



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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Dear Friends

Are you ashamed to be called "C of E" i.e. Anglican. No, of course not. No one is going to mock you, put you on trial or condemn you because you go to church. In fact, ask yourself this question - 'If I were accused of being a Christian, is there enough evidence to convict me?' - And if NOT why not ?

YOU are called to be a witness to the faith of England; after all, it is quite possible that at least one of your ancestors lived and suffered to a greater or lesser degree for faith during one of the dark periods in the history of this island.

The 'Faith Zone' in that dome is too timid and too dull to show what Britain contains of the courageous and faithful story of the little people of each town and country parish. Lives that made our nation what it is today ought to be celebrated!

No one will fine you, gaol you or stand you in a pillory today for going to church [or for staying away!] but we owe it to our forebears to maintain our faith. The non-christian religions and weird sects are becoming more strident in their 'witness' even if we see little of them in Christian Cumbria.

We ought to join with our brothers and sisters of the Roman Catholic, Methodist, United Reform Church, Quakers and other mainstream Christian churches to show 'Whose we are and Whom we serve'. Stand up for Jesus and be counted by your presence in His House each Sunday and he will show you His love every day.

Our Church makes steady progress towards a compassionate yet disciplined approach to the re-marriage of those whose first marriages have irretrievably broken down and we continue to give thanks in our three parishes for the families who faithfully bring their children for Baptism and gently guide them towards Confirmation. (After all they promised to do so when their children were Christened!)

We are also fortunate in country parishes to share in the moving celebrations of the lives of those who were our good friends and neighbours and who have gone on to become part of " the multitude which no man can number" in God's Kingdom of light and peace.

Inevitably, this reminds us of the approach to Easter - Lent begins with the service of Holy Communion and the 'signing with ashes' on Ash Wednesday in Colton Church at 6.30 in the evening followed by the start of our Lent Group (please ask for details). Holy Week will bring us once again to the foot of the Cross and then the glorious dawn of Easter Day. All the more joyous for having kept a 'Good Lent'!

REMEMBER that I am available in the vestry of Colton Church on Monday mornings at 9.30 and in Satterthwaite at 9.00 and I am always glad to have a talk with you. I can be contacted at any time by leaving a message with the Callminder service, or simply wave and I'll stop (traffic permitting!) on my daily trips around the parishes. Meanwhile, rest in the love of God for you, His precious child, and may He bless you all.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest

'A problem is simply an opportunity in work clothes'

anon.

CHURCH MATTERS

It has been a quiet kind of a month almost serene without a PCC but we have had a Deanery Synod which at least had the merit of being marginally shorter in length than the average PCC. As you might remember Bishop Ian is about to be put out to pasture and the Synod agreed to say their farewell with a little shindig at Rydal Hall and the parish will be represented by Doreen, Jack Burns and myself. And for the cynical who might think it's a freebie, it ain't costing the parish or the diocese a penny.

There was a review of the forthcoming new forms of Worship which are now available in disc form. It doesn't seem to be revolutionary and anyway our Parish Priest has already started introducing some of the changes and as yet no one seems to have minded. No doubt the PCC will worry the bone in the near future.

There was a presentation on stewardship initiative which some members thought an excuse to berate the iniquities of the Parish Share (quota) but that was as far as they got. We had a further report on the future of Deanery Synods and the conclusion is that that are here to stay; the trouble is that as yet they do not seem to have a positive role seemingly without powers and responsibilities. This one is likely to run and run.

The parishes in the Cartmel peninsula are leading the way in the formation of pastoral teams. I say leading the way but only for those parishes in need of this sort of care. In this respect Colton really has a gift in that the pastoral team is the community. The Pastoral Letter touched on this subject but those of us who either have been involved or in need know that it goes much deeper. Let's keep at it!

