



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

"Be not afraid"

Whatever the form of words, this is the most comforting message of the Gospel; (and if you are not afraid of anything on earth or beyond, I envy you.) In several places and in different kinds of events these words, as a message from God, remind us of his continuing care for you and me.

At Easter, this message is of triumph over death itself. And the risen Lord assures us He is with us "even to the end of time".

This is not conditional upon our good behaviour, nor a clocking up of 'Brownie points' in Christian service (nor yet a total of 'penalty points' when we fail, as we all do – often!) like the Resurrection of the dead, it is the glorious gift of a loving God. In less ways, we see renewal all around us, including springtime.

We may turn to God renewed in His service and we could patch up a broken relationship, doing all we can to be reconciled, praying that others will meet us halfway. We can look out on the landscape and in the lovely parable, which is nature's renewal; we may begin again to have some hope for our broken world with

Its regular crises and problems!

Indeed, in a weary world of wars and rumours of wars, crime, violence, sleaze, misunderstanding and muddle we can live in hope. We have the reassurance of God, through his Son, who "overcame the world", that whatever happens to us, to our loved ones, our nation or our Church, the future is in the will of God and nothing can pluck us from His sure hands.

So, through all the 'changing scenes of life' may you know the joy of trusting your Maker, Redeemer and Friend, and may He bless you this Easter and always.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.

P.S. And may we remember to give thanks to God for all His mercies!



COLTON CHRONICLES

The future of the ministry of Colton has moved on and recently your editor received a message from the Archdeacon – ‘...I am more than ever convinced that this (his proposal to be joined with Egton) is the best way forward and that a very clear majority of your PCC members share this view. It became obvious in the course of our discussion that no other alternative is really tenable....and it offers the best prospect for the future growth of Colton Church.’

If there was a majority, it was close and certainly not obvious, and alternatives were put forward but clearly not acceptable to the Archdeacon. Views, one way or the other, need to be expressed and if anybody feels so inclined you can write to the Archdeacon.

His address is ‘The Venerable G A Howe, The Vicarage, Lindale, Grange over Sands, LA11 6LB.

One can but reflect that had Machiavelli been born an Englishman the church, rather than persecute him, as it did, would have probably given him high office.

There has been P C C meeting but so far no feedback, it is understood, however, that the annual charge for this magnificent publication is to be increased to £4 and we will still lose money, and that the Golden Jubilee Window should be funded through a separate fundraising initiative.

Generally money is tight especially as our parish Share has risen dramatically; this year we must find £12,478.24 and maintain the church, churchyard and Hall. If we become part of a United Benefice our share is likely to rise again. Still,

Holy Trinity is the established church for our parish and we must all work and give to keep it going wherever from and whoever is our next priest.

Our new Bishop, James of Penrith, will be visiting the three parishes on **Wednesday 30 April**, and will be meeting the P C Cs at **Rusland Parish Room** on the same day, **7.00 for 7.30pm**. He will also be conducting a Confirmation service at Colton on **Sunday 5 May, 2.00pm**.

GROWING HEALTHY CHURCHES

This is a new initiative by our Bishop, which is intended to be a genuine attempt to help parishes fulfil the mission of the church. To help us on our way The Rev. Robert Coke from Ambleside and Philip Harrison from Windermere will be coming to the **Rusland Parish Room, 9.30am., Saturday 6 April** to talk and advise members of the three P C Cs and anyone else who feels so inclined.

Donald.



'I am not unaware that many have held and hold the opinion that events are controlled by fortune and by God in such a way that the prudence of men cannot modify them, indeed, that men have no influence whatsoever. Because of this, they would conclude that there is no point in sweating over things, but that one should submit to the rulings of chance.'

Machiavelli.

Food for thought, or a get out?

FLOWER ROTA

7 April Easter Flowers

14 April Easter Flowers

21 April Mrs P Parkin

25 April Mrs P Parkin

5 May Mrs P McIver

Wendy.



Easter Flowers – If you get this magazine in time there will be a gathering of flower ladies (and men) at church on **Saturday 30 March from 10.00am onwards**. If any man is brave enough to turn up, be warned, be prepared to work and take instructions without question and with humility.



COFFEE ROTA

7 April Wendy Smith and helpers.



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Collection Boxes will be gathered in by Wendy Smith during April. Please have them ready. Thank you.

Wendy.



*“There is much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it hardly becomes any of us,
To talk about the rest of us.”*

Anon.

MOTHERS UNION

Disaster upon disaster or nearly as for our first meeting in March the speaker cancelled and two hours before we were due to meet the replacement speaker withdrew but all was well, as Margaret Campbell stepped bravely into the breach and led a discussion on ‘Colour’ and the effect it had on our lives. This was taken from a book brought along by Mrs Smith and had belonged to an elderly member of her family.

The lady in question had been a prominent member of the Mothers Union and had had written all her talks etc. down so it was with thanks to her that we had a lively discussion and we shall be certainly using the ‘BOOK’ again.

Lady Day this year has been put back to **Monday 8 April** and we are having a service in **Colton Church at 2.00pm**, when our friends from Leven Valley will be joining us. On **Thursday 11 April** there is then Deanery Festival Service at **Langdale at 7.00pm**. Members wishing transport should contact Wendy Smith, Julia Crowe or Margaret Campbell.

We are playing hosts to the Deanery on **Monday 22 April at Rusland Parish Room** when two members from Zululand will be our guests. (No time was given but presume 2.00pm as tea and scones are to be served later.)

Margaret but edited by Donald who thought she was unduly modest.

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PARISH NEWS

The Christian Aid Committee send their grateful thanks to all who contributed to the Coffee Morning held at Burn Knott in **February** when £475 was raised to help the poor people in GOMA in the African Congo.

