

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

Inspector - Six weeks away that's what it is, which means that tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and what I need from you is a WIGUL (pronounced 'wiggle!') Woman - A what?

Inspector - your WIGUL form. What I'm Giving Up for Lent. Or to put it another way, a list of things without which you will be absolutely miserable for the next 6 weeks.

Woman - Is this some sort of joke?

Inspector - I never joke about my work. Do you have yours ready?

Woman - No I don't. Where did you say you were from?

Inspector - The Department for Religious Observance - a sub section of the KGB.

Woman - Don't be ridiculous. The KGB?

Inspector - Keeping God in his Box 'Preserve and Prevent' is our motto - Preserve healthy religious tradition and Prevent anyone from taking it seriously.

The above exchange is taken from a humorous sketch called 'The Lent Inspector' and very much tongue in cheek! I certainly would not want to denigrate anyone who has seriously given up certain things in Lent. This can have a very beneficial effect in all sorts of ways. For the person giving up chocolate, an effect on the waistline and for the one giving up caffeine, perhaps a clearer head and better sleep. Most important of all is the attack on comfortable self indulgence!

But religious traditions can so easily get in the way and the church appear as a branch of the KGB rather than the living, vibrant community God

intended it to be. Of course, we should preserve all that is good in the past. Jesus did the same. But he also enraged people by overturning and side-stepping rules that did not help people engage with the Almighty God.

We will soon celebrate Easter and see in Jesus, the greatest 'Giving Up' of all, the giving up of His life

'He humbled himself and became obedient to death -

Even death on a cross.' Philippians 2:8

The Romans thought with His death, they had put Him back in a box for good but if you want to hear the end of the story, then do join us on **Easter Sunday!** It's a good one!

With love in Jesus,

PAM.



EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, Combined Service, Colton Church, 10:30am.

Good Friday, Walk of Witness, Greenodd (Southern end of Village) 11:00am.

Good Friday, Devotions of the Cross, Penny Bridge Church, 12 noon.

Easter Day, Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Colton, 9:30am.

St. Luke's, Lowick, 9:30am.

St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge, 11:00am.



COLTON CHRONICLES

Dear Readers, do not fret we are not going into an advertisement mode, it was only because we had a blank page and that as our printers have been so good and helpful over so many years, we thought that, as a thank you, they could advertise their wares. As for the 'Used Car Sales'- don't ask!

Many of you may have seen a news item a few weeks ago which reported that the Church of England had revoked a 400-year-old law that stated that every parish should hold a service on every Sunday. On reflection it would appear that since Colton was 'moved' we have consistently been breaking the law with our regular Benefice & Combined Services. Just a thought!

APCM: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held this year on 12 March with, as usual, only the faithful, the members of the PCC being present. A well-run affair with the longest discussion on the latest 'Safeguarding' rules, which apply in the Church of England to prevent abuse to both children & adults.

The Electoral Roll remains unchanged at 35, a reminder to residents to apply. Our Electoral Roll Officer is Susan Dean **T:** 861 435. The members, in absence of any other contenders, re-elected themselves: Vice Chairman Donald Wroe, Secretary Rachel Tarr, Churchwarden, John Tarr other members Susan Dean, Susan Smith & Ian Pirnie. The next APCM will be held on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

Magazine: Thank you to those readers who have paid up this year, which is an improvement and very welcome but shame on those who have reneged.

Must See: The film "*Let There be Light*" showing at the **Roxy Cinema, Ulverston, Thursday, 2 May, 7:30pm.** An American Christian Film with the plot following an Atheist who goes through a near death experience being involved in a car crash and then converts to Christianity.



PARISH NEWS

Farewell: But not goodbye, sadly we have said farewell to the wonderful Jean Prickett, the essence of kindness, who will be celebrating her 98th. Birthday in June. For Jean has now moved to Staveley House, a Care Home

in Dalton. She was a WREN where she met husband George, who was in the Navy, and they married in 1946 moved to Snows in the same year moving to Bouth four years later. We all wish Jean well in her new home and a happy 'retirement'.

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In Concert: The very popular Micki Consiglio will be returning to Bouth on Saturday **6 April 2019. Village Hall 7:30pm.**

Micki performs as a tribute act to Karen Carpenter, Cher and Whitney Houston and performs a wide variety of songs and genres and really had the hall buzzing last year.