A General Synod was held in November so it's old news and not very enlightening although they did approve a supplementary vote of £500,000 to cover the cost of the increased number of ordinands in training. Unfortunately the Synod has caught the modern disease of 'Political Correctness'. As from 2002 each Church Member is to be asked to specify their ethnic origins when the Electoral Rolls are compiled. People, apparently, cannot be just people anymore.
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FLOWER ROTA

27 February Mrs S Pirnie

5 March Mrs S Pirnie

8 March LENT BEGINS



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Wendy Smith tells us that the Boxes for the Children's Society have raised, up to the end of December, £199.45. Wendy wishes to thank all of you who made the effort to rattle your boxes or made good use of your spare change.

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MOTHERS UNION

At this time of the year when normally we don't hold meetings we have been guests at Haverthwaite. In January our Priest, Doreen, gave a talk and slide show on how God and the science of man has altered our lovely planet, which gave us much food for thought and hope for the future.

In February Mrs Joanna Henson gave an enlightening talk on her work as 'Head of Education' at Haverigg Prison. Perhaps not surprisingly we learnt that many of the prisoners had few qualifications, quite often because the 'system' had failed them in early life. Joanna and her team not only taught the basics but gave encouragement and support, steering their charges towards the responsibilities of citizenship.

We start our meetings on Wednesday 1 March - 2.00 pm.- Satterthwaite Parish Room when Mrs Janet Pickles will be speaking on the work of the Samaritans.

Looking ahead, we wish to invite everybody to our meeting on 4 April at 7.00 pm. - Colton Church Hall when we will welcome our old friend Sheila Wareham who will talk to us on 'The life of Mary Sumner', the founder of the Mothers Union.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The ladies of the High Furness Group of Churches jointly and warmly invite everyone (gentlemen please note!) to their service on Friday 3 March at Tottlebank Baptist Church at 2.00 pm. when the Rev. David Hughes will be giving the address.

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PARISH NEWS

Spring has not exactly sprung but the lambs are now appearing and outside the Wroe household daffodils are in bloom perhaps in celebration of their first grandchild, George Finlay John, weighing in at 10lbs, born to Gillian and Eric McVey on 27 January 2000. Despite his name Eric, is a Yorkshireman but thankfully the babe was born west of the great divide.

Barbara, the respectable member of the Bouth Wroes, has had a spell in hospital and despite being aware of the concern this community shows (I write about it every month) for others we have both been taken aback by the care, love and support we have received.

I now know what others have felt when they ask 'could you please put a little note of thanks in the next magazine'. A sincere and damp thank you from Barbara & Donald to all of you.

We send our best wishes and prayers to Kath Sproat who has also had a spell in hospital but is now home in Bouth.

There was a note in the last magazine announcing 'A Family Disco' in Sattertwaite but unfortunately the date was incorrect and we hope that nobody turned up a week early. We know that you are not going to believe this, but, it was not the fault of your editor - there has to be a first time for everything!

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

We had a good turnout in February to hear Mr D Robley, the retired Head Gardener from Hooker Hall, talk and demonstrate on Spring Hanging Baskets. We all learnt a good deal on how to prepare and how not to prepare hanging baskets and came to the conclusion that it was not as easy as it looks.

The February walk took us from Blawith around Beacon Tarn on a glorious day which was especially appreciated as it followed some atrocious weather. It was recently reported that, in this part of the world, it rains on 288 days in the year. Never!

There is to be a Scrabble Competition, so we held our own in order that the winner could represent us at the County stage. It was very successful, with no squabbling, and the winner was - Rowena Thornthwaite who put her success down to her Welsh education. It was such a good night that we had a repeat, socially only, at Barnside, and guess who won - Rowena!

The next meeting is to be held on 8 March - 7.15 pm. - Bouth Village Hall when Mrs Lamb will be giving a talk on The Land Army. The competition is 'A 2nd. World War Memento' and that excludes husbands.

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SPARKBRIGE & LOWICK

In a cosy room, at the Farmers Arms, Lowick, members were taken on a journey by Ms Margaret Bratley from Djakarta to Bali starting with a view from her hotel. Djakarta is the most populated city in the southern hemisphere and this was illustrated in the slides taken during her recent holiday.

