

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Following retirement from full time ministry I have had chance to re-acquaint myself with attending regular worship as a member of a congregation. In the early days of visiting each of the churches in our joint benefice, I scanned the walls to read the memorials and plaques commemorating the great and the good of each parish.

Such memorials remind us we build upon the work of those who have gone before us. In each of our churches successive generations of Christians have responded to the need to own Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and, as a result, to grow in the knowledge of the Christian faith, to witness to the community in which God had placed them and to share God's overflowing love with those in need.

In turn, we who currently sit in the pews each week, are exposed to the same call from God: to own Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour and then once His, to grow in the knowledge of our faith, to witness to the community in which He has placed us and to care for others as an expression of God's all-encompassing love.

Whatever the changes and chances of the world, whatever the world's view of the church may be; no matter how good or not so good the witness of the previous generation, we, this generation of Christians, have been chosen by God to fulfil our calling to grow, to witness and to care, all in the Name of the one who died and rose again, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. The call is all-inclusive, no exceptions; each Christian is called, equipped and given opportunity to fulfil their God-given calling both individually and corporately.

To grow in the knowledge of our faith will generate assurance, challenges and revelations. As we grow in our understanding our view of the world, of each other and ourselves, will align with that of God.

To witness to our community will produce surprises as we experience just what God can achieve through us. Witnessing will also bring opportunities, strengthening and testing, revealing the value we place upon the message we have received.

To care with the compassion that our Father shows us will foster compassion, stir up empathy, create time and develop prayer.

If we rise to answer His call, if we continue to serve the Lord and His people in this way, we will ensure, when successive generations look back on our efforts, they will say that we were faithful to our calling and in turn be encouraged by our example.

If we decline to heed His call then future generations will say we were no more than caretakers of buildings which we used for our own purposes, and as a result, eventually became museums.

All God asks of us is to be faithful, to take up His call, to rely upon Him for our inspiration, guidance and strength. If we do, we will not find Him wanting as countless generations of saints of old bear witness.

May the same be said of us..

In Him, Harry.



COLTON CHRONICLES

CANDLEMAS: The festival of Candlemas (on 3rd February this year) looks back to the time when Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate him to God. Simeon, the old prophet, said that Jesus would be a 'light' to the nations and so this festival has always been associated with light, especially candle light.

This year, as last year, we are inviting young children who have been baptized in Colton church and their families to come to a celebration of Candlemas. The service will begin at the later time of 10.30am, will be very short, very child friendly with simple songs, visual activities and plenty of movement! There will be opportunity to light candles and reflect on the baptism vows taken.

Afterwards we will go to the hall for drinks and cake with craft activities for the children.

The story, on which Candlemas is based, is about the old and the young coming together. We are not only inviting baptism families. All ages and backgrounds are very welcome.

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Church Electoral Roll: It is time for a update of the Electoral Roll. Could anyone with their name on the roll who wishes to be removed, or anyone who would wish their name to be added to the roll, please contact Sue Dean on **T:** 01229 86145 or **E:** suedeandean1@btinternet.com on or before **Tuesday 8 Februray.**

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PARISH NEWS

Sadly, we have to tell you of the death in December of Raymond Atkinson, husband of Jeannie who worshipped at Penny Bridge and also the mother of Cathy Styles who also died in December. Our prayers and condolences got out to both families.

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Bouth: For the first time in several years Christmas Eve carol singing was able to take place outside this year around the Christmas tree on Bouth Village Green. A large number of people turned up and sang with great enthusiasm. A big thank you to Nigel and Kath Barton from the White Hart for providing the mulled wine and mince pies. Thanks also to Paul and Rebecca Kenyon who donated the Christmas tree, and to Jane Patton who led the carol singing. A collection taken on the evening in aid of St. Mary's Hospice raised £150.75 – thank you to all who contributed.

And thank you to David Hamer whom organised the New Year's Eve Dinner in the White Hart where 27 villagers had a most enjoyable evening due to the companionship and the wonderful care and attention from the staff.

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Oxen Park: There are only two more Oxen Park Presentations in aid of the Reading Room this winter – **Friday 1 February** when Carol McNeill & Ross Baxter will talk about their expedition to Greenland & **Friday 8**

March with Davis Kidwell will reminisce on his journey to the 'Roof of the World' – motor bikes & India. Both at the Carthouse, 7:30pm £4 at the door.

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Cinema Club: On **Tuesday 5 February** we will be showing *The Happy Prince* (Oscar Wild) with Rupert Everett & Colin Firth. On Saturday 16 February & Sunday 17 February *Phantom Thread*. All at 7:30pm. Booking recommended with Carol **E:** crimcneill@gmail.com. [16th. almost full]

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Orienteering: A few locals have been trying this great map sport and there are several events close to you! *'Stony Hazel' Bouth*, *'Graythwaite'*, *'Haverthwaite'* and *'Great Tower'*. Some of these are adventurous nights out, a powerful torch required. Why not have a go? Check the events on **E:** www.lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk.

