



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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March 2002

Dear friends

During Lent we reflect on the life and work of Jesus Christ; and remembering His call to 'follow Him' we should not feel that this is totally beyond us. Think of the job, roles and tasks that you do at present and whether you work at home or in the 'world', paid or as a 'volunteer' (willing or by chance!) try this test of your vocation/calling to it.

1. Do you feel a long-term commitment to your present job?
2. Has anyone called you "dedicated"?
3. Do you believe that your abilities match your function?
4. Is there any other profession/job/area of activity you would rather be in?
5. Does your present life give you scope for creativity?
6. Are you adventurous, seeking better ways of doing things?
7. Have you discovered some work you can really be enthusiastic about?

8. Has your enthusiasm been tested & sustained over the years?
9. Do you feel that you are 'at the call' of your work?
10. Is humility typical of the way you talk about your work and conduct yourself in it?
11. When difficulties arise, have you shown power to persevere and overcome them?
12. Faced with monotonous failure, are you willing to go on trying?

Whether your present 'job' is a profession, a trade, building a home, sustaining a marriage, caring for a loved one or bearing some personal disability you can see it as a calling to dedicate to God and the world. God has called you 'by name'. You are precious to him and some task is assigned to you alone!

All of us, young and old, can use Lent in service to God and our neighbour by reading and studying the Scriptures and in better worship in church and at home. Remember too, to "rest in the Lord" with leisure, sleep, times of quiet and time for family and friends.

Jesus came to offer us 'life abundant' – if we take it. May your discipleship flourish and come to a joyous Easter following our Lord's special call to you: God bless you now and forever.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest

Doreen adds "There are no **right** answers - just something to make you think".

COLTON CHRONICLES

The future of the ministry of our church is progressing but it is ‘walk on’ rather than gallop. The Archdeacon attended an informal meeting of the PCC to explain his persistence in championing his proposal to have a combined Benefice of Colton, Egton cum Newland and Lowick. Although acknowledging that this was not universally popular he appeared to be of the view that this was what the majority of the PCC members wanted.

It is a neat solution and cheap although one suspects that the Parish Share (our tax to Carlisle) will rise rather than fall.

If there is any bias in this piece, it should be said that this editor is totally opposed to the proposal, although he is not on his own. The problem is that none of us really know what the parishioners want and the danger is that the final result is likely to be judged on the views of the vociferous few rather than the silent majority.

There has been a Deanery Synod, which came and went. It is however growing in stature and doing its best to be pro-active; it intends to take a long hard look at finances on the basis of whether each parish is doing enough and are there those who genuinely need help? It also wants to look at the disposition of the clergy in the Deanery and try to first guess the future coming up with proposals rather than have them imposed from above. See above!

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!

To vote for the election of PCC members and representatives on the Deanery Synod you need to be on the “COLTON CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL” and you must be a resident of the parish or have habitually (nice word) attended public worship in the church during the last six months. You also must be over 16 years old and baptised but you need not necessarily be an Anglican.

Every six years a full review **MUST** take place and now is the year. If your name is already on the Roll then you will be contacted, if not, please contact our Electoral Roll Officer [sounds a bit pompous], Judy Redhead [who is not] on 01229 861 238 **BEFORE** 15 March or you will be disenfranchised.

Donald

LENT

Traditionally the church is unadorned in Lent so there will not be a Flower Rota this month. May we remind you of the Services in Easter Week.

Maundy Thursday 28 March Holy Communion at 6.30pm.

Good Friday 29 March Devotions at 2.00pm.

Easter Sunday 31 March Holy Communion at 9.30am.



COFFEE ROTA

Sunday 3 March Mrs Zella Slater and helper.



MOTHERS UNION

We had a lovely afternoon visiting Leven Valley this month. After prayers led by Mrs Campbell, Anne Emmett showed us “The Joy of Painting on Silk”. Members participated in painting, with dye, a beautiful scarf, which was raffled at the end of the meeting and was won by new member Mrs Edmonson.

After showing us some of her work Anne let members loose on a square of silk, which we stretched onto a wooden frame, quartered and painted, ending up with four squares, which when cut up will make two small cushions. One will have the MU motif on one side and everyone’s initials on the other whilst the other turned out to be quite spectacular but indescribable; the result of members enjoying themselves, daubing!

The Colton, Rusland & Satterthwaite MU start their 2002 program on **Wednesday 6 March in Satterthwaite Parish Room at 2.30pm.** when Kath Wise will be talking on her MU trip to Zululand.



WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Service this year is to be held at St. Paul's church, Rusland at **2.00pm.** on **Friday 1 March.** The women of Romania have compiled this service and the Address is by Dorothy Maudsley. ALL women of any denomination are welcome to attend.

Margaret C.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Backbarrow and District Branch of the Legion would like to thank all that gave so generously to the 2001 Poppy Day Appeal. The total sum raised was £2538.00, an all time record!

Peter S.

May we add our thanks especially to all those involved in the collections.

Donald



PARISH NEWS

I have been reminded, somewhat sternly it should be said, that it is all very well congratulating grandparents on the birth of their grandchildren but the mothers and, to lesser extent fathers, also have something to do with these significant events. Belated congratulations to you all.

Congratulations to Sarah & John Cooper on the birth of their son Craig Michael, grandson to Joyce & Ian Cunliffe. Is that better?

It is not thought to be polite to mention a lady's age but there are exceptions and we offer our best wishes and love to Cynthia Burns on reaching her 80th. Year. There is more good news in that the trio of gentlemen with cracked ribs are all in the mend.

It is with sadness that we report the death of Lena Threlkeld whose funeral was held at Satterthwaite on Monday 18 February.

