

PASTORAL LETTER

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Dear Friends

July is a peak month for holidays, especially once the schools finish for the summer break. Gillian and I took flight at the end of May and travelled to far off Alaska and North Western Canada. It's an amazing area of wilderness, we encountered a number of bears and a variety of large breed deer plus many sightings of bald eagles in our travels. I even saw a huge grizzly swimming across a fjord in Alaska. I recommend the area if you are interested in wilderness wild life.

We took the Yukon trail from Skagway in Alaska following the gold prospectors of the late nineteenth century. Skagway today has a resident population of about the size of Greenodd and Penny Bridge, but it swells in the summer to cope with the daily invasion of visitors arriving by cruise liners. I have never seen so many churches, I looked up the number and found a web site with a list of the best thirty churches in Skagway! They all look used and in good order, I guess you could probably go to a different church each Sunday of the season from Trinity to Christmas!

America is still a 'religious' nation, but only the Lord knows the commitment of each heart. Jesus prayed that his followers may be one, that the world may believe (John 17). How we have ignored His longest recorded prayer! Of course unity is not uniformity; the Keswick Convention, which gathers Christians in their thousands every July, has the banner, 'for you are all one in Christ Jesus' (Gal 3:28). True followers of Christ know their unity in the Spirit, but it's also good when we worship and witness together in unity.

On our Alaskan cruise, the liner put on a daily Mass for the Roman Catholics, but only provided a smallish room for Sunday worship for all other Christians. I found myself taking a lead in an hours worship on Sunday, we struggled to sing, but it was good to pray with believers from

many nations. No provision had been made for the service time and if I had known I would have prepared an act of worship, still we did our best. The following Sunday we went to early Communion in the Anglican cathedral in Vancouver, it started late as the person responsible for unlocking didn't turn up! But once under way the familiar words from the Book of Common Prayer created a sense of unity amongst the gathered congregation and dean gave a lengthy homily (for 8-15 a.m.)

Holidays began in medieval times as 'holy days', for they were the only breaks many had from daily grind. Today it's good to take opportunity if away from home, to worship in different settings and meet fellow believers. It's good to recognise our unity in Christ. But how can we create further unity of witness here in the Crake Valley? Our shared services and shared meals are a major contribution to our unity and witness. One day, in the new Heaven and Earth, we will be a part of the great cloud of witnesses worshipping the Lamb upon the throne! If that idea doesn't appeal, then will you be happy in Heaven? It's good to start practicing for the new life in Christ, which really begins in the here and now.

So, enjoy your holiday's and if possible, join a local congregation to experience others in worship. It's what Jesus asks of us – that we practice unity and love.

Yours in Christ

David



RESIGNATIONS AT PENNY BRIDGE C of