



PARISH NEWS

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COLTON

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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

As we approach the 'back end' of another year, we are aware of the changes, which have happened in our land and neighbourhood. Farming is still going through what some may call "diversification" but which means a loss of its traditional practices.

Strict rules on the movement of livestock and biosecurity have some part in the changing scene at our auction marts. I have the privilege and pleasure of being Chaplain to our own mart in Ulverston, and follow the custom of chaplains in 'being available' for a chat or a more serious 'ministry' to farmers, retired farmers, office staff and officials and the traders who attend on Tuesdays (formerly Thursday and another post – FMD change!) Even if you have NO connection with farming, it is vital to our landscape and economy, so please pray for all concerned. (We are losing marts, a crucial focus for social and emotional support.)

Roadworks continue to hold up our journeys, especially on the A590, and we read of accidents and near-misses too often. So even if you rarely travel about, and have no car, van or wagon, please pray for road-users.

Our neighbours in Barrow, in addition to anxiety about government contracts and employment generally, now, as I write, are suffering from the trauma of the outbreak of Legionnaire's disease. Even if you have no members of your family or friends affected, please pray for all who are involved: as patients (and families), as Council staff, and ALL at Furness General Hospital, (AND we must not forget the 'knock on effect' of tourists who may be reluctant to come to Cumbria as another 'plague' hits the county and our hotels and B+B trade could suffer!)

Another issue for our prayers is education: not on the vast national scene but here in our own neighbourhood. Schools need our support, whether they are small vulnerable village schools such as those in our own and similar parishes, or the secondary schools to which our young folk 'commute' after eleven plus. Even if you have no young boys and girls in your family, think about the children of neighbours and friends and commend them to God's sure guidance through their teachers, and through you as the citizens' of Cumbria, (and maybe as Church folk too). Pray for ALL at the 'chalkface' and for Governors, officials etc.

These issues, with my plea for prayers may seem far removed from high-flown stately prayers of the Church. They are just the kind of REAL LIFE issues that Jesus was concerned with in His earthly ministry and which are still His concerns today. Remember he said, "I have come that they might have life, and life abundant". Our Job is to continue to be involved with life around us, and to show compassion as He does for ALL in need.

This year's Harvest services are likely to reflect thankfulness that our communities have survived (just!) but last year must have taught us all that we are indeed "our brothers' keepers". We should be concerned for ALL mankind the world over, but should never close our eyes to the plight of those near by.

Pastoral re-organization goes grinding along its slow and >

Somewhat bureaucratic way; but we are moving towards the new situation in November, following my own retirement; so please pray for your PCC representatives, and for my clerical neighbours who will take up ministry in our three parishes. They will value your support as I have done for the past Six and a half years. So God bless you all, and let us all look forward to a busy autumn here in God's service. We still have much to do between now and November!

Yours sincerely

Doreen Harrison, Parish Priest.



COLTON CHRONICLES

The consultation period for the changes to the ministry of our church has ended and the PCC has given a cautious welcome to the proposed new United Benefice of Colton, Egton and Lowick after meeting the Revd Gary Wemyss and his wife Elizabeth. The proposed Group Ministry, comprising the new benefice and all parishes from Haverthwaite to Hawkshead, was also welcomed but the idea of a Group Council was seen as an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy. There is still a way to go and it is inevitable that after the end of October we shall have an interregnum.

The PCC see this an opportunity to reflect on the past and contemplate the implications of the future ministry of our church.

The 'Growing Healthy Churches' exercise produced some mixed results but made the PCC think and there is to be a follow up meeting at Rusland on Saturday 31 August at 10.00am. Satterthwaite & Rusland will also be taking part.

The Diocesan Board of Finance have been beavering away to conserve our finances and have ended up increasing the parish share by 6.9%, almost three times the rate of inflation. Apparently the men in grey suits have a different view of reality than the rest of us. One wonders what will happen next year when we will be sharing the services of a paid priest as opposed to now, when we have a third of a non-paid priest? No prizes for the correct answer.

On Friday 11 October we shall be holding out Annual Farmers Harvest service at 7.00pm to be followed by a 'Pie & Peas' supper in the church hall. The cost will be £2.50 per head and it will be an opportunity to say farewell to our hard working and caring Priest the Revd Doreen Harrison, especially for those who do not come to church very often. We need numbers so it would be helpful if you could let the distributor of this News know or any member of the PCC

Another reminder that our delightful Joanna Henson will be licensed as a Reader at St Mary's church, Ulverston on Saturday, 7 September at 3.00pm. Please attend and support.

