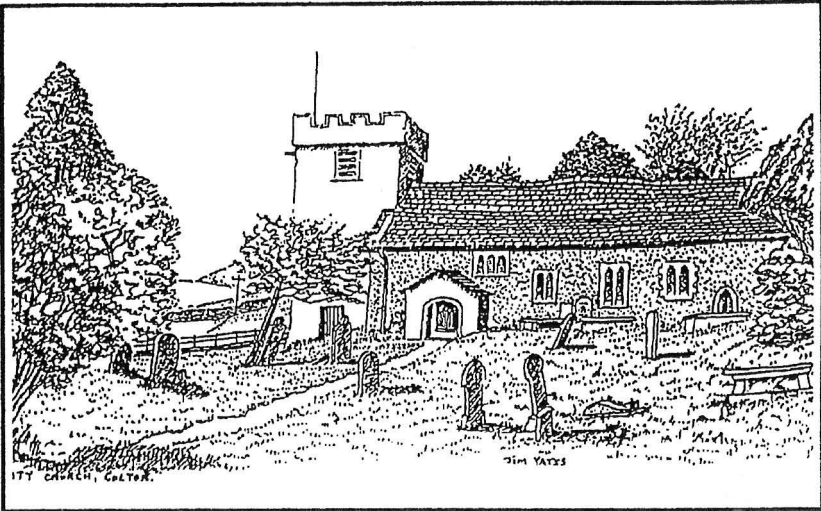




PARISH NEWS

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

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April 2000

Dear Friends

Following the Archdeacon's Visitation Courts in May, our 'new' Wardens and PCC will face a busy year ahead, in church and community. Our new services (Common Worship) will come 'on stream' fully on Advent Sunday. The changes will not be dramatic, and judging from the reactions to the new Baptism service, people seem well pleased with the results.

A sad sign of the times is the PCC item on 'Handling Aggression'. This might be thought more appropriate for inner city parishes, but with the increase in drug related incidents and the need to help folk who are finding their world frustrating mean that rural areas are no longer immune. [The C of E is especially concerned for those who work alone in churches in a variety of jobs; vigilance is needed together with simple rules and sanctified common sense.]

The report 'First to the Lord' brings us all back to the problem of "paying our way" as parishes and to our individual stewardship. Seeing what God has done for us, what should we be EAGER to give to Him?

Offering service to the Church reminds us of the great varieties of ministries, lay as well as ordained, which could use TIME

AND TALENTS. Could you be a trained Reader (Lay preacher)? Remember that with the call, God provides the means to fulfil it.

Another report which Synods and parishes must consider is the Marriage in Church of Divorced Persons. This will regularise some, possibly legally but unsound, ways in which some clergy have exercised their ministry. The wider Church needs to speak with compassion and also authority on this issue. The Report does not suggest an easy option and all clergy must continue to offer the service of Blessing following a Civil Marriage. We all need to be reminded that a Register Office wedding is recognised as wholly legal.

Your PCC will also need to go on developing its policy for making the church building more accessible for people with visual, hearing or mobility problems. Small country churches are not expected to do all the necessary work at once but we should be all moving in the right direction. Large print books, a hearing loop, wheel chair access and better lighting, carpets we already have, should make our services more 'user friendly' as well as well-designed facilities for all. Faculty law ensures that what ever we do is in keeping with proper liturgical practice and good stewarding of our historic building.

Whatever the new 'PCC year' brings may we ever keep in mind the people who ARE the 'church' and the God in whose name we serve them. God bless you in His service.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest

CHURCH NEWS

There are mistakes that are forgettable, forgivable or it's sackcloth and ashes. Last month it was the latter for as you should all know by now the Christian Aid Lunch was not held in April but is to be held on Wednesday 17 May in Rusland Parish Room Noon 'til 2.00pm. My apologies to all concerned and especially to Judy who flogged through 280 copies altering the mistake.

Your Parish Priest got in first with her copy, which covers most of the current church news. At least you know that it is accurate. The Annual Church meeting was duly held with the usual few faithful present. It was as efficient and as brief as it could be considering the number of items to be discussed (see Doreen's letter). A couple of changes to report namely that Peter Smith, because of his indisposition, wishes to stand down as Churchwarden and so Joanne Henson has 'willingly' stepped into the breach. As Peter's forte was looking after the buildings we are all agog at the thought of Joanne cleaning the gutters. But this editor knows better for she used to type this magazine, in the days before mistakes, and the reprimands still hurt, so I can tell the chaps – be prepared, for there is some almighty delegation coming your way.

The other change is that Ian Pirnie has, after many years sterling diplomacy, resigned as lay vice-chairman to be replaced by this editor, who doesn't know when to keep his mouth shut. Our sincere thanks to Peter and Ian, they will be a hard act to follow.

