



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

Autumn and Harvest seem to fit so well together; what began as a local church service in a remote parish in Cornwall is now accepted as a national ritual!

Like the start of a new school term, like the crop of agricultural shows and like the glance around one's home to see what **MUST** be done before winter, Harvest is an event marking our **time**, and not only in such earthly and domestic ways. In the family of the Church we think of the whole of humanity gathered in by God, safe in His heavenly home. (We can also think of our **own** return, maybe after years, following half a lifetime's wandering, to 'our' parish church.)

People attend church nowadays less frequently (holidays, duties at home or work, caring for our housebound relatives and for many other reasons) but in total our number of worshippers is probably not **much** less than in the (fictitious?) 'golden age' of the past. Harvest services bring us the chance to be part of the Church crowd, to sing the familiar hymns, to admire the fruit and flowers and to give our share to "Harvest for the Hungry".

But, what about giving **ourselves** too? **WE**, every man, woman and child are God's rich harvest, planted a brief time on earth and then **called home** by God. In our lovely hymns we sing about this great harvest of souls and 'not one grain will be lost'. All we have made of God's gifts to us we take home to Him. The very word **home** sets this thought in its proper, comforting place and each year we have the chance to renew our pilgrim journey falling once more into the goodly habit of finding our way to our parish church.

And, **after** the Harvest Festival?..... well, we can find it less strange to gather with our neighbours on Sundays, each week and don't think we won't be missed! **GOD** will be there to welcome us to His earthly House as one day He will certainly welcome us to our place in His eternal home.

"Rejoice! For the fields are already white with harvest." And God bless you!

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish priest.



CHURCH MATTERS

There has not been a lot taking place on the broader front but we have had a PCC and very civilised it was too. The Bell is up and ringing with thanks to Bonzo who 'fathered' it through its torment by heat and fire. However

he is not off the hook as the traumas of the loos continue and it will be a week or three before completion.

The guardian of the fabric has chastised your editor for mentioning the Quinquennial Review prematurely, that is before the PCC; apparently it's close to a hanging offence. *Officially* the Church building is 'well cared for and maintained' not as previously reported 'in good nick'. It does however need some modest attention. There was some talk about a committee for the Church Hall, not perhaps the best approach. A bit like a Royal Commission which is a device to stop anything happening.

The next project, providing the current one gets finished, is a Loop System to help all who do not hear as well as they did.

There was a lively discussion on the 5th. Sunday service and eventually it was agreed we would continue with matins. Strangely the Book of Common Prayer refers to it as Morning Prayer when '*at the beginning the Minister shall read with a loud voice some or more of these sentences....*'

Doreen has been compiling Archives of the old Church School and these will be displayed in the Hall on Family Service day prior to being lodged in the Barrow Records Office.

We have good news in that Joanna Henson has been accepted for training as a Reader and has, in fact, started and is thrilled. We know Joanna will succeed in her Ministry and she has our prayers and good wishes to help her.

Our Rural Dean Derek Jackson, Vicar, St. Mary's Windermere has defected and is to become the Resident Canon at Bradford Cathedral. We wish him and his wife Joan well in their new lives on the wrong side of the Pennines.

HARVEST will be on Friday 13 October at 7.00pm; the Church will be decorated in the morning no doubt by all those wonderfully efficient ladies

who always welcome help even if they don't always get it. The next PCC meeting for anybody who might be interested is 13 November. daw



FLOWER ROTA

- 1 October Mrs S Smith
- 2 October Harvest
- 15 October Harvest
- 22 October Mrs T Teasedale
- 29 October Mrs T Teasedale



Childrens Society

The January to June collection amounted to £201.89 and has been sent to the Society. Thank you to all who have supported this worthy cause.

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MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union is holding a Coffee Evening in Bouth Village Hall on Tuesday 3 October at 7.00pm. When Tracey Shears who owns a craft shop in Grange will demonstrate many of the crafts she promotes. This is an only fund raising event this year, do please come and support us; we can promise a good cup of coffee or tea accompanied by delicious home-made biscuits and a very enthusiastic speaker.

PARISH NEWS

We were all saddened by the sudden death of Mary Barton who lived in Bouth for over 30 years. She was always cheerful, always busy nursing at the Bay View Nursing Home, from which she had just retired, and supporting her family all of whom she was immensely proud.

Over the years she had helped at village 'dos' on many occasions and she enjoyed helping her closest friends when they needed support. Everyone would agree she had enjoyed her 77 years to the full. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and we offer our sympathy to her family.

We congratulate Kath and Nigel for their wonderful tribute to Mary and if you haven't seen it call in at the White Hart pdq.

Congratulations also to Guy Redhead on gaining his B.A.Hons. in Business Studies and we wish him every success in the future in his work as Marketing Manager at Hayes Garden World.

In fact it's congratulations all round this month. Isaac Benjamin David Hind was born on 20 July to Charlotte and Matthew and also to proud grandparents Margaret and John Dryden.

On the 9 September Holly Jasmine Henson was baptised in our church to the delight of grandparents Joanna and Bob.

