



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

Firstly, may I hope that you have escaped the 'flu which has afflicted so many across the country. To take my mother's good advice; "Keep warm and get plenty to eat."

I know that this will not prevent the germs from attacking you but it could build up your stamina to resist them. In our **daily service** we pray for "those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body and the soul." - Your body is your soul's earthly 'house'.

Just to help our souls along, the short (4weeks) Lent course this year is 'Credo', a "course for the curious" so please let me know if you can join in, so giving you an opportunity to bring your doubts and dilemmas! Incidentally, don't forget that there is a 'surgery' at Colton church at 9.30 am. each Monday and at Satterthwaite at 9.00 am. each Saturday. I also welcome your enquiries as well as 'bookings' for baptisms and weddings.

A **reminder** about Confirmation groups; please see me **a.s.a.p.** No upper age limit - a lady of 90+ was baptized and confirmed in the north of the diocese the other year!

Do you find it physically difficult to come to church? If so, I would be pleased to try and arrange for a member of the congregation to pick you up each week.

Across the three parishes there are a variety of services and times, one of which ought to suit you. [Ed. See back page] Worship gives us the chance to use music, art and words to **praise** God and the quietness to **seek his help**.

Psychiatrists have now discovered what Church folk have known for years -

that religious faith helps to keep you healthy and prayer keeps you sane!

So, rejoice in God's love for you, show it by giving Him a little of your time and ALL of yourself with your hopes and fears, your triumphs and failures and He will bless you.

Yours sincerely

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

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest



CHURCH MATTERS

I really do know how to spell Millennium, even if the use of this word at this time is premature and I have apologized to Doreen. All the hype about the wretched dome is perhaps best summed up by the Archbishop of York, Dr. David Hope - 'We so desperately need to focus on that other older dome, that of St. Paul's - the one with the cross - a dome that tells us the truth about ourselves and the human condition whatever the year, whatever the millennium.'

We have just had a PCC meeting which was jolly, business like and not as long as usual; all of which goes to prove that you don't have to be serious to be serious.

It was more a matter of communication than decision making; financially we are solvent but costs continue to rise and the message is '*Church is for everybody so even if you don't come, still give!*' New services are a-coming

and should be introduced later this year when the General Synod can agree. At this moment the Bishops can't make up their minds as to the wording of the Nicene Creed. It appears that what has been used in both the Eastern and Western churches for nigh on 1700 years is no longer good enough for our modern clerics who have this insatiable desire to tinker.

The PCC were grateful for all those who work for our church in practical ways, whether it's maintenance of the structure and churchyard or the organization of the Sunday hymns and the readers, the playing of the organ and the singing of the choir and the decoration of the church. To say nothing of the work to set up the various fund raising efforts.

I attended, and I use the word advisably as for most of the time I felt like a spare part, the decoration of the church for Christmas. Seven ladies assembled and without any apparent organization or direction just decorated the church; the odd question, no arguments and as one said 'The jobs a good 'un'. I almost felt ashamed to take the mince pies and coffee, almost. It was a lesson to us all, indeed a christian lesson, and if better written could be a modern day parable.

Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, born best part of 1000 years ago , wrote 'Insignificant one, escape from your every day business for a short while, hide for a moment from your restless thoughts. Break off from your cares and troubles and be less concerned about your tasks and labours. Make a little time for God and rest a while in Him'.

To more mundane matters - money - although I doubt if our Treasurer Bonzo would agree with that which reminds me to say a pretty thank you to the Churchwardens and Sidesmen (whatever their sex) for their efforts. There is a lesson here, once you start thanking people either you never stop or somebody is likely to be offended. Sorry folks. But to business, the December Fair raised £348 for church funds and the Christingle collection £237 for the Children's Society. Christian Aid is £169 better off for the loose change that some, but not enough, put in the C. A. boxes.



'Angels can fly because they take themselves more lightly' bob monkhouse.

