

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

GRATITUDE

Being grateful, saying thank you and giving thanks are an important part of our social interactions and one of the oils that smooth relationships in a community. And yet given the importance of gratitude to our social well-being, you would have thought it was our natural state.

Unfortunately, this is not the case and in a fallen world, the natural state of the human heart is ingratitude. There is a natural inclination to want more and a tendency to give neither time, thought or thanks for what we already have or what we have already received. Our eyes are very much on to the next possession or the next experience, instead of savouring and appreciating what we already have or have done.

When someone responds to Jesus' call to follow him, to repent, to re-orientate our lives and live according to Jesus' teachings, then one of those changes to the heart concerns gratitude, the giving of thanks. Jesus not only taught this but exemplified it. When his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus travelled to his graveside, and after weeping bitterly, said, "*Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always bear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me*". So, in spite of his grief, Jesus still gave thanks.

But wait! Should we give thanks for everything? Even death? Well, the Apostle Paul writing to the Church in Thessalonica, said "give thanks in everything". Crucially, Paul did not say "give thanks for everything". As Christians, we should always be giving thanks, every day despite our circumstances. Because we are not giving thanks for the circumstances, good or bad, but instead we are giving thanks that God is good in every circumstance, and that never changes.

Blessings in Christ

Brian & Anne



† BLESSING OF THE CROSS †

You are invited to join with the Rt. Revd. James Newcome, the Bishop of Carlisle, the Revd. Sarah Moore, the President of the URC in Cumbria and Major Roger Batt, the Divisional Commander for the North-West of England and North Wales for the Salvation Army, at the **Old Schoolroom** at **Torver** on **Saturday 30 March, 12.00 noon**. There will be a short walk up to the Cross, some prayers of blessing at the Cross, and then a return walk to the Old Schoolroom for refreshments.

ALL ARE WELCOME



HOST UK

Our Lent Appeal: As we approach a time of joyful celebration in the Church calendar we ask if you might consider doing something for international relations...making a small but significant contribution towards greater understanding worldwide.

HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend.

We operate all year round and would very much welcome more volunteer hosts to join us. More information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org Or email us on: info@hostuk.org T: 020 7739 6292



COLTON CHRONICLES

One doubts if any of us ever gives a passing thought to our Parish, 'The Holy Trinity, Colton', but we should for the parishes are the heart and soul of the Church of England for without them there would be no C of E. More so than Benefices, Deanery Synods and Dioceses.

Colton has the distinction of being, by far, the oldest church in the Benefice being consecrated in the 16th.C and we all have a duty and responsibility to ensure its future, but at the same time, supporting our Benefice.

The origin of the word Benefice goes back to the 14th.C when it was an Ecclesiastical Office to which the revenue from an endowment is attached.

In recent years it has become, and understandably, an expedient to cope with the decreasing number of ordained clergy.” – “A group of parishes cared for by the same Vicar.”

P C C: The first meeting of our Parochial Church Council took place at the end of January and there were two items of particular interest. The first is the maintenance of the Church Yard as our Church Warden has been cutting the grass and strimming for some years but is not able to continue, so we are looking for someone to carry out this task at a ‘moderate rate’.

‘It is a monthly task 7/8 time a year and it is estimated to take 10 hours; If anybody is interested please contact this editor – details on the inside front cover page’.

The second item is unfortunately money as our accounts for 2018 show a deficit of approximately £7,000 and this despite an injection, from reserves, of another £7,000. **WE NEED YOU TO BE GENEROUS!**

Candlemas: A deep thanks and praise to Pam Priestly for organising and taking our wonderful Candlemas Service and also to the ‘Queen & King of Candles’ Rachel & John Tarr. It was a delightful and refreshing service particularly with the children playing their parts so magnificently.

It was also a reminder and thank you to all those who, throughout the year, take services, keep the church neat and tidy, arrange everything, hand out the Service & Hymn books and play the organ. Holy Trinity Church is truly Blessed. We are special!

Mothering Sunday: Mothering Sunday this year is on the fifth Sunday of the month and as such will be a Combined Service at **St. Luke’s Lowick, 31 March, 10:30am**. This is the first time in living memory that this service is not at home so we are unable to give thanks to our Mother Church, St. Michaels & All Angels, Hawkshead. Although perhaps thanks are not entirely due as recently, they rejected us as if we were a rebellious child.