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Rusland Spring Show: Will be held on the 23rd and 24th March. Get arty and enter for free, look out for the show schedule available at the end of February. Classes in Floral, art, baking and crafts also children's classes. Lots of outdoor and indoor activities for the children.

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Rusland Horizons: Practical Conservation Volunteer Days **Tuesdays 9 February & 5 March, Thursday 4 April 9:00am – 4:00pm**. Join our monthly volunteer day to help with woodland restoration and other conservation work Meet at National Park Southern Office, Lane Ends, Haverthwaite, LA12 8AB. Booking essential via the website. <http://www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.aspx>

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Ruslan Valley Horticultural Society: Many readers will remember that when the late Mr Joe Jackson's estate was sold in 2010, a concerted local effort resulted in the Rusland Valley Horticultural Society (RVHS) and the Rusland Valley Community Trust (RVCT) purchasing the show field and adjacent land. Legal arrangements were made such the RVHS would be able to become the sole owner once it was in a financial position to do so.

We are pleased to report that at its AGM in November, and with sufficient money becoming available (including a donation from the late Mr Bobbie Dobson), the RVHS committee voted unanimously to proceed with the

purchase of the RVCT's share. The Society is now in the enviable position of owning its own show field, and its own marquees.

This helps to ensure the long-term survival of the Rusland Show. However, as always, there is a catch. Both the show itself, and the hiring out of the marquees, also require a good deal of voluntary effort. Following years of hard work, for which we are all very grateful, our Secretary, Antony Meanwell, and our Treasurer, Duncan Clegg, have retired from the committee. The current Acting Secretary, Maureen Boyren, is seeking someone to work with her, with a view to taking over in due course.

In addition, Tom Watson who has for so long managed the marquees and their hire, is looking for someone to work with him to learn the ropes(!) because he will be retiring in the next 12 months. This is an important role as it is the marquee hire that underpins the financial sustainability of the show.

If you, or someone you know, could fill either of these important roles, we would be grateful please and if so contact Maureen Boyren **T:** 01229 885300 or **E:** m.boyren@btinternet.com.

Meanwhile, Mary Dewhurst is our President for the coming year, with Angus Adams as Vice-President. John Watson and Tony Atkinson will continue as Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Richard Dobson has been elected Treasurer.



Forgotten Item: In November 2018 we enjoyed another evening with the very talented singer Jack Northrop, in Bouth Village Hall. The audience was also treated to several songs from our own Cathy Styles (the roof is still on). Over the past four years more than £1000 has been raised for various local charities and this event raised £250 for Northwest Blood Bikes (Lancashire and Lakes).

It was a delightful evening sharing fun and community spirit; more events are planned for this year. Thank you all for your continuing support.



“An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day”

Henry David Thoreau

BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our January meeting was open and well attended and well enjoyed by all. The speaker was Cumbrian based fictional author Ruth Sutton who started with a trilogy Between the Mountains and sea, telling the story of a school teacher Jessie Whelan and her family from 1917 to 1957. Also other books that followed.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 13 February, 7:15pm** which will be just a social meeting with no speaker. The winner of the competition for the best book mark was Debbie Perry.



Colton Parish Council: Due, we think, to the problem the Council has experienced with their secretariat we have no news, but hope that normal service will be resumed next month.

We have however two articles of advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau.



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

- 1) I've got three kids, and I'm on a low income. I've been trying to pay off my credit card but I'm already behind on other bills. I haven't been able to pay my council tax in three months and received payment reminders from my energy provider. What should I do?**

First work out how much you owe - make a list of who you need to pay each month and how much. Make sure you are getting all the income and benefits that you are entitled to, including help with child care or school meals.

Add up your essential living costs and take these away from your income. Any money you have spare can be put towards your debts. Citizens Advice's budgeting tool, found on its website, can help.

Your council tax, rent or mortgage, and energy are priority debts as there can be serious consequences if you don't pay them. These must be paid first. Act quickly - contact your council to arrange an affordable council tax payment plan, and your landlord or mortgage provider and energy supplier

to help you sort out payment plans that work for you. To cut your future bills you should make sure you're on the best deal you can get.

For further help working out your budget, negotiating with creditors or checking which benefits you're entitled to, contact your nearest Citizens Advice.

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2) I've had my Universal Credit payments reduced for missing an appointment. I don't think this is fair as I had a good reason for not being able to attend. Now I am struggling to make ends meet. What should I do?

If you think the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has made a mistake, you can ask for the decision to be reconsidered. Contact them as soon as possible setting out why you disagree, including the date of the decision and your personal information and National Insurance number. You can do this in your Universal Credit online account, or a form on the government website, in writing or over the phone. If the DWP does not change its decision you can appeal. This could involve going to a tribunal and may take some time.