FLOWER ROTA

- 6 February Mrs M Lambert
- 13 February Mrs M Lambert
- 20 February Mrs S Pirnie
- 27 February Mrs S Pirnie
- 5 March Mrs S Pirnie



MOTHERS UNION

On a cold, wintry evening in December it was cheering to see so many people who had braved the gusty blizzards to join with us in Rusland Church. The Children from Rusland & Satterthwaite started the meeting by playing seasonal songs with their handbells which was followed by a short prayer.

Mr Les Warmesley gave an informative talk on bell ringing ending with eight adults from the audience playing some tunes on the hand bells.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15 February at Haverthwaite when Mrs Joanna Henson will be talking on her work in the Prison Service. Anyone requiring transport please contact either Wendy or Margaret.



PARISH NEWS

As usual, December was a busy month and our thoughts and prayers skipped from joy to sadness reflecting the ephemeral position of man on this planet.

We were all saddened by the death of May Sproat; she will be remembered by all who were privileged to know her as a kind, honest and hardworking lady.

She was always so cheerful even when suffering great discomfort during the last two years and had the most wonderful memory being able to relate fascinating stories of bygone days; many people have benefitted greatly from May's kindness. We offer our condolences to Les and Kath who have had to come to terms with their sad loss.

Our condolences also to Thomas Baines on the death of his father Billy in his 92nd. year and to Alan his grandson.

Our best wishes go to 'Auntie Dot', Miss Dorothy Shackley, who fell ill just before Christmas and is now in Stanley St. Hospital, Ulverston and is comfortable. Also to Marjorie Croasdell who fell when visiting the North East and after a horrendous journey back is now not so well in Barrow General. Reg Minton, we hear, is cheerful and comfortable.

A belated welcome to Cindy Forman who moved into Owl Corner, Burn Knot, Bouth which has not been as smooth as it might have been as Cindy came a cropper off her pony and has a poorly back. We send her our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to two sets of grandparents; The Tinsleys, of Colton fame, have a new grandson Christopher James born to Debbie on Christmas morning and nearer home Joanne and Bob Henson have a granddaughter, Holly Jasmine.

Also on Christmas Day, Joseph was born to Jane and Peter Barton who you will remember worked with Kath and Nigel Barton to bring new life to the White Hart, Bouth. Congratulations to Mary on yet another grandchild.

Congratulations are also in order for Cynthia and Jack Burns as their daughter Elizabeth Jane was awarded a Diploma in Professional Studies - Neonatal Care and an Advanced Certificate in Teaching and Assessing in Clinical Practice. The proud parents had the joy of seeing these awards presented at the University in Preston.

After the Carol Service a presentation of a Rose Bowl was made to Margaret Sanders for her 20 (not 30 as previously reported) years service in keeping the church spruce and tidy.

Margaret writes - 'Thank you to everyone who gave towards or had anything to do with my presentation of a delightfully engraved Rose Bowl and beautiful roses. It was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated; I will always treasure it. Thank you!'

As some of you will know Rowena and David Thornthwaite suffered a tremendous loss, just before Christmas, when late one night the workshop over the garage burst into flames not only destroying the workshop and its contents but damaging their cars and caravan. Saying sorry seems so inadequate but just the same we really are sorry.

Bouth being Bouth brings this response from Rowena and David - 'Thanks to all our neighbours for their kind support during and after our unfortunate fire.'

On a wet miserable New Years Eve the good burghers of Bouth met on the village green to dedicate the new flagpole and fly the flag. Unfortunately Tommy Woodburn was unwell so Stan Woods did the honours ; as we know Auntie Dot was in hospital so our youngest citizen Lois Barton hoisted the flag, with a little help from father Nigel. Many thanks to all concerned.

Fortunately the weather cleared up and at midnight the New Year was celebrated with champagne and fireworks. Auld lang syne half started but was drowned out by the combined effort of the fireworks and the champagne corks a-popping. Later everybody staggered home as far as I can remember.

Oh yes, the collection from the carols round the Christmas tree which, in truth, took place in the White Hart, thank you Nigel, raised £92 for the Hospice.

If anybody or anything has been missed out I am sure you will let this poor, overworked, much maligned and sorry for himself editor know. You usually do!