A very warm welcome to Suzanne Pender: Suzanne is the latest Clerk to the Colton Parish Council who has an incredible life style that would put most of us to shame. She has two teenage children, is a project manager by profession, the Clerk to Skelwith Parish Council has covered vacancies at Witherslack & Torver and to top it off is the ‘Run Director’ for the ‘Ulverston Park Run’. To contact **E:** clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk. We look forward to her contributions

PARISH NEWS

Rusland Horizons still needs you! Initial Heritage Lottery funding finishes in June, and we need your support to make the next stage happen! Rusland Horizons is a community-led scheme. Since the very beginning, local people have been closely involved in creating and delivering a wide range of projects; everything from hedgerow conservation to oral history and protecting our native red squirrels. Now we are planning for the future, and we need your support to make it happen!

There are lots of ways that you can get involved. You may have seen volunteers out and about doing practical conservation work. You may have been one. We now need other, perhaps less visible skills, too. We are currently looking for specific help with:

- Fundraising;
- Membership administration.

Experience in these areas would be an advantage but is not essential; it's enthusiasm and a willingness to 'get stuck in' that we're after!

Whether it's a regular commitment, or a block of time, we would love to have you on board our small friendly team. Full training is available and we are very flexible on time and location.

If you are interested, please contact Rick Emslie to arrange a no-obligation chat rick@emsleanalytics.co.uk or 07785 248145, For more information about Rusland Horizons go to www.ruslandhorizons.org

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South Cumbria Rivers Trust: Has issued a statement to the effect that they have just completed a fifty-five metre de-culvert at a small stream in Rusland Pool. De-culvert? We presume what they mean is that a stretch of existing culvert has been removed and there is now a free-flowing stream.

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Cinema Club: We continue to have full houses so please book ahead early if you would like to see a particular film.

March films are *Custody* on 5th and *Lady Bird* on 16th This is a supper special and almost fully booked. There might be a second show on **Sunday 17th** so

check with Carol if you'd like a seat. The April films -*Lean On Pete* (2nd) and *GLAPPS* (13th) –are both filling up fast. crlmcneill@gmail.com

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Oxen Park Reading Room: The last of the fund-raising presentation series on **8 March** is now full. These winter events at The Carthouse have been really popular and will be followed with more in the autumn – usually first Friday of the month October to March. Mark up your diaries now! The table tennis group organised and supported a tournament at The Leven Valley Outback Hall on Saturday 9 February. 20 people came including some juniors and locals so if you missed it this time dust off that bat in the loft and look out for a repeat. It is a great social game.

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Bingo: There will be a Bingo Session in aid of Bouth Village Hall in the Hall on **Friday 22 March – 7:30pm**. £5, but bring more, includes free glass of wine.



BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

We were bereft of a speaker for our February meeting and so it was social affair catching up with Federation events and W I Federation news; ‘International Women’s Day’ will be hosted at the Coronation Hall, Ulverston on **Friday 8 March**. A future date for your diary is **Saturday 3 August** when we will be having a ‘Table Top’ sale on the Village Green in order to raise funds for the Womens Institute.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 March, Village Hall 7:15pm**. The speaker will be Catherine Hunt, her subject ‘Weleda-Why go Natural’ and the competition is ‘Special Soap’. Unsurprisingly the pleasant evening finished in the pub!



“Let bygones be bygones: Don’t worry about the past; forgive and forget. Although the idea dates from ancient times, the wording comes from then 17th. C. when it was cited by several writers as a proverb or parable. The word ‘bygone’, meaning past, dates from the 14th. C. and survives principally in the cliché.

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COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We had our latest meeting on Monday 11th February 2019 at Finsthwaite Village Hall. Key items of interest from the agenda were:

- Revised Community Plan: The Council set out its intention to update its Parish Plan, by firstly undertaking a review of what has been achieved from the original Plan, then by consulting with the community about future priorities. A timeframe will be presented to the next meeting.
- Litter Pick: We are planning a Parish litter collection aligned to the Great Cumbrian Litter Pick the **26th and 2nd. April**, more information coming soon!
- Notice Board Repairs: A grant has been secured by the Council from the Lake District National Park for improving the noticeboards in the Parish, with Finsthwaite and Rusland being identified as the priority.
- A Charitable Donation was agreed for the Great North Air Ambulance

Lengthsman: Archie Workman continues to work really hard clearing drains to ensure road safety. He has also been busy helping to grit paths and roadsides during the recent cold spell and we now have some emergency grit supplies. He is supported by Parish Cllr Brown and they both work tirelessly for highways improvements. This month Archie has also been fixing road signs, see attached photos.