Tickets are £10 from Graham graham.jowett@gmail.com and Kevin jenkev@live.co.uk .and includes an entry to the "Heads and Tails" competition with a £20 prize. All funds raised will contribute to the cost of 6th July event featuring the 'The Murphys', a three-piece Irish band.

Bring your own drinks and snacks. We hope to see you there.

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Cinema Club: Just three more main film shows to go before the end of the season. From the programme – '*Lean On Pete*' on **Tuesday 2 April 7.30pm** and '*The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*' (GLAPPS) on twice, **Saturday 13 April and Sunday 14 April both at 7.30 at The Carthouse.** Book in with Carol.

Then we have a special showing of a new film – '*Children of The Snow Land*' at **The Outback Hall behind Leven Valley Primary School.** This will be on **Friday 26 April, 7:00pm** and only £4, under 18's £2. This is about Nepalese children who are sent to Kathmandu for their education and return home, often 15years later to find their parents and a very different life to be adapted to. A film for all the family. Booking possible but not necessary.

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Oxen Park Reading Room: Thank you to everyone who supported our six winter Friday night presentations which have finished until the next series in October. We raised around £1,000 which will allow us to finish the refurbishment. Watch out for some events as the year goes by.

RVHS SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

It's time to start planning your garden so that it is in peak condition when the judges call round towards the end of May! It would help Sally Fisher greatly to know that there will be lots of entries pouring in.

So, if you would like to enter this year's Rusland Valley Horticultural Society Spring Garden Competition, please contact Sally **T:** 01229 861876, mobile 07908 429342 or **E:** sally.fellows12@icloud.com as soon as possible. Please include your name and address.

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RUSLAND HORIZONS

EVENTS:

Heritage Skills: 'Traditional Rake Making' **Saturday 30 March 10:00am to Sunday 31 March, 4:00pm Stott Park Bobbin Mill.**

Practical Conservation Volunteer Working Party: Tuesday 9 April An opportunity to help Woodland Restoration.

- Essential: Suitable outdoor clothing, sturdy footwear, lunch and drink.
- Desirable: Gloves, protective boots and hard hat.

To find out more and to book just click on Google – Rusland Horizons.

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BOUTH WOMENS INSITUTE

At our March meeting our speaker was Catherine Hunt. who is an Advisor for 'Weleda Skin Care Sustainable & Organic Health & Beauty' products. Weleda have been growing and creating natural, organic herbal medicine and body care products for over ninety-five years. She brought potions and lotions for the ladies to try and two of our members were lucky enough to have a foot soak sample. She was telling us why to go natural looking after our skin also looking after our planet. The winner of the competition was the regular Norene. Raffle winner was Sue Smith.

Our next Meeting is on the **Wednesday 10 of April, 7:15pm, Village Hall**, which is an open meeting for one and all: the speaker is Jules Natiacen from ‘Churchmouse Cheeses’.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Unfortunately, and for the first time in 20 years we have not had a contribution from the Parish Council which has been the centre piece of this magazine, but such is life.

So rather than leaving you bereft of information we have dug up some notes from their 2017/18 Annual Report which may be of some interest although perhaps, on the other hand – not.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL: In such a year of change of councillors it has been a case of ‘holding the fort’. However, we have made progress on a number of fronts.

- We have replaced our old outdated unsupported website with a more modern version.
- The nomination of ‘Assets of Community Value’ resulted in both The Manor House at Oxen Park and Stoney Hazel Wood at Rusland being agreed and included on the register.
- Our lengthsmen, Archie Workman, has had an exceptionally busy year with the adverse weather conditions causing significant flooding, which as always he has manfully resolved. He is also now digitally mapping the parish drains and we now have a more direct contact with highways which will hopefully lead to better responses to issues.
- Superfast Broadband is now available in Newby Bridge, Finsthwaite, Bouth and Spark Bridge with Oxen Park due shortly. We must thank Mike Postle for his work in achieving this and his continuing efforts to achieve better connectivity in remaining areas of Colton, Nibthwaite and parts of Rusland.
- We continued to participate in the Rural Crime Initiative with Satterthwaite PC but withdrew from the aspect that included the provision

of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras with the councillors expressing concern over the policies and procedures required and the legal implications of ownership of supporting the CCTV aspect on the scheme. We still continue to support the Rural Crime Initiative.