The big item was the untimely reluctance of Hawkshead to continue with the scheme for the Team Ministry, which has created administrative chaos in the Deanery. All the parishes concerned are to have meetings and write to the Archdeacon with their views. Our APCM decided that they were still in favour of a Team solution and if it didn't happen then we would have to think again. There was a general feeling that perhaps our fate lies south rather than north especially as both our parish priests will have retired within the next three years. If anybody has any questions you can contact Doreen, the churchwardens or myself.

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Now and then a sidesperson finds they are unable to attend. It is incumbent upon them to either find a substitute or get in touch with the 'convenor' Sue Dean, Tel: 01229 861 435.

FLOWER ROTA

With Wendy being out of action there is not a published Rota but the flower ladies will, as ever, continue their work quietly and efficiently. Thank you.



MOTHERS UNION

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed our dear friend Sheila Wareham back to Colton as the speaker at our April meeting. Sheila spoke on the life of our founder Mary Sumner; she had researched where Mary had lived as a child, as a young wife to a Bishop's son, as a mother and as the founder of our world-wide organisation.

Sheila had enjoyed her research and conveyed her enthusiasm over to the meeting and we all left with a feeling of belonging to a caring, wonderful organisation.

On the 11th. April three of our members joined with other members of the Kendal & Windermere Deaneries to welcome our World-wide President, Lady Eames, when she visited our part of the Diocese. Lady Eames is a wonderful speaker and made us all proud to belong to such a world-wide organisation.

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

At our April meeting we heard about the work of the Marie Curie Nurses who give direct nursing care to patients in the community who are seriously ill with cancer, free of charge! There are a hundred nurses in Cumbria, half funded by NHS. Mrs. B. McKintosh, our speaker, has the job of organising events to raise the other half, which she does with tremendous enthusiasm.

On the 10th. May our speaker will be Mrs. A Scargill with the intriguing title of 'Faulty Towers'.

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SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

A trek into the Sarawak Jungle was where Neil Airey took members and friends of Sparkbridge & Lowick W I at their March open meeting. Neil was a RAF Helicopter pilot and was stationed in Brunie and while there he and his partner had journeyed into the Sarawak jungle and befriended the tribal natives and in return, had been adopted by them as family.

Through his slides and narratives, Neil managed to give us an insight into life in the jungle, the beauty, the noises, the creepy crawlies and the immense heat. We also learned how hard life is being a native in the jungle, how they survive on a diet of rice and how they weave beautiful mats and bags which are sold for a pittance in the towns; how opulent our life is in comparison.

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PARISH NEWS

The year 2000 has not been very kind to this parish for at least a dozen parishioners have been in and out of hospital; some serious some not so serious. Not everyone wants to be mentioned or their incapacity known but, whatever the situation, our thoughts, good wishes and prayers have been and are with you all.

The latest to be taken poorly are Wendy and Peter Smith, two stalwarts of our church. Peter has been seriously ill but is now on the way to recovery as is Wendy. It is at times like these that you realise how much some people do for the church and it is for the rest of us who perhaps don't do so much to do a little more.

A visit to the churchyard recently is an example, as discarded foliage had accumulated to tip proportions. It would be helpful if those tidying or maintaining graves could take the redundant vegetation away. Thank you.

Young Brian Cornthwaite came a cropper on his motorbike, as the young do, and had a spell in hospital but is now home and 'bored' which has to be a good sign. We also welcome back Mrs. Croasdell who has made a wonderful recovery but have to say goodbye to Carol, Derek and Tony Wood who have been delivering milk in these parts from Abbots Reading for the last 28 years. They are not

retiring or leaving, just taking things a little easier although knowing the family that is a little difficult to believe. A big thanks from all of us! Milk will continue to be delivered and we welcome Gill & Douglas Sanders who have taken over.

We also say farewell to Lorraine and Martin Oates and their girls who have gone to pastures new in Kendal; Bouth will be quieter if less lively with their going. So we bid a warm welcome to Julie and Alison and hope they will enjoy living in this friendly village. I am sure they have surnames but the rural intelligence system has failed on this occasion.

There is one Baptism to report that of George Finlay John McVey grandson of Barbara and Donald Wroe.

✠ The Christian Aid Committee wishes to thank all those who give so generously year after year helping and supporting a world which seems to have ‘unending’ disasters. The Boxes collected on Mothering Sunday raised £190.

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SCHOOL NEWS

SATTERTHWAITE & RUSLAND

This is the second of our C of E schools to have a successful OFSTED report and although we have no details we do know that it was a pleasing report. Congratulations to staff, pupils and parents.

