! PCC members do not forget your mince pies •



PARISH NEWS

It was good to see Mr Prescott(Sue Smith's Dad) in church on his own; Roderick, so the tale goes, was at home cooking the lunch. Being a Sunday let's hope it was a christian rather than a burnt offering.

Some goodish news this month if a bit mixed; George Prickett has been in hospital but the latest is that he is due home. Wayne Young who recovered so well after his nasty accident has had remedial surgery and has now got good

movement in his hand and fingers and Steven Fleming 's broken ankle is at last on the mend. We wish them all well and a quick return to full health.

We wish the same to Tommy Woodburn who is making slow but positive progress; it's clearly going to be a long job but as always the people in this parish have rallied round and Tommy and Jaqui have asked us to print this message.

"Tommy and Jaqui would like to thank, most sincerely, all family, friends and good neighbours from the bottom of our hearts. Thank-you all for your lovely gifts of fruit, flowers, get well wishes and offers of lifts during Tom's month in FGH.

Also last, but not least, thank-you Lord for giving Tom another bite of the cherry.

★ *How great thou art* ★ "

All our thoughts and good wishes are with the young relation of Thomas And Caroline Lambert who befell an appalling accident on her way to school; in the darkness of these days we pray for light and for better news.

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Can you believe it, we have been asked to print - **MEN NEEDED !** - there is of course a catch as you have to be able to sing, well, at least a bit. Tenors and Basses are much needed to join the church choir for Christmas and special occasions as the choir is a little short in this area. It is not a week in week out commitment just now and then and you never know you might enjoy it.

The Word Processor is not behaving itself this month but does it ever and IT forgot to extend our sympathy and best wishes to Shirley Dawes of Old Hall Cottage ,Bouth, who opened a kitchen wall cupboard when it came off the wall and it and the contents collapsed on to her. The injuries were serious but not too serious and Shirley is all but better. We are not sure about Ken though. daw

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"Nothing can glower
Like a tourist throng
Trapped for an hour
By Evensong."

phyllis mcginley

WOMENS INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

The lanterns and ghosties were on the road to the Village Hall with its bats, spiders and skeletons for another Hallow'een. Thank-you to all who helped and supported so generously to supplement our funds.

We moved on to the Annual Meeting confident, that with this boost and our membership of 21 + 1 associate, we can continue with a good level of activities and speakers for the coming year, always assuming we could find a President.

Time to reshuffle the pack. Brenda Patton has retired as President and from the committee and was given the warm and heartfelt thanks of the members for all her dedication over the last three years as President and previously as Secretary. Elspeth Cooper not only agreed to return to the committee but was willing to be President again.

A grateful committee fell in behind her with Susan Smith as Hon. Secretary, Rowena Thornthwaite, Hon. Treasurer and, with the addition of Judy Redhead, is now up to strength.

Every year we declare our allegiance to the W.I. in Bouth; the community would not be the same without it. It offers a variety of activities both in and outside the Village but, best of all, is a source of friendship and support in good times and bad. If you are not already a member you might like to join us - the more the merrier. A final word - the Christmas Party will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday evening 9 December.

bmw

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Mr & Mrs Bricker stepped in at the last moment at our October meeting as the booked speaker couldn't come. Members were transported to "Colourful South Africa" with beautiful slides and a humorous commentary from Mr Bricker.

The nominations for the Annual meeting were taken but as there were 7 for 7 places no ballot will be needed. The next meeting is on 26 January when Mrs Catherine Walker will be giving a cookery demonstration. All are welcome.

mc

SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

The Full Governing Body have been involved in a "make your mind up" process in that under the most recent Education Legislation they must decide into which category the school will be placed.

It was resolved that it is to be "Voluntary Aided" which means that the school will continue to be a C of E school, indeed the only secondary C of E school in South Cumbria. It is surprising that more parents, who are members of the church, do not send their children to this excellent school. daw

LEVEN VALLEY

Just a reminder that the Carol Concert will be held on 17 December in St Anne's Church at 7.00pm. and the Christmas Tea Party and sing-along for senior local residents on 15 December in the school hall. We do not have a time. jj

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

The children are very busy rehearsing for the school play which will be held in Grizedale Theatre on 11 December at 7.30pm. and is not to be missed. Everyone is welcome to what is sure to be an entertaining evening. The Christmas Party is on 15 December at 3.00pm followed by carols and mince pies. The children will be visiting Colton House & Hollow Oak on 16 & 17 December to sing carols with the residents.

The PTA will be holding a coffee morning on 14 January at 10.00am. in the so please turn up and support our school.

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★ There are two items that should have been included in Parish News but got lost in the editorial shambles •The Rummage sale held in October for Bouth Village Hall funds realised £75.72. Thanks to those who worked, gave and bought.

There is some good news as we are told that Jackie Thwaites has become an Auntie - again. 'Eric Brian' 8lb 8ozs was born on Saturday 24 October to Stephanie, Jackie's sister, and Graham Hill . A welcome baby brother to Vincent and Robyn. Congratulations.



Christmas Thought

Where are you born today
O Baby King ?
What girl labours to give you life
Her husband watchful by the stable door?

What teeming pavement,
What muddy hovel,
Hears your newborn cries?

Which toilers in the ricefields
Or on bleak hillsides
Look up and hear an angel's song?

Which learned men
Fly across the world
To bring your richest gifts?

Who is the ruler, cruel and proud
That sends his soldiers out
To fire and slay?

Beyond the tinsel and the toys,
The festive candy floss,
Look to a star above
And find the clarity of love.

jean sly.



CLAIMING DATES

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| 25 | November | Christian Aid (Central America) Coffee Morning -
Burn Knott - 10.00am. |
| 28 | November | Xmas Fair - Bouth Village Hall - 2.00pm. |
| 29 | November | Advent Sunday - Sung Mattins - 9.30am. |
| 30 | November | St. Andrew |
| 2 | December | MU Carols & Social - Satterthwaite - 2.00pm. |
| 6 | December | Family Service - 9.30am. - Coffee in hall afterwards. |
| 8 | December | Cartmel School - Dedication of stained glass window by
Bishop Ian - 3.30pm. |
| 9 | December | Bouth WI - Xmas Party - Bouth Village Hall |
| 11 | December | Levens School - Carols - St, Annes Church - 7.00pm.
Satterthwaite School Play - Grizedale - 7.30pm. |
| 13 | December | Holy Communion - 9.30am. |
| 15 | December | Levens School - Xmas Party & Sing-along.
Satterthwaite School - Xmas Party - 3.00pm. |
| 20 | December | Carol Service - 4.30pm ★ No Morning Service ★ |
| 24 | December | Midnight Communion - 11.30 pm - Carols, Bouth - 6.30pm |
| 25 | December | + Christ our Saviour's Birthday + |
| January Dates • | | 6th Epiphany • 13th Bouth WI - Wax Painting - 7.15pm •
25th Conversion of St Paul • 26 Sparkbridge & Lowick WI
Cookery Demonstration • Church Services as usual • |

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