A warm welcome to Linda Bentley who has moved into Owl Corner, Bouth, and we wish her a happy life there. jr



'Throughout the ages no nation has ever had a better friend than the mother who taught her children to pray'

anon.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

During the summer break from meetings there have been two outings; the walkers took the launch from Coniston to Sunnybank and walked back along the lake stopping for a picnic lunch and at the end a welcome tea break in the café. Five members went to Chester for a visit to the Cathedral Flower Show depicting the stories from the bible; a wonderful effort by over 350 arrangers using many exotic plants and flowers.

Mr Walmsley of Dalton came to our September meeting to tell us about campanology, the history of bell making and the development of ringing the changes as the number of bells increased. Bell ringing started in this country about 800 years ago and the few peals that exist abroad were initiated by English settlers.

The mathematical progressions taxed some of our brains; sufficient to say that it takes 2 seconds to ring one bell, all the possible changes of six bells 25 minutes and a full peal of twelve would take 36 years.

We finished with the fun of ringing eight hand bells and under the direction of our excellent speaker the tunes were almost recognisable.

The next meeting is on 11 October, the subject 'Roadside Heritage', the speaker Mr. A Lowe, visitors are welcome. bmw

SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

Judging from Margaret Harper's enthusiastic demonstration of stone trough making there will be a lot of gardens in the Sparkbridge & Lowick area, next year, with stone trough planters replacing the old imitation terracotta ones. Margaret demonstrated (Blue Peter style) how, when making these troughs, stressful aggression can be eased and artistic talents can be found.

She brought a variety of samples to show different shapes, sizes and uses

and very kindly gave the finished demonstration trough as a raffle prize which was won by a joyful Mrs Henson. Our visitor, Dorothy Tyson, won the monthly raffle of a wine glass candle.

The competition for a miniature model garden on a saucer, was won by Mrs M Edmonson with Mrs M Campbell taking second prize. Our next meeting will be held on 24 October when Owen Jones will be demonstrating 'Swill Making', the competition is a Turnip Lantern. All comers will be welcome. mc



SCHOOL NEWS

Apparently our schools are either too busy or are lacking a correspondent but once again very little is coming from them but no doubt as Christmas approaches there will be activities to report.

The good news is that Ronald Rutter the Deputy Head (Finance) at Cartmel Priory was ordained Deacon at Michaelmas and will serve at Heversham, St. Peter. With his teaching duties (maths), being the Bursar for the school and his extra curricular activities (table tennis guru) I don't know how he finds the time but I suppose that is what being a Christian is all about.

The GCSE results this year were a little disappointing but this was not unexpected and they were still reasonably good with 57% 5 or more A* - C grades. New staff this term are Mrs Whinnett to teach German; Mr Hall – Music, Miss Ballantyne to cover for maternity leave and Mrs Turner is the new Kitchen Manager. Helen Robinson and husband Phil have become proud parents of a baby boy 7lbs 14ozs on 12 September and all is well.

The only other news is that work has started on the Technology extension which when completed will allow the much needed improvements to room 15 as a multi – use centre to take place. daw

MILLENNIUM CONFERENCE

The Diocese held a Millennium Conference at Lancaster University on 12 to 14 September which was attended by over 400 delegates. The Windermere Deanery did its bit and was well represented. Colton 'sent' its parish priest, Doreen and your editor, Donald.

The title of the conference was 'Making all things new' but as a beginner in these saintly circles I found it was about as new as the Old Testament, perhaps the organisers forgot the basis of Christianity lies mainly within the New Testament.

In truth they didn't and the main speakers relied heavily, too heavily for me, on theoretical theology but yet some of the questions put to the discussion groups which for some strange reason were called base groups were thought provoking and evocative.

The music was superb and a reminder of the part it plays in our worship; to hear 400+ people belting out a good hymn is stirring and quite emotional. But what have we brought home? I suspect different things and Doreen and I will vary in our views. I found the flexibility that some parishes had in their Sunday worship quite refreshing; not hidebound to the same services each week and month.

But the deepest impression was the way in which many used silence as an integral part of their worship the beauty and serenity can be overwhelming.

There was fun, particularly watching some (many?) clergy less dog collars crowding the bars in the evening preventing the lay members from indulging. Seriously you did get to know them better with a glass in their hands. Hangovers were translated as late nights; not to an expert!

I returned humble, tired and although not doubting my faith realising that faith comes in all shapes and sizes and tolerance is essential. daw

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1 October Family Service – 9.30am. – Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 2 October Mother Union – Bouth Village Hall – 7.00pm.
- 4 October Francis of Assisi.
- 5 October New Worship Presentation – Rusland – 7.30pm.
- 7 October Coffee Morning – Frazel Steps – 10 < > noon – Be there!
- 8 October Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 11 October Bouth W.I. – Village Hall – 7.15pm. (as I keep being told)
- 13 October Farmers Harvest – 7.00pm. – *Decorating Church – 10.00 >*
- 15 October Harvest – Holy Communion – 11.15 am.
- 18 October Luke the Evangeslist.
- 22 October Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 24 October Satterthwaite & Lowick W.I. – (Time, place, they never tell me.)
- 28 October Simon and Jude, Apostles.
- 29 October Morning Prayer (BCP) – 9.30pm.
- 31 October Martin Luther, Reformer.



Due to a computer blip most of this magazine has had to be retyped so there is likely to be more errors than 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