Rain, rain go away, come again another day! Well it didn't but the Garden Fête despite nearly being washed into Morecambe Bay was a financial success - £1433 net. It was a happy and friendly occasion and Sally Whittaker was simply lovely. Judy says 'Thanks to every one' and everyone says thanks to Judy!

ACCOUNTS

RAFFLES

Main £524, Margaret's £95, New £39, Squares £100, Guessing £42, Tombola £310.

Total £1101.

STALLS

Plants & Produce £110, New £78, Books & Toys £122, Cakes £119. Total £429.

OTHERS

Teas £115, Pony Rides £12, Gate £68, Donations £20. Total £215

Grand Total of Income £1745.

EXPENSES

Tent £180, Music £25, Tickets & Posters £100, Registration £17. Total £312

Bonzo tells us that the difference between income & expenses is

£1433, profit!

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FLOWER ROTA

1 September Mrs C Dobson

8 September Mrs C Dobson

15 September Mrs S Smith

22 September Mrs S Smith

29 September Mrs M Campbell

2 October Mrs M Campbell



COFFEE ROTA

1 September Mrs Zella Slater & Helper

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MOTHERS UNION

The first meeting of the Mothers Union will be Evensong to be held at Holy Trinity, Colton on Wednesday 4 September at 2.00pm. The Revd Doreen Harrison officiating and when we will be welcoming Mrs Marjorie Edmonson into membership followed by tea & biscuits. On Tuesday 17 September we shall be having a Eucharist at St Anne's Haverthwaite again at 2.00pm. which is their opening service and when we will be joined by members from Cheshire.

Do come and support our friends and neighbours at this service when you will be made most welcome.

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PARISH NEWS

It is with sadness that we report the death of Mrs Ethel Saunders of Colton Beck Cottage and we send our condolences and sympathy to her nieces, Joy Edgell and Kay Morison.

Ethel was born in 1911 and was a trailblazer graduating in history from the > prestigious University of Durham. After teaching for a short while she returned to Barrow where her parents ran a Commercial School, teaching young ladies short hand and typing. She married Joe Saunders late in life and moved from Sparkbridge to Bouth in 1961. It had previously been a holiday home and her parents had retired there.

Ethel worshipped at Tottlebank and taught Sunday School there before going with husband Joe to Colton until deafness prevented her from participating.

Joy and Kay wrote “We would like to express our thanks to all those in the Colton area who visited and cared in any way for our aunt over the past few years, when she was housebound. She did enjoy all her visitors immensely and always told us who had called and what the local news was all about. We are also so grateful to those of you who have done various tasks on her behalf for so many years.

It was also a great pleasure that so many local friends were able to be present at the Thanksgiving Service for her long life. Thank you for all your support and care.”

We are also saddened to hear of the deaths of Les Metcalfe, who died after a long illness and Phyllis Dickenson, both from Rusland parish.

On a happier note, congratulations to Sarah Hoskins and Ian Young who were married in our church on 10 August. The church was beautifully decorated, the bride radiant and the weather stayed fine. A bonus is that the smart COLTON signs made for the occasion by Carol Pennington have been kindly donated to the Church. Thank you.

Congratulations also to Dot and Ronnie Mein on the birth of their second grand son Joseph to Ruth and John. A warm welcome to Angela Bianchi to Owl Corner,

also to Avril and Danielle who recently moved into Auntie Dot's cottage. We wish them all a long and happy stay; dare we say, in Bouth!

A special welcome to Janet and Lloyd Willis who have taken over Greenodd Post Office. We wish them well and hope they will soon get to grips with the complexities of the P O and the newspapers.

It has been a busy time and not altogether comfortable for some but we are happy to tell you that Pam McIver is almost fully recovered from being straightened out, her metatarsals that is, and Alistair tells us he is back to strength after his bone crunching sailing accident. It was good to see them both back in church.