Tottlebank Baptist Church Signage Improvements: the Parish Council also received photos (attached) and thanks for a small grant to improve signage to the “Church beyond the Sands” that dates back to 1697.

Other good news, two of our District Councillors, have agreed contributions from their locality budget towards Parish priorities, Cllr Hall towards playground improvements and Cllr Coward towards litter picking equipment. Many thanks for this support!

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 18 March, Rusland Reading Rooms 7:00pm.**

For all other information, including finance, planning and consultation please see our website <http://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk>

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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

I recently joined a dating website. I was contacted by a lovely man and we now email every day, although we haven't met in person yet. We had arranged to go for a meal, but then he cancelled because he needs to concentrate on fundraising for medication for his daughter. He's asked me to contribute but I'm unsure because I've only known him a short time.

You're right to be cautious. Unfortunately dating sites are increasingly being targeted by unscrupulous people. It can be difficult to accept that someone you've developed feelings for is trying to swindle you. But scammers are highly skilled at using emotional triggers to persuade people to part with money.

A reluctance to call, Skype or meet you could be a red flag that this is a scam. Other things to look out for include profile information not matching what he tells you, expressing strong emotions in a short period of time, moving the conversation away from the dating site to private email or messaging, and asking lots of personal questions - but giving away very little in return.

Trust your instincts and if in any doubt, don't part with your money.

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.



"It is not what you look at that matters, it is what you see"

Henry Davis Thoreau

DIARY DATES

- 3 March **Morning Worship, 9:30am.**
- 5 March Cinema Club
- 6 March **Ash Wednesday, Service, St. Andrew's. Coniston,12:30pm.
Service, St. Luke's, Lowick, 7:30pm.**
- 8 March Oxen Park Reading Rooms, Last Fund Raising Presentation.
- 10 March **First Sunday of Lent, Combined Holy Communion, St. Mary the Virgin
Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
- 12 March APCM, Barnside, Bouth, 7:00pm.
- 13 March Bouth W I. Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 16 March Cinema Club.
- 17 March **Holy Communion,9:30am.**
- 18 March Colton Parish Council Meeting, Rusland Reading Rooms, 7:00pm.
- 19 March **Joseph of Nazareth.**
- 22 March Bingo, Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 24 March **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 25 March **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- 30 March **'Blessings of the Cross', Old School House, Torver, 12 Noon.**
- 31 March **Mothering Sunday, Combined Holy Communion, St. Luke's Lowick.**
- 31 March Summer Time! Clocks go forward an Hour.



There were three sailors of Bristol City
Who took a boat and went to sea.
But first with beef and captain's biscuits
And pickled pork they load she.
There was gorging Jack and guzzling Jimmy,
And the youngest he was little Billee.
Now when they got as far as the Equator
They'd nothing less than one split pea.

William Makepeace Thackeray



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

Month March 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
3 March	Sunday next before Lent		
Morning Worship	Margaret Sanders	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Susan King
9:30pm. <i>Vicar</i>	Graham Wallace	Luke 9:28-43a	

6 March	Ash Wednesday		
<i>Vicar</i>	Service, St. Andrew's, Coniston, 12:30pm.,		
<i>Vicar</i>	Service, St. Luke's, Lowick, 7:30pm.		

10 March	First Sunday of Lent		
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
10:30am <i>Vicar</i>	St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge		

17 March	Second Sunday of Lent		
Holy Communion	Sue Lydon	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	Roderick Smith	Luke 13:31-35	

24 March	Third Sunday of Lent		
Holy Communion	Susan Smith	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	John Tarr	Luke 13: 1- 9	

31 March	Mothering Sunday		
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
10:30am <i>Ian Swift</i>	St..Luke's Lowick		

SIDEPERSONS ROTA

3 March Mrs. Susan King
 17 March Mrs. Susan Dean
 24 March Mrs. Susan Smith

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3 March Mrs. Margaret Sanders

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“As is the mother, so is the daughter.”

Ezekiel

