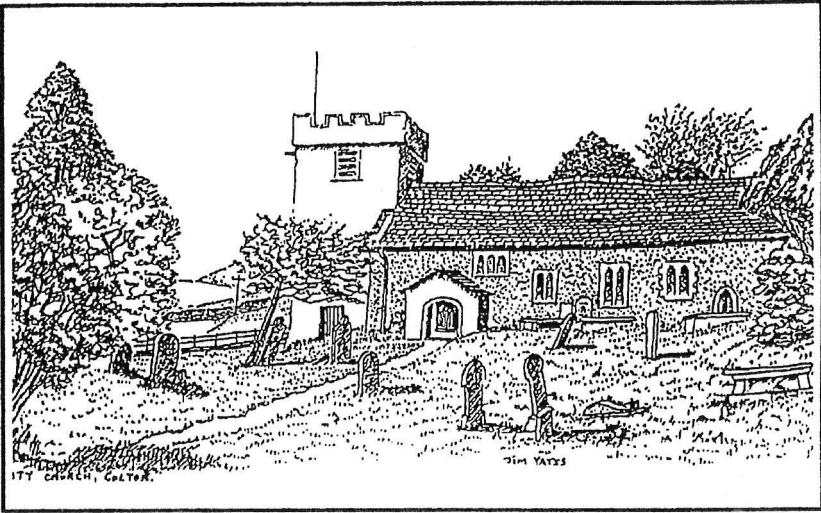




PARISH NEWS

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

January 1998

Dear Friends

Do you keep a diary ? Up to present, I have managed to write my 'page a day' since 1964; and it is both a discipline and a rewarding 'archive' to look back on. Oh! not for the importance of what is there, but as a reminder of people (it is possible that YOU are in it!) and of everyday events, the trivia which would be lost in the mists of time; like the cost of milk per pint in 1964, the radio or TV events which were (or were not) worth watching; holiday places (B&B 25/-, with evening meal 30/-) and two weeks in Norway for £70 in 1966. Do you remember petrol at 5/- a gallon in 1964?

Your 'family diary' could start NOW; with the highs and lows of life; school terms, Golden Weddings, presents given and received, visit to beauty spots or the dentist, childhood ailments (and great aunt's remedies), buying a fridge or a goldfish, daughter's clarinet solo, Dad's DIY shed, big brother's Scouting adventures and Mum's O.U. degree.

"All life is there" and your family, by the Grace of God, survived it! There is the unexpected and welcomed help of strangers along our way, the delightful good humour of our neighbour, and the puzzles too (like the 'pessemistic character with the crabapple face' who might just have a handicapped loved one at home if we did but know). Lord, give us patience to listen to their story, it could so easily be ours.

Yes, a "diary", or simply a scribbled note of random happenings which seem to be memorable at the time, will prove to be infinitely more precious as time passes. They give us a sense of proportion. Events we might now prefer to forget prick our little bubble of conceit and remind us not only of our silliness but of God's mercy! He "forgives our foolish ways" and gives us the chance to begin again

Time moves on, and we cannot look back with regret, (just remember what happened to Lot's wife!) It is as futile to look forward with fear, saying "What

if" this or that may happen. The past is safe in God's keeping and He promises to be with us in the future. The old hymn says "My times are in thy hands, whatever they may be; Pleasing or painful, dark or bright, As best may seem to Thee".

As we pass this way but once, may our passing bring good to those we meet in 1998 and beyond and may you go forward to meet the future "with hope in your heart; and you'll never walk alone".

God bless you now and always.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doreen Harrison".

Doreen Harrison (Curate)



CHURCH MATTERS

The more diligent readers might have wondered about the opening paragraphs of Church Matters in the last Magazine. In fact they referred to the happenings at the Deanery Synod held in Flookburgh on 6 November 1997.

Our Curate reminds me that the workings of our Church are a bit like weather forecasts in not being entirely predictable in that you can never be sure whether or not there is going to be something to report and this month there isn't!

But much has happened in Colton, starting with the Christingle Service which was held at 4.30pm, and hopefully always will be whatever is printed in these pages. It was, as before, a huge success and all thanks are due to our music makers, readers, children, parents and organisers (which includes anybody who feels left out). The collection for the Childrens Soc. raised £171.25.

"Circumstances beyond my individual control"

Dickens.

Christmas Eve night when circumstances were beyond everyone's control was truly Dickensian. Twenty nine intrepid souls found their way to Church and Communion in the cold and dark. The Church looked magnificent in its Christmas finery lit by candle, gas and oil lamps withstanding all the weather could throw at it.