We send our condolences and sympathy to Roger & Debbie Perry on the loss of Roger's father who died last month.

As announced last month The Rusland Valley Horticultural Society are holding their Spring Show in the Rusland Reading Rooms, but earlier, on **Saturday & Sunday 16 & 17 March – 12 noon to 4.30pm.** to be exact.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

As we are a wide spread parish the Parish Council feels it would be difficult to hold one specific event to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Accession of our Queen to the Throne. The Council has decided therefore to assist individual communities who wish to mark the occasion.

The Council will be happy to contribute financially, where possible, and within budgetary limits. Such assistance for either an event or project i.e. Upgrade of Village Halls, may be obtained from the Lottery Grants for Local Group Awards for All Schemes. Grants between £500 & £5000 are available.

The project can be designated as 'A Golden Jubilee' project if it is to take place in 2002. Information from Tel: 0845 600 20 40.

Mrs Sue Ellis, Clerk, Colton PC, High Meadows Farm, Thornthwaite, WIGTON. CA7 9NG
Tel: 01697 371 386

BOUTH

There is to be a meeting to discuss the Golden Jubilee on **Wednesday, 27 February at 7.30pm.** in the Village Hall. For everybody not just the faithful few!

OXENPARK, COLTON & BANDRAKE HEAD

There is to be a meeting for the residents of these areas to discuss the Golden Jubilee on **Friday 8 March at 8.00pm.** at the Manor House, Oxenpark.

Donald

'Nothing is so fatal to religion as indifference, which is, at least, half infidelity.'
Burke.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The Bouth WI are to be the hostesses for this years' Group meeting to be held on **Thursday 18 April at 7.30pm.** at the Heybridge Nature Reserve. This meeting was postponed from last year due to the crisis in farming.

We are fortunate that some of the ladies from the RYLESTONE DISTRICT, who featured on the famous (infamous?) calendar, are still able to come to talk to us. They are continuing to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund so come prepared to support them. Sorry chaps, you are not invited.

At our February meeting we were entertained and highly amused by Mrs Jennifer Buxton, who related tales of her cooking disasters, which proved to be much more interesting than many a discourse on cooking. Furthermore it was something to which we could all relate. It was very brave of Jennifer, but then we know her reputation as a painter; you cannot be good at everything.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 March at 7.15pm** in the Village Hall when Mr L Hill will give a talk on the 'History of Nibthwaite'.

Barbara W.



SPARKBRIDGE & LOWICK

In the hands of amateurs the internet is a minefield and despite what your editor said last month the WI were awake and did send some notes which regrettably played electronic hide and seek. My apologies to Margaret and her ladies. Donald.

It was almost a disastrous start to the New Year when our speaker had to cancel at the last minute, happily, at only an hour's notice, Dr Green from a neighbouring village became our knight in shining armour.

Now retired, Dr Green's hobby is the research and locating of Bee Boles which are places built into walls where farmers and monks, who harvested the honey, kept swarms of bees in straw baskets. He brought along a typical basket to show us and slides of Bee Boles that he had found, mostly in the High & Low Furness area.

It is interesting to note that although almost all of us had seen many of these ...

Bee Boles in our travels, we had been ignorant as to their use, in fact one member even thought she had one in her garden which Dr Green was interested to research.

Our meeting in March has been brought forward a week to avoid clashing with the Federation's half-yearly Council Meeting. It will now be held on **Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm.** at Lowick Sunday school when an officer from the Fire Service will talk on 'Home Safety'.

Margaret C.



SCHOOL NEWS

CARTMEL PRIORY

Half term has come and gone and in essence we are halfway through the school year and already building on our previous successes. Like most schools lack of money has resulted in a deteriorating building but things are now picking up. The science laboratories have been completely refurbished and we have a spotless new food technology facility, but there is still a lot to do, as Adult Education students will very well know.

The school is almost unique in achieving the Sportsmark Gold award, twice which is a credit to both teachers and pupils and we eagerly look forward to welcoming 88 new pupils in September replacing 47 who will be leaving.

Although this will undoubtedly help the financial stability of the school it also means ensuring staff numbers are adequate to keep class sizes to a minimum and to ensure a continuing high standard of education and also the hard work needed to maintain our Christian family atmosphere.

Clive P.



For those of you who do not always read the letter from the Bishop that comes as an insert, his last paragraph is worth repeating.

'These are the days when the essentials of Christian faith need to be positively emphasised. Here are answers to the great questions of existence and they are answers that have stood the test of nearly two thousand years. In Christ Jesus we do indeed know why we are here on earth and where we are ultimately going.'

DIARY DATES

- 27 February Bouth, Golden Jubilee meeting – Village Hall – 7.30pm.
- 1 March St. David. Womens World day of Prayer – Rusland church – 2.00pm.
- 2 March St. Chad.
- 3 March Family Service – 9.30am. – Don't forget - coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 6 March M U meeting – 2.30pm. – Satterthwaite Parish Room – 2.30pm.
- 8 March Oxenpark, Colton and Bandrake Head,
Golden Jubilee meeting – Manor Park - 8.00pm.
- 10 March Mothering Sunday – Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 11 March Commonwealth Day.
- 13 March Bouth W I - Village Hall – 7.15pm.
- 16 March Rusland Spring Show – Rusland Parish Rooms. – Noon to 4.30pm.
Also on Sunday – same times
- 17 March St. Patrick. Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 18 March St. Cyril.
- 19 March Joseph of Nazareth. Sparkbridge & Lowick W I
Lowick Sunday School – 7.30pm.
- 24 March Palm Sunday. Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 28 March Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion – 6.30pm.
- 29 March Good Friday – Devotions – 2.00pm.
- 31 March **EASTER SUNDAY – HOLY COMMUNION – 9.30am.**



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