It does not end there as we are now preparing for our Annual Soup and Cheese Lunch, which will be held in the **Rusland Parish Room on Wednesday 15 May**. More information next month but you can still get your raffle prizes ready.

We are to have a **Garden Fête** this year and let's make it a good one to make up for the one we didn't have last year. It will be held **20 July** at the **Old Vicarage**.

Judith

The tales from the 'Last of the Summer Wine' from Bouth continue unabated. First there was the elderly gentleman who was visiting a neighbour and had supped liberally of the 'water of life' and decided to take the evening air, which he did, but unfortunately somehow finished up taking an early bath in the garden pond.

Not to be outdone, a friend of similar years and closer to home, returned from shopping, carefully took his Booths' bags out of the car, got back in the car and even more carefully reversed over them. We are told that squashed oranges, bananas, yoghurt bound together by low fat spread was hardly Delia Smith.

The Golden Jubilee meeting was hardly well attended but was decisive and we are to have a good old-fashioned 'Pie and Peas' supper accompanied by Chateau

Barnside in Bouth Village Hall on the Monday of the celebratory weekend. We now have 60 acceptances which is our limit. Well done everybody!

Donald



HIGH FURNESS TRANSPORT GROUP

This group was formed meet transport needs of Colton and adjoining parishes following funding of up to £10,000 being made available. In order to establish the needs of the community Richard Ingham of Capita & dbs (Cumbria C. C.) will be sending survey forms to each household on the electoral register with a covering letter.

The Parish Council supports this initiative and encourages residents to complete the survey forms. All completed and returned forms will be entered into a draw for Booths Supermarket vouchers.

Please co-operate as we really need to establish the transport needs of our community.

Sue Ellis, Parish Clerk.



When a new pub was being blessed by a Vicar, in Runcorn, nobody knew whether it was by design or accident that he chose this collect. *‘Oh God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by the reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all our temptations: through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

There is a wealth of history in this part of Cumbria that too often lies dormant and it was so refreshing to hear Mr & Mrs Hill give such an interesting talk on the history of their home on the east bank of the Crake at Low Nibthwaite. Formerly an iron smelting foundry with surrounding cottages and latterly used for the manufacture of bobbins.

The next meeting is on **10 April at 7.15pm** when Mrs Newman will be demonstrating ‘Silk Painting’. On **Thursday 18 April** the Local Group meeting will take place at **Haybridge at 7.30pm**.

Like the parish Garden Fête we celebrate the return of our **Spring Walk** which will be on **Saturday 18 May at 1.00pm.**

Barbara.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

A cold windy evening was brightened up for everyone at our February meeting when Margaret Metcalf demonstrated 'Painting on Silk'. A tea plate size picture of a dolphin and a beautiful, very colourful, abstract head square scarf were painted, then salt was sprinkled on, left to dry while members dabbled with small pieces of silk and paint brushes.

The finished products were much admired by members, who were amazed at the effect of the salt. Margaret gave the scarf to be raffled and a visitor won.

Richard Scott will be coming on **23 April** to talk on 'Rain Forests' so do come and join our happy group; we promise a warm welcome.

Margaret.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Moving on from the success the school has had in the field of sport an opportunity has arisen to make a bid for funds to build a Sports Hall for community as well as school use. It is still early days and we can but live in hope.

Donald.

LEVEN VALLEY

This may have been a very short half term but it has proved to be very busy. Some of our children have taken part in a Safety Quiz, others competed in a Basketball Tournament and many took part in the Mothering Sunday service at St. Anne's.

At the beginning of March Bishop Graham called at the school on his way round the diocese and spoke to the children before having lunch with them and the staff. After lunch a large number of children enjoyed a breezy walk with the Bishop up to Bigland where, led by the Bishop in his luminous jacket, they almost sprinted up the hill! Many parents joined us and everybody was delighted with their olive wood crosses.

Class three had a fabulous ‘field’ trip to visit Barrow Dock Museum and Roan Head in order to support their work on coasts and water. The most frequently asked question was ‘Why is Barrow here?’ The trip was successful in answering that question and after all the hard work it was playtime on the sand and in the sunshine. Well done!

Half term involved money raising for the National Childrens Home. So far we have raised £150.

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THE POLICE

Unfortunately PC John Baldwin has still not returned to work and we wish him well for a complete recovery of his health. Regrettably despite a 10% rise in the Police budget this year they seem unable to find a substitute.

The telephone numbers remain the same – Ulverston: 01229 824 532, if you are lucky and Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111.

Donald.



I know that some of the bottom of the page quips irritate some people but it is often difficult to find something to fill the space. Just grin and bear it!

“I have to put up with a lot, to please the sensitive race of parishioners.”

A misquotation from Horace (65-8 B.C.)

DIARY DATES

- 30 March Decorating the Church – 10.00am. ➔
- 31 March **Easter Sunday – Holy Communion – 9.30am.**
- 6 April Growing Healthy Churches – Rusland Parish Room – 9.30am.
- 7 April Family Service – 9.30am. – Coffee afterwards.
- 8 April The Annunciation of our Lord - Lady Day – M U Service - Colton 2.00pm.
- 10 April Bouth W I – Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 11 April M U Deanery Festival Service – Langdale – 7.00pm.
- 14 April Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 18 April W I Local Group Meeting – Haybridge – 7.30pm.
- 21 April Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 22 April M U Meeting – Rusland Parish Room – 2.00pm (?)
- 23 April **+ George martyr and patron Saint of England +**
- 23 April Sparkbridge & Lowick W I.
- 25 April Mark the Evangelist.
- 28 April Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 30 April Bishop James – Rusland Parish Room – 7.30 for 7.30pm.



‘Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof.’ [Ecclesiastes 7:8]

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