- Community Plan. For most of the year due to the changes in councillors we did not progress the plan but towards the end on the year we have re-allocated the portfolio-holders and expect to make progress during the year. As part of the plan we gave community grants of £850 during the year. Liaison and consultation. We continue to be a well-connected and involved council and our clerk has brought a total of 300 items of correspondence to our attention and we responded to 11 formal consultations, including the Lake District National Park Local Plan and various local and national consultations.

The council made the decision not to continue with the parish newsletter and have replaced it with the Colton Parish Link email facility which currently has more than 100 subscribers. We also contribute to three local newsletters each month and our old unsupported website has been replaced with a more modern version. We were represented at 13 external meetings during the year and we are represented on 11 outside.

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

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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Advice on Dismissal whilst Pregnant

Last week I told my manager at work that I'm 3 months pregnant. This week they told me they're letting me go due to poor performance. I've worked here for 2 years and never had any negative feedback. Could they be sacking me just for being pregnant? Is this legal?

However long you've been employed, being fired because of pregnancy is automatically classed as unfair dismissal. Although your employer said you

were being sacked for poor performance, you're right to be suspicious. Ask for written reasons.

As you have been employed for two years, your employer can only dismiss you for specified fair reasons, such as gross misconduct or persistent poor performance. They must follow a fair process and show their evidence.

To challenge the dismissal, act quickly as time limits are short. First raise a grievance with your employer and contact the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service. If necessary, you can take your case to an employment tribunal - gather as much evidence as possible, including correspondence and appraisal records. The new **Citizens Advice Discrimination Toolkit**, found on their website, can help you with 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.

South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity,

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THE ROSE FAMILY

The rose is a rose,
And was always a rose.
But the theory now goes
That the apple's a rose,
And the pear is, and so's
The plum, I suppose.
The dear only knows
What will next prove a rose.
You, of course, are a rose –
But were always a rose.

Robert Frost

DIARY DATES

- 30 March Rusland Horizons, Heritage Skills. Stott Park Bobbin Mill, 10:00am - Sunday
31 March 4:00pm.
- 2 April Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm.
- 6 April 'In Concert' Bouth Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- 7 April **Morning Worship, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 10 April Bouth W I , Village Hall, 7:15pm.
- 13 April Cinema Club, Carthouse, 7:30pm. Also Sunday.
- 14 April **Palm Sunday, Combined Holy Communion, Colton, 10:30am.**
- 15 April Sinking of the Titanic, 1912.
- 19 April **Good Friday, Walk of Witness, Greenodd, 11:00am.**
Devotions of the Cross. Penny Bridge, 12 noon.
- 21 April **Easter Day Holy Communion – Holy Trinity Colton, 9:30am.**
St. Luke's, Lowick, 9:30am.
St. Mary's, Penny Bridge, 11:00am,
- 23 April St. George, Patron Saint of England.
- 25 April **Mark, Evangelist.**
- 26 April Cinema Club, Family Film, Outback Hall, 7:00pm.
- 28 April **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**



Apologies for any errors as you editor has been experiencing computer problems which even the redoubtable and very helpful Paul Holden could not solve and that is a first!

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"Every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man that built his house upon the sand.

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it".

St. Matthew



Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders
April Month 2018

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
7 April	Passion Sunday		
Morning Worship	Margaret Sanders	Philippians 3:4b-14	Susan King
9:30pm <i>Donald</i>	Graham Wallace	John 12: 1- 8	

14 April	Palm Sunday		
Holy Communion	Sue Lydon	Philippians 2: 5-11	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	John Tarr	Luke 23: 1-49	

19 April	Good Friday		
Devotions of the Cross	Mary the Virgin		
12 Noon <i>Vicar</i>	Penny Bridge		

21 April	EASTER SUNDAY		
Holy Communion	Susan Smith	Acts 10:34-43	Rachel Tarr
9:30am <i>Joanna</i>	Judy Redhead	John 1: 1-18	

28 April	Second Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion	Rachel Tarr	Acts 5:27-32	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	Graham Wallace	John 20:19-31	

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SIDEPERSONS ROTA

7 April Mrs. Susan King
 14 April Mrs. Margaret Sanders
 21 April Mrs. Susan Dean
 28 April Mrs. Susan Smith

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Decorating the Church for Easter Sunday – Saturday 20 April at 10:00am.

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“A sign of intelligence is an awareness of one’s own ignorance”

Machiavelli

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