A reminder of the events to be held in aid of school funds.

- ◆ Homemade cake stall 1st. May – Grizedale Visitor Centre – 10.00am. →
- ◆ A Ceilidh 12th. May – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.00-10.00pm.

Adults £3, Children £2. Refreshments available

- ◆ Morecambe Bay Walk 15th. July – Kents Bank Station 5.15pm. Contacts as last month. We can have up to 70 people so do not delay

Schools, especially rural ones, are still under funded so please support us.

ULVERSTON RURAL BEAT

PC 896 John Baldwin writes – The past month has been busy especially with the regular high number of accidents – 25. The current blackspot is the A5902, Greenodd to Grizebeck where many places might have a 60mph limit but even travelling at 40 is risky, so take care, particularly as speed checks are being put in place at Penny Bridge and also at Backbarrow following complaints from residents.

The variety and unpredictability of incidents makes the job unique and challenging; every phone call is an ‘incident’ and is logged into the computer which tracks ‘it’ from start to finish and also helps us with our planning.

We had 90 incidents last month ranging from crimes, accidents and Parish Council meetings to missing persons and sudden deaths. The Computer Command & Control system is also linked to a mapping system, which not only locates the incident but also enables a more flexible use of personnel. The force aims for a 20 minute response time in rural areas for ‘crimes in progress’ and accidents.

♦ Crime Round up

Not a lot this month but be aware that several Quad Bikes have been stolen, the nearest from the Crake Valley. If **you** see anything suspicious **please call immediately – it’s better than the next day!!**



“If any one has any information regarding any crimes please feel free to contact myself, John Baldwin, in confidence, at Ulverston Police Station – Tel: 01229 583 311 or Crimestoppers freephone – 0800 555 111 and you don’t have to give your name”!



MORE NEWS

The Church in its infinite wisdom has decreed that St. George’s Day, 23rd. April, will not be St. George’s Day, which instead will fall on 2nd. May unless you are a Roman Catholic when it will be the 5th. May. The problem is that the 23rd. is Easter Sunday and the Church is adamant that St George’s day is a moveable feast. I bet they wouldn’t do that to Patrick, Andrew or David!

It is not so much more it is good news. Both Wendy and Peter are out of hospital and recovering nicely, they have asked us to pass on this message. *'Wendy, Peter and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, good wishes and support which has carried them through the last few weeks during Peter's illness.'*

We now have a Flower Rota: -

- ❖ 14 May Mrs P McIver
 - ❖ 21 May Mrs P McIver
 - ❖ 28 May Mrs M Campbell
 - ❖ 4 June Mrs M Campbell
- ◇

A little help for our brethren across the Crake where there is a Crake Valley Croquet & Lawn Tennis Club. It seems that although it is active it attracts few local members and would like some more. You can play three types of croquet, lawn tennis, on grass, and for the non-traditionalists it is possible to play flat green bowls. There was an open weekend but too early for us but if anybody is interested please contact Secretary Mrs J Clinch Tel: 01229 861 343.

 CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH

A gentle reminder that the Lunch is to be held in Rusland Parish Room on Wednesday 17 May noon to 2.00pm. For those with short memories or who are new it comprises home-made soup and cheese and there are plenty of 'stalls' where you can spend, spend, spend and you had better!

Because of Peter's indisposition the horticultural stall will be somewhat diminished as there will not be any bedding plants, how we miss him. But do not despair there are plenty other stalls where you can be generous.

CLAIMING DATES

- 29 April Mattins – 9.30 am.
- 1 May Bank Holiday – S & R School – Cake stall – Grizedale Visitor Centre
10.00 am. onwards.
- 3 May School Starts
M.U. – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 2.00 pm.
- 7 May Family Service – 9.30 am. – Coffee in hall afterwards.
- 10 May Bouth W.I. – Village Hall – 7.15 pm.
- 12 May S & R School – Ceilidh – Greenodd Village Hall – 7.00 to 10.00 pm.
- 13 May Bouth W.I. Spring Walk – Village Hall – 1.00 pm. – Cream Tea NOT
before 3.00 pm.
- 14 May Holy Communion – 9.30 am.
- 17 May * Christian Aid Lunch – Rusland Parish Room – noon to 2.00 pm.
- 21 May Holy Communion – 11.15 am.
- 23 May Sparkbridge & Lowick W.I. – Lowick Sunday School – 7.30 pm.
- 28 May Holy Communion – 11.15 am.
- 1 June Ascension Day.



Early Warning that our Annual Garden Fete will be held this year on 22 July. As usual Raffle & Tombola prizes are needed and goodies for the stalls. From the Thursday onwards fit bodies are also required; any queries to Judy Redhead Tel: 01229 861 238.

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