The journey was almost magical and we were shown pictures of villages, all with their own individual industries and ancient temples with beautiful sculptures and views of tea and rice plantations. Bright colourful plants and flowers in warm sunny scenes helped the ladies forget about the cold wet January weather outside, for a little while.

The next meeting is to be on Tuesday 28 March - 7.30 pm. - Lowick Sunday School and will be AN OPEN NIGHT. The Speakers will be Mr & Mrs Airey with a talk entitled "Into the Sarawak Jungle" Do come and join us for some warm sunny scenes and an interesting talk.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Due to unforeseen technical difficulties last month, like the 'leaves on the line' variety we were unable to print the news from Leven Valley so belatedly and with apologies to Julia Jones here it is:-

LEVEN VALLEY

The end of the autumn term was, as always, a busy and exciting period for the children at Leven Valley. They were involved in fund raising activities for the National Children's Home and raised £348.43.

Later in the term we collected for the "Safe in the City" appeal organised by the Children's Society. The children brought lots of pocket sized items which are useful for homeless young people - toothpaste, shampoo, soap, gloves and chocolate etc.

Christmas was full of activity with parties, concerts, Christmas dinner and carol singing. The children performed their Christmas concert and play for the local senior residents of the community and afterwards served refreshments and gifts to all our visitors. Groups of children sang carols at the Haverthwaite Luncheon group Christmas lunch and also visited the residents of Hollow Oak to sing both new and traditional songs. We also presented our Christmas concert and drama for parents and friends in St. Anne's Church on 16 December. Term ended (noisily) on Friday 17th. with a whole school party.

To mark the Millennium, many Cumbrian schools had a longer Christmas holiday so we didn't return to school until 11 January. Apart from the mess created by a burst pipe, it was a very peaceful break.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Millennium from everyone at Leven Valley. I hope you have avoided the

'flu, burst pipes and other winter hazards! Already the bulbs are peeping through the frost and the damp, some even in flower, so there is hope of sunshine and warmer days to come!

This term is relatively uneventful after the excitement of Christmas and we shall be working hard towards the annual tests and assessments in May. We are planning, however, outings to Tullie House and Liverpool and we shall be getting ready for a concert and local History display in the summer term so school life goes on as a mixture of industry and enjoyment,

julia jones

CARTMEL PRIORY

In January the School held its Annual General Meeting with the usual lack of interest. Apart from Governors only one parent turned up which in a somewhat obscure way is a compliment; we must be doing something right.

Numbers of pupils fluctuate due to many and diverse factors, some of them defying logic, but there is a definite upward trend which means that the school has to have a meaningful and sustainable admissions policy. This is being worked on by senior staff and governors so as to be in place for the start of the new academic year.

Despite what you may read in the papers new money is not reaching the schools and we continue to run at a loss; the projected figure for the current year is in the region of £21,000. This is the third year of losses and it is expected that the next two will be similar. The good news is that this situation was foreseen and when times were better reserves were built up so that the school could cope and so that standards would not be compromised.

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*This world's no blot for us,
Nor blank; it means intensely, and means good:
To find its meaning is my meat and drink.*

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CLAIMING DATES

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| 1 | March | St. David |
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| 3 | March | Womens World Day of Prayer - Tottlebank - 7.00 pm. |
| 5 | March | Family Service - 9.30 am. - Coffee in Hall afterwards. |
| 8 | March | Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion - 6.30 pm.
Bouth W I - Village Hall - 7.15 pm. |
| 12 | March | Holy Communion - 9.30 am. |
| 17 | March | St. Patrick |
| 19 | March | St. Joseph
Holy Communion - 11.15 am. |
| 26 | March | Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
British Summer Time starts - Spring Forward - one hour! |
| 28 | March | Sparkbridge & Lowick W I - Lowick Sunday School - 7.30 pm.
This is an Open Meeting! |
| 2 | April | Mothering Sunday - Service - 9.30 am. |
| 4 | April | Mothers Union - Colton Church Hall - 7.00 pm. |



Postscript;

The Parish News was a little 'light' this month for which I apologise. The reason, apart from editorial laziness, is that our star social reporter has skived off on holiday, no doubt deserved but it shows. Donald

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