

## PASTORAL LETTER

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*Dear Friends*

We sing this lovely song in our services across the Benefice

*“Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.”*

Most of us have very little difficulty with the first two lines, serving those around us with acts of kindness and thoughtfulness comes easily; but what about the last two lines?

What set me off on this train of thought was something that I observed on the bendy-bus being driven out to the plane at Manchester Airport a fortnight ago. We were crammed in like sardines and by the time I was on the bus it was standing room only. I wasn't the last person to board though, a severely disabled gentleman managed to climb aboard as we were about to pull away. A mum immediately prompted her son to stand up and offer his seat to the said gentleman, who refused the offer. The lad didn't sit down again in the seat that had been declined but continued to stand as we lurched about across the tarmac. Where was that gentleman's grace? The grace to let the lad *be his servant too*?

My observation is that most of us really struggle with the concept of allowing others to serve us. I expect that most of us have come across someone struggling with a heavy suitcase at the station, or a young mum trying to juggle the folding of a buggy, while holding the shopping and the baby. Our offer of assistance is met with, "Don't worry, I'll manage, thank you". The rebuff makes us feel a bit useless and there comes a point where we stop bothering to offer help.

So if you are offered assistance it is gracious to say "Thank you" and explain how you can be helped.

Grace in action!

However, there is another aspect of grace that we should all take into account and that is the willingness to be fair and to forgive. This quality is so essential where the impact of our behaviour is often felt by so many others. Intransigence, insistence on our own way, lack of regard for the feelings of others – these are not gracious behaviours at all and do nothing but spoil the harmony of our society.

At the end of many meetings Christians pray St Paul's prayer that he wrote at the very end of his second letter to the Corinthians

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all,*

And that is my prayer for you all.

*With blessings in abundance*

*Your sister in Christ*

Joanna



## **SETTING UP A BENEFICE PASTORAL TEAM**

We count ourselves as extremely blessed to have people in all of the churches in the Benefice who look out for people who need help or a visit in their local communities, who may or may not, be churchgoers. However, as we are in a rural area, which is spread over many miles and with numerous hamlets and villages, it is difficult to ensure that everybody who may welcome a visit from the church either in their home or hospital is covered.

The idea of having a pastoral team is to ensure that there is a team in place to cover visiting when no one else is available and also to ensure that people are able to have a communion at home if they are no longer able to travel to church. The team has a stock of get well, thinking of you, and deepest sympathy cards to send from the church and also plan to ensure grieving families receive a follow up card after a funeral takes place in any of the churches to let people know that the families are being prayed for and there are people available to visit, if anyone would find this helpful.

A number of people have been asked to be the “eyes and ears for their particular community” to let the team or Vicar know if there are any pastoral situations which the team could assist with. It is hoped that in time a follow up card for baptisms will be organised together with coming together events for baptism families to help demonstrate God’s love at work in the community.

If you are interested in joining the team or have any ideas about developing the work of the team, particularly to reduce loneliness and rural isolation, please contact **Barbara Watson** (Head of Pastoral Care Team) **T:** 01229 861 638  
*Brian Streeter*



## **COLTON CHRONICLES**

Our Easter services were both a sadness and a joy but above all conducted with a wondrous faith. Revd. Ian Swift led us beautifully through an hour of meditation on Good Friday with some sad but meaningful readings and appropriate prayers. Those of us who attended felt the melancholy of the occasion but were refreshed in faith.

And what joy on Easter Sunday as the Revd. Joanna Henson lifted our spirits with a stirring and uplifting service which began with the lighting of a Paschal Candle, an event at Colton not known as far as any of us can remember; may this be a start for future Easter Sundays. A full church is always welcome and the fact that so many took Holy Communion reminds us that, despite the views of non-believers, our faith is still alive and well.

*“A heartfelt and loving thank you to both Joanna and Ian.”*

Whilst on the happy road of thanks once again we are indebted to those wonderful and talented ladies who so beautifully decorated our church. The amazing thing is that they actually work their wonders in almost silence!

Sadly, we have to report the deaths of Pam and Alistair McIver earlier this year. Both Pam & Alistair were zealous workers for our church for many years, Alistair being a Church warden. May they rest in peace

**Apologies:** For having to cancel the Service on 19 May due to the absence of our willing workers who are few in number but work incredibly hard to

make sure everything is in order for our services week in week out but understandably cannot always be present. Volunteers would be welcome.



*"I do loathe explanations."* Sir James Barrie



**Church Fête:** Will take place a week earlier this year on **Saturday 20 July**. Donations of tombola prizes and books would be gratefully appreciated! Tombola prizes can be left with Margaret Sanders at Thurston View, Colton and books for Pam Priestley can be left at the church.

Cakes, scones and other edible goodies for both the teas and the cake stall would be most welcome on the morning of the fete at the school room, along with any plants for the plant stall.

- Door        Nigel Priestley
- Teas        Rachel Tarr & others
- Tombola    Susan Lydon & Judy Redhead
- Cake Stall   Susan Smith & gang
- Books       Pam Priestley
- Plants etc   Susan Dean & Team
- Big Raffle   Susan King/John Tarr + helpers
- Small raffle Margaret Sanders
- Quoits      John King

We are hoping for a fine day! Any queries please contact Johnny Tarr on 586 174 or e mail [john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john.tarr@hotmail.co.uk)



## PARISH NEWS

**Litter:** It is a constant source of amazement in this parish of ours that so many give up their time and efforts in voluntary works in order to maintain the beauty of the environment, in their many ways. Latterly a gang, mainly from Bouth, donned protective clothing, bore the brunt of storm Hannah and litter picked the local highways with smooth efficiency. We thank them and all the others for their selfless endeavours. And they are grateful to our Parish Council who provided the protective clothing and the 'pickers'.



**A Stroll?:** On the evening of May Day a gaggle of weary walkers came in to the White Hart congratulating themselves on a successful afternoon stroll but eventually the truth came out – it was more of a pub crawl round the local hostelrys. There was a touch of disagreement on the length of their ‘stroll’, so to put the matter to rest a visit to an O S map confirms that it was approximately **9** miles.

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**Birthdays:** One Roger Perry, in June, will have managed to reach his three score years and ten now safely berthed in Bouth after a career of enjoying sailing the seven seas as an Executive Officer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, but he cannot hold a candle to the wonderful Jean Pricket, who also in June, will be celebrating her **98<sup>th</sup>**. Birthday. Congratulations Jean & Roger!

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**Rusland Horizons:** We are planning to celebrate three years of running interesting heritage and conservation projects under Heritage Lottery Funding. We also want to mark the beginning of a new chapter for Rusland Horizons so come and join the fun as we would love to see you at our events :-

**Hidden Heritage Guide Walk: Thursday 6 June 10:30am – 2:30pm Haverthwaite Heights.** Join the Lake District National Park Ranger on a walk to learn about the exciting and interesting hidden heritage of the area. Tea and cake provided.

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**Woodlands and Wildlife of the Rusland Valley: also Thursday 6 June 6:00pm. – 9:00pm Outback Hall, Backbarrow.** Find out more about our local woodlands and wildlife and what has been discovered over the last three years, followed by an open discussion. Hot Supper & refreshments provided.

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**Woodland Crafts and Tales: Saturday 8 June 10:00am – 5:00pm Stott Park Bobbin Mill.** Join us for a day of heritage craft demonstrations and have a go in the workshops. Music, Fun and Food for all the family.

For further information and to book visit our web site [www.ruslandhorizons.org](http://www.ruslandhorizons.org) and go to ‘What’s on Page’.

**Bouth Village Hall:** The Development committee are looking for suggestions, ideas and views on how to move forward in order that the Hall can meet the modern needs of our community. If anybody has any observations, suggestions or opinions to meet these need please let this editor know (details on the inside front cover page) and I will pass them on.

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**Spring Show:** The Rusland Spring Show was its usual success but this year was special. Twenty-Six ago Elsie and Gordon Wilkinson had a vision to hold a Spring Show in the valley as a community event and also to raise funds for the Parish Room.

This year four generations of the Wilkinson family won trophies or prizes. Gordon now 89 won the trophy for the best in show, his daughter Anne won the Home Produce trophy, his granddaughter Nicola won the Best Art trophy and Elsie Tickle also won a few prizes.

## **BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE**

The meeting in May was a Group meeting held in the Greenodd Village Hall where Institutions from Egton-cum-Newland, Hawkshead & Newgate, Rusland, Sparkbridge, Lowick & Blawith. Also in attendance was the Federation chairwoman Karen Hanks who gave a short welcoming speech.

The speaker was Alison O'Neill, the Bare Foot Shepherdess which was, perhaps, the reason for the high male attendance. She was born and bred on the Howgills above the market town of Sedbergh.

Alison told us how she had acquired Shaklebank Hill Farm and became a farmer, shepherdess and mother then diversified to a Hill Walker Guide and now a fashion designer and writer.

Our next meeting is the Annual Outing on **Wednesday 12 June** when we will visit the 'Boat Museum', Bowness followed by dinner at the Boathouse Restaurant. The arrangements are that you make your own way to the museum in the afternoon and meet at the restaurant 5:30 - 6:00pm.

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May we held our Annual Parish Meeting and our Annual General Meeting. The main part of the Parish Meeting was the Annual Report from our Chair available at [www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk) .This was followed by our Annual General meeting, summarised below:

**Governance:** Cllr Dean was re-elected as Chair and Cllr D Hoyle as Vice-Chair. Thanks to them both for al their hard work in respect of the Parish.

**District Council update:** Cllr A Hall sent an email update on activities at South Lakeland District Council including; the Council's Strategy for Parks and Open Spaces, Morecambe Bay Health Trust, Governance Review and Wild Camping.

For more information please contact Anne Hall **E:** [annehall070@gmail.com](mailto:annehall070@gmail.com)

**County Council update:** Cllr M Breton gave an update on County Council issues, particularly Highways and he has agreed to send a joint letter with the Parish Council regarding the condition and the problematic over-use of the road that runs from the Tottlebank Junction and acts as a short cut from the A595 to the A590. For information please contact Matt Brereton **Matt. E:** [Brereton@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:Brereton@cumbria.gov.uk) .

**Police report:** By email- there were 10 calls for service during the period 11th Feb – 10th May 2019. These break down as follows:

One incident of Highway Disruption – sheep on the road at Lakeside, 2 damage only RTC's, 2 suspicious incidents – one vehicle and another at a hotel, 2 road related incident, 1 crime of theft – farming equipment

One incident of possible ASB – youths at Colton Church – no trace, 1 reported wildlife incident – no trace.

There have been a number of insecure quad bikes stolen from rural locations in the South Cumbria area recently. Owners of such vehicles are advised to keep them locked away when not in use and keys kept out of sight. For further information contact [Debbie.Ross@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:Debbie.Ross@cumbria.police.uk).

**Mobile signal update:** David Hoyle had contacted Tim Farron MP over the EE mast at Hulleter Farm. He has had a response which indicates that EE intend the mast to be switched on for commercial use by late June. The

Clerk and other members of the public had contacted Vodafone regarding the Crake Valley signal and have received confirmation this had been restored.

**Bouth Playground update:** David Harmer gave an update on the Annual Playground ROSPA inspection and repair work that was required. It was agreed that the repairs in the region of £600 should be undertaken. It was also agreed that a grant application would be made to Big Lottery and various charities for the funds of around £10,000 to improve the playground surface.

**Planning:** The following application was reviewed and the Parish Council view was agreed to be neutral, 7/2019/5281 Lakeside YMCA, National Centre, Lakeside, Ulverston, LA12 8BD

**Lengthsman:** The Parish Council thanked Archie Workman for his outstanding work in the Parish keeping the drains clear and road edges cleared. The Council discussed priority areas for strimming in the months ahead. The Council also noted the Japanese knotweed issue near Snows and agreed to contact the landowners.

**Litter-picking feedback:** This was deemed good fun and a great success; 20 bags of litter were collected. Many thanks to everyone in the community who supported this.

**Finance and Accounts:** A grant request from Rusland Horizons -phase 2 was approved by the Parish Council. The Annual Accounts were deferred to the next meeting, due to the meeting over-running.

**Date of Next Meeting: 10 June, Colton Church Hall at 7:00pm**

For further information please contact the Clerk Suzanne Pender,

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*“Life is a dream; when we sleep we are awake, and when awake we sleep.”*

Michel De Montaigne





## DIARY DATES

- 1 June Introduction of TV licenses 1946 (£2)
- 2 June **Morning Worship 9:00am.**
- 6 June Rusland Horizons, Haverthwaite Heights 10:30am – 2:30pm  
Rusland Horizons, Outback Hall 6:00 – 9:00pm.
- 8 June Rusland Horizons, Stott Park Bobbin Mill, 10:00am – 5:00pm.
- 9 June **Pentecost, Combined Holy Communion Service, Lowick, 10:30am.**
- 10 June Colton Parish Council Meeting, Colton Church Hall, 7:00pm.
- 12 June Bouth WI Annual Outing, Boat Museum Bowness.  
Followed by Boathouse Restaurant 5:30 – 6:00pm.
- 16 June **Trinity Sunday, Colton’s Patronal Festival, Holy Communion, 9:30am.  
“Father’s Day”**
- 21 June Summer Solstice, Longest Day!
- 23 June **Holy Communion, 9:30am.**
- 30 June **Combined Holy Communion Service, Colton. 10:30am.**



## SIDEPERSONS ROTA

- 2 June Mrs. Susan King
- 16 June Mrs. Susan Smith
- 23 June Mrs. Susan Dean
- 30 June Mrs. Margaret Sanders



## FLOWER ROTA

- 2 June Mrs. Dewhurst
- 9 June Mrs. Dewhurst
- 16 June Mrs. Susan Dean
- 23 June Mrs. Susan Dean
- 30 June Mrs. Sue Lydon



*“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”* St. Matthew

## Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders

### Month June 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
<b>2 June</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		
<b>Morning Worship</b>	Margaret Sanders	Acts 26:16-34	Susan King
<b>9:30pm.</b> <i>Pam</i>	Roderick Smith	John 17:20-26	
<b>9 June</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Combined Service</b>		
<b>10:30am</b> <i>Vicar</i>	<b>St. Luke's, Lowick</b>		
<b>16 June</b>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Susan Smith	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Judy Redhead
<b>9:30am</b> <i>Harry Welsh</i>	Roderick Smith	John 16:12-15	
<b>23 June</b>	<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Sue Lydon	Revelation* 2: 1 - 7	Donald Wroe
<b>9:30am</b> <i>Vicar</i>		Mark* 10:17-22	
<b>30 June</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	<b>Combined Service Holy Trinity, Colton</b>		
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Judy Redhead	Revelation * 2: 8-11	Gillian Bickerstaff
<b>10:30am</b> <i>D Bickerstaff</i>	Pam Priestly	Luke* 21: 7-19	

**Note: Readings marked \* are not in the Lectionary**

**Punctuation:** An English Professor wrote the words “A woman without her man is nothing” on the chalkboard and asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All the MALES in the class wrote: “A woman, without her man, is nothing.”

All the FEMALES wrote; “A woman: without her, a man is nothing.”



#### **Old and New**

Long have poets vaunted, in their lays,  
 Old times, old loves, old friendships, old wine,  
 Why should the old monopolise all praise?  
 Then let the new claim mine.

When the old creeds are threadbare, worn through,  
 And all too narrow for the broadening soul,  
 Give me the fine, firm texture of the new,  
 Fair, beautiful and whole.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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