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'The difference between gossip and news is whether you hear it or tell it.'

anon

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The Christmas party was its usual jolly success helped along by the 'Kirby Songsters' who hit just the right note. As this is not being written by a member, all who attended wish to say a big thank you to the generosity of the Bouth WI and for all their hard work in organising the party before, during and after.

The January meeting was equally successful when a large audience (it was an open meeting) were enthralled by local historian Ronny Mein's account of the history of the Backbarrow Blue Works now better known as the Whitewater Hotel. It was all the more poignant as not only had Ronny spent a good part of his life working there but so had two lady members of the audience.

To lay to rest a myth, Dolly Blue was never made at Backbarrow only ultramarine pigments, all 84 shades.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 February @ 7.15 pm. and will hear Mr D Robley speak on 'Spring Hanging Baskets'.

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

At our November meeting Mrs Jill Morgan gave a talk on 'Life being the wife of an M.P.'. She had married the son of a Welsh farmer who became M.P. for a mostly farming community in Wales and vividly described the balancing act of being a wife, mother, occasional V.I.P. and helping her husband in his work.

Earlier during the monthly businesss and A.G.M members returned last year's committee apart from Mrs Catherine Walker who has moved to Ambleside; Mrs Barbara Watson was elected in her place and the officers are as before.

The Jacobs Join supper was a great success as was the Christmas dinner at the Farmers Arms. The next meeting will be held on the 22 February at the Farmers when we will be enjoying a Hot Pot supper followed by Home entertainment.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Lord Dearing , the man who overhauled higher education and the nation's curriculum, has started a 'Review of Church Schools'. He believes firmly in the benefits of Christian civilisation: " Christianity is the rock on which English people have built their hopes and cast their concerns."

It is encouraging that he views the provision of a church-school place for every child that wants one as a matter of simple justice. The comment in the Church Times however, that 'The church centrally, or at diocesan level will have to find more money if new Anglican aided schools are to be created to provide more places' is out of touch with reality and pays little regard to the machinations of the handling of church finances in England at these levels.

Locally, nothing much stirs as a new term begins, but it is encouraging to note that at Cartmel the improvement in scholastic achievements is being matched on the sports field. Pupils continue to have trials for county representation and also to be selected. The school has been presented with a special award by the HSBC and the Lawn Tennis Association for its commitment and promotion of the sport.

NOTHING to do with schools but with tennis. Our friends in Satterthwaite have asked us to publish the following notice and in the spirit of Teamwork we are pleased so to do.

"Satterthwaite playground and Tennis Court: Family Keyholder £25.00 per annum from February 2000 to January 2001. Play as often as you like (bookings in the summer period) Keys are available from Mike & Audrey at the Eagles Head, Satterthwaite.

Playgrounds as we all know cost money so there is to be a :

A Family Valentines Disco at the Parish Rooms, Satterthwaite in aid of the Children's Playground refurbishment on Saturday 12 February: 7.00 - 10.00 pm.. Pie and Pea supper, raffle and all with a Licence! Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children from Paul Townsend Tel: 01229 860 206 and Oliver Pearson Tel: 015395 312 48.

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CLAIMING DATES

- 2 February Bouth W I Committee - Village Hall - 7.30 pm.
- 6 February Family Service - 9.30 am. - Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 9 February Bouth W I 'Spring Hanging Baskets' - Village Hall - 7.15 pm.
- 12 February Satterthwaite - Family Disco - Parish Rooms - 7.00 → 10.00 pm.
- 13 February Holy Communion - 9.30 am.
- 14 February St. Valentine
- 15 February Mothers Union - Haverthwaite - 2.00 pm. (?)
- 20 February Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 22 February Sparkbridge & Lowick W I - Hot Pot Supper - Farmers Arms.
- 27 February Holy Communion - 11.15 am.
- 1 March St. David
- 8 March Ash Wednesday, First day of Lent - Holy Communion - 7.00 pm



*"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'
And he replied:
'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand
of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer
than a known way' "*

Minnie Louise Haskins.

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