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WOMENS INSTITUTE

BOUTH

The title of our last meeting in July was 'Healing and Aromatherapy'; in fact Mrs Z Preston treated us to an evening of tender loving care. As well as aromatherapy she explained and demonstrated massage and reflexology after asking for 'volunteers'. The usual reluctance to go forward was transformed into a near mad rush, in ladylike fashion of course. It was a soothing, calming and relaxing evening.

Mrs Preston has offered to come and spend a day with us, which we are all looking forward to.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 September at 7.15pm. when the speaker will be the BBC talking about 'Radio Cumbria'.

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SPARKBRIDGE AND LOWICK

It has been a very enjoyable two months for our group. In June we were joined, at our open meeting, by friends from other WIs and entertained by the "Kirby Singers" with their wonderful repertoire of songs, humorous, romantic and nostalgic to name a few. This was followed by a very happy Jubilee Link Up with our neighbouring WIs, three of our members dressed in their garden party finery to visit Kirby WI, and five members made and served a lunch fit for a Queen for

three members from Torver.

In July Dr Liz Goyder gave an insight to her work as a Psycho-Geriatrician and managed to dispel many worrying myths and stigmas about people's beliefs of the ageing process. Forgetfulness is a normal weakness in everyone, for which there is usually a reason and which can very often be treated. Liz finished her talk by explaining how much her speciality had improved since she started; from merely diagnosing dementia to being able to treat it and so improve the quality of life for our ageing population. We finished off with a 'Jacobs Join'.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 September when we are hosting another Open Evening when Mrs Joan Bentley will be entertaining us with her Flower Arranging skills and humour. Do come and join us.

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SCHOOL NEWS

As I recall the 3rd. September is the anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, which of course has no connection with the beginning of the new school year; term actually starts on Tuesday 4 September, half term is 22 to 28 October and term ends on 20 December.

Teachers like many other professions, not least the priesthood and medicine are enduring an increasing amount of paper work, which leads to the forfeit of that most precious gift, time. Perhaps one-day common sense will win the day over 'initiatives' and people's skills can be used as they were intended.

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To finish.

A Word to Husbands

To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup,
Whenever you're wrong, admit it,
Whenever you're right, shut up.

Ogden Nash.

DIARY DATES

- 31 August 'Growing Healthy Churches' – Rusland Parish Room – 10.00am.
- 1 September Family Service – 9.30am. – Coffee in Hall afterwards.
- 4 September MU Evensong – Colton – 2.00pm. **Start of School Term.**
- 7 September Joanna Henson – Licensing- St Mary's, Ulverston – 3.00pm.
- 8 September Holy Communion – 9.30am.
- 11 September Bouth WI – 'Radio Cumbria' – Bouth Village hall – 7.15pm.
- 14 September ✙ HOLY CROSS DAY ✙
- 15 September Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 17 September MU – Holy Communion – St. Anne's, Haverthwaite – 2.00pm.
- 21 September Matthew Apostle.
- 22 September Holy Communion – 11.15am.
- 24 September Sparkbridge & Lowick WI – 'Open Evening'.
- 28 September Ember Day.
- 27 September The Ryder Cup.
- 29 September Morning Service – 9.30am. St. Michael and All Angels.



"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt"

Colossians. 4:6

Dear Parishioner

Most of you will be aware that, after 6½ years of unfailing and devoted ministry to our parish of Colton, both as curate and priest in charge, the Reverend Doreen Harrison HAS to retire at the end of October.

Our ‘vicar’ has been there for us in the deep and stricken days of Foot & Mouth, for weddings, for baptisms, visiting those in need and for funerals, She has led and guided us, no matter how weak our faith has been and has never faltered.

We hope that you will want to join the members of the PCC in wishing her well and showing your appreciation of her ministry by contributing generously to a gift that will be of Doreen’s own choosing. We are sure that you will want to show your gratitude in a truly practical way. We will be presenting the gift on the evening of the Harvest Supper - Friday 11 October.

Please send your donation to our treasurer, Bonzo Johnson, Greenbank, Oxenpark, Tel: 01229 861 437. If a cheque, please make out to ‘The PCC of Colton’ and endorse the back ‘Revd D Harrison’. Thank you!

IF YOU WISH A FAREWELL MESSAGE FOR DOREEN, PLEASE WRITE ON A PIECE OF PAPER, NOT LARGER THAN 1”X 3”, WHICH CAN BE PASTED ON TO A COMMENORATIVE CARD.

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