Meanwhile, ask the DWP for a hardship payment through the Universal Credit helpline, or at your local Jobcentre Plus office. This is usually a loan and will be deducted from future Universal Credit payments. You may also be able to apply for financial help from your local council. Your local Citizens Advice can help you with all this.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444 for an appointment and help, 015394 46464 for debt and on-going enquiries. Please note the opening hours at Windermere have been reduced, but contact details remain the same.

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Haverthwaite Surgery Patient Participation Group

At the recent meeting of the group the Greenodd Service was discussed.

Due to a poor take up of service on some days and staff considerations the times of this service will have to change.

From **Friday 1 March** there will be no medication collection or Doctors' appointments on **Monday** or **Wednesday**. There will be collection service on **Fridays** from **11.30am to 12.30pm** and when Dr Davies returns from maternity leave there will be GP appointments if required.

Prescriptions may still be ordered by the website, by telephone or by hard copy or in person. Medication ordered by **5:00pm** on **Tuesday** will be ready for collection on Friday.

The "COFFEE AND CHAT" sessions will return on **Wednesday 20 February** and continue on the **3rd Wednesday** each month until **July**. Everyone whether practise, patients or not and whatever age is very welcome to join us at these free events.



Extract from 'Uncle Vanya'

Sonia My misfortune is perhaps even greater than . I yours, but I am not plunged into despair. I endure my sorrow, and shall endure it until my life comes to a natural end. You must endure yours, to. . . . You must endure your sorrow Uncle Vanya; you must endure it. . .

Uncle Vanya Oh, my child, I am so miserable; if only you knew how miserable I am !

Sonia What can we do? We must live our lives. Yes, we shall live, Uncle Vanya. We shall live through the long procession of the days before us, and through the long evenings; we shall patiently bear the trials that fate imposes on us; we shall work for others without rest, both now and when we are old; and when oyr last hour comes we shall meet it humbly, and there, beyond the grave, we shall say that we have suffered and wept , that our life was bitter, and God will have pity on us.

Ah, then dear, Uncle, we shall see that bright and beautiful life, we shall rejoice and look back upon our sorrow here; a tender smile – and – we shall rest. I have faith uncle, fervent, passionate faith. We shall rest. We shall rest. We shall hear angels. We shall see heaven shining like a jewel. We shall see all evil and all our pain shrink away in the great compassion that shall enfold the world. Our life shall be peaceful and tender as a caress. I have faith; I have faith. My poor, poor Uncle Vanya, you are crying! You have never known what happiness was, but wait, Uncle Vanya, wait. We shall rest. We shall rest. Anton Chekhov.

DIARY DATES

- 1 February Oxen Park Presentation, Reading Room.
- 2 February **Presentation of Christ to the Temple**
- 3 February **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 5 February Cinema Club, Cart House, 7:30pm.
- 8 February Mary Queen of Scots, Beheaded. 1587.
- 9 February Rusland Horizons 'Practical Conservation Day' 9:00am- 4:00pm.
- 10 February **Combined Holy Communion Service, Colton, 10:30am.**
- 13 February Bouth W I, Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 14 February **St. Valentine.**
- 17 February **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 19 February Founding of the Womens Institute, Canada, 1897
- 22 February World Thinking Day!
- 24 February **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 25 February Elizabeth I excommunicated by Pope Pius V 1570.



Carol Service:

Our Carol Services are always special occasions but this year (2018) it was more than special and as usual we just accept it with a thought of how it all happens.

So, our deep thanks to all those who worked so hard. Those who decorated the church with a special mention to Rachel Tarr for her inspired idea of repositioning the Tree behind the Alter Rail. And for those who provided & served the 'Nibbles' and mulled wine after the service. Not forgetting our organist, our singer and our Priest.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month February 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
3 February	Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas		
Morning Worship	Margaret Sanders	Malachi	3: 1- 5 Susan King
9:30pm. <i>Pam</i>	John Tarr	Luke	2:22-40

10 February	Combined Service, Holy Trinity, Colton		
Holy Communion	Judy Redhead	Isaiah	6: 1- 8 Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Harry Welsh</i>	Graham Wallace	Luke	5: 1-11

17 February	Third Sunday before Lent		
Holy Communion	Sue Lydon	Jerimiah	17- 5-10 John Tarr
9:30am <i>Donald</i>	Roderick Smith	Luke	6:17-26

24 February	Second Sunday before Lent		
Holy Communion	Rachel Tarr	Genesis	2:4b- 9, 15-25 Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	Susan Smith	Luke	8:22-25



SIDEPERSONS ROTA

- 3 February Susan King
- 10 February Susan Dean
- 17 February Margaret Sanders
- 24 February Susan Smith



FLOWER ROTA

- 3 February Elspeth Cooper
- 10 February Susan Smith
- 17 February Susan Smith
- 24 February Margaret Sanders



February: Is the second month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and its predecessor, the Julian Calendar, and is the only month that has less than 30 days. It was named after the Latin word februum, which means purification because the month was a time for purification.



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