And we had music, with the heroines of the hour Veryan and Tasmin Johnson hand pumping the organ with frightening vigour and Barbara playing the carols with aplomb whilst peering at the music in the gloom and her fingers finding the right notes with an accuracy that belied the conditions. At the risk of sounding boring - we are a lucky lot!

Thanks are also due to Doreen who travels to and from Ambleside and whose steadfastness is remarkable and more than we sometimes deserve. Also to the many(?) who decorated the Church and whilst on this subject let us not forget our 'Flower Ladies' who week in week out throughout the year provide and arrange the floral decorations that so enhance the beauty and peace in our House of God.

On a more prosaic level the next meeting of the P.C.C. is on Monday 9 February although with the Standing committee being cancelled there cannot be much to discuss.

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MOTHERS UNION

In December the Valley Mothers Union held their Annual Advent Service; this year we enjoyed the hospitality of the Satterthwaite ladies for this very enjoyable service with six members taking part, after which, we adjourned across to the hall for a hot drink, mince pies and social chatter.

During December the four ladies of the committee met and parcelled up gifts and donations given by members who then delivered twenty five Christmas

gifts to elderly and housebound people in the valley.

Our Mothers Union Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month and any ladies who would like to come and join in our Christian fellowship on these afternoons would be most welcome. Our next meeting will be on 4 March 1998 at 2.00pm. in Bouth Village Hall when Mrs. G Wright will be giving a talk on "Working with the blind in Africa".

Margaret Campbell
01229 861 327



CHILDRENS SOCIETY

The sum of £155-26 has been sent to The Childrens Society for the half year up to the end of October. A big thank you to all the box holders and if anyone is interested in having a box please ring Wendy Smith Tel: 01539 531 872 •



FLOWER ROTA

1	February	Mrs W Smith
8	February	Mrs A Silcock
15	February	Mrs A Silcock
22	February	Wedding
1	March	Lent



'Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called
the children of God.'

St. Matthew 5:3

PARISH NEWS

Winter is never a good time for a Parish News editor for inevitably there always seems to be more sad than cheerful news and so we have to tell you of the death of Jack Marsh shortly after he and Kaye moved to Ulverston. Jack was a metallurgist and a confirmed foundry man; there was not a lot he did not know about the casting of metal and was an expert in this field having several papers on the subject published nationally.

His "Funeral Service" was a secular celebration with music and readings which was a beautiful and movingly sad tribute to his life. Our sympathies go out to Kaye and the family and we all wish her good health and happiness in the new year and the years ahead.

A New Year's Eve casualty was the indomitable Christine Dobson who befell a nasty accident at home and then waited four hours in hospital for treatment. She tells us that she is on the mend and hopes to be back in church before you all read this. You can bet on it! In sending our good wishes we are reminded of Tom Wren who is still poorly and we hope he returns to better health in the near future.

May Sproat is now back at home after treatment in Manchester. She is another lady of great strength who always puts others before herself and it was typical of her that one of her first tasks on returning home was to knock on my door with a note, "Mrs May Sproat would like to thank all the kind people who sent cards, flowers and good wishes also for all the goodies sent on my return from that Luxury Hotel in Manchester".

We in return hope that she will get back to full strength, better health and we send our best wishes for the future.

Robert Stewart had an interesting New Year losing his appendix; he is now back home and his main concern seems to be that he is missing a goodly part of the Hockey season and his fitness training. Oh what it is to be young !

The good news is that Baby Jamie Bennet of Owl Corner, Burn Knott is now back home with his parents after spending Christmas in the Children's Dept.

of Blackburn Hospital with suspected meningitis. Thankfully he responded to treatment and is now over the worst.

Its all change in Bouth and we give a warm Colton welcome to Diane(a) and David Oretton who are taking up residence in 'Rose Cottage' and Debbie and Roger Perry who are to move into 'Meadow View' . We hope you will enjoy your lives here as much as we other 'Offcomers' have; Bouth is very special.

One of the specialities is Carols round the Village Green Christmas Tree on Xmas Eve only this year we were rained off and had a somewhat crowded sing in the White Hart. It wasn't quite the same but we still managed to raise £160-52 for the Hospice half of which came from the raffle of a turkey donated by mine host, David and for which we are grateful. Not of course that it was of much use in Bouth on the festive day. Thanks are also due to those members of the Ulverston Band who valiantly led the singing.

We told you that Zella was still counting and so she was finishing with a total of £315. The Christmas Fair over which there was some doubt raised £434 half of which was donated to the Village Hall for its refurbishment. Thanks !

The Locals are also doing their bit for ably led by May Lambert the Bingo managed a very creditable £215. Mind you the evening was enlivened by the 'Calling' of Tommy Woodburn best described as eccentric. He blamed the balls, as he would, but to be fair they were square. Much obliged everybody.

Geoff Wilkinson. ex Barnside who defected to Backbarrow tells me that Fund Raising for the Hospice at Lakeside accumulated a magnificent £1950. There was a visit to the Aquatarium and the guests enjoyed a Christmas Buffet generously donated by Neville Talbot, the Managing Director of the Hotel, as were two raffle prizes for a night in a hotel in Harrogate.

Geoff wants to thank all concerned which we are happy to do but it couldn't have happened without his leadership. I want to know how he finds the time for he is rarely here; his normal habitat is on the high seas !

WOMENS INSTITUTE NEWS

BOUTH

November heralded the Annual meeting when President Brenda Patton Vice-president Wendy Smith, Secretary Sue Smith, Asst. secretary Hilary Brooks, Treasurer Rowena Thornthwaite, Speaker finder Silvia Chadwick and Press secretary Barbara Wroe were all re-elected.

December saw another annual event - the Christmas party. As usual it was well attended with the members producing some tasty food fortified by Mr Minton's country wine.

It was a wonderful evening enlivened with musical entertainment provided by Helen and Phil from Barrow.

January brought an open meeting addressed by Mrs Keegan but because of deadlines this will be reported next month; the February meeting will be held on the 11th. when Mr Staughton will give a talk entitled 'Rook How'.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At the Annual General meeting in November, two thirds of the members stood for committee, but the old committee must have done a good job over the last twelve months, as they were all voted back into office without any change.

Mrs. Doris Aldworthy, our "chummy" VCO, then gave an entertaining talk on her visit to Austria. This had been a ambition of hers for many years as part of a plan to visit the places of numerous famous musical venues; her enthusiasm for the subject kept all the members enthralled.

The evening ended on a festive note with members enjoying a Jacobs Join supper and exchanging gifts.

In December members appreciated a Christmas dinner at the Farmers Arms where there was a great party atmosphere and everybody went home with a raffle prize. The February meeting will be held on the 24th. with a Hotpot supper at the Farmers Arms. All will be welcome.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Following the publishing of the GCSE results it can now be revealed that Cartmel Priory School is the top state school in the Furness area and it doesn't stop there for the Public Speaking Team of Jonathen Spodofora, Claire Faulconbridge and Claire Webster won the Kendal Rotary Club's 'Youth Speaks' competition. Jonathen scooping the pool by winning the individual speaking prize. What is there left to say, but, very well done !

Work is now the theme although there is a Ski 'Course' in January perhaps making up for the weary trudging of the sponsored walk which raised £2,878 for Multi Media Computers
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Half term for both schools is from the 16th to the 20th of February.

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

As usual, the Xmas Production was a great success and much enjoyed by a well attended audience. Well done everybody !

The Festivities continued with the Junior Carol singing at Colton House and Hollow Oak nursing homes, the school party with Santa giving parcels and the pantomime at the Y M C A at Lakeside.

Due to family circumstances, school said a sad farewell to Laura Mein who is now at Hawkshead School. Good Luck Laura.

School welcomes new member of staff Susan McLuckie who started teaching in the Infants at the start of term in January. Susan replaces Mrs Mallinson who left last term when she was presented with a signed photograph of all the pupils, book tokens and a Crystal paperweight.

A very kind but anonymous person has donated an amount of money to school for computers; three have been bought and the remainder of the donation will be used to update the library.
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The Children's Topic for this term is Sound and Music.

CLAIMING DATES

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| 1 | February | Family Service - 9.30 am.- Coffee in Hall afterwards |
| 2 | February | The Presentation of Christ. |
| 8 | February | Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
Education Sunday - Service Cartmel Priory - 3.00 pm. |
| 9 | February | P C C - Church Hall - 7.30 pm. |
| 11 | February | Bouth W.I. - Village Hall - 7.15 pm. |
| 15 | February | Holy Communion - 11.15 am. |
| 22 | February | Holy Communion - 11.15 am. |
| 24 | February | S B & Lowick W.I - Farmers Arms. |
| 25 | February | Ash Wednesday - LENT • |
| 1 | March | St. Davids Day - Family Service - 9.30 am. + Coffee. |
| 4 | March | M.U. - Bouth Village Hall - 2.00 pm |

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"PAY EVERY DEBT, AS IF GOD WROTE THE BILL"

R W Emerson.

Regrettably some of our readers have not yet paid for their Parish News and it would help, if those of you who may have forgotten, could remember next time, or even before, your magazine is delivered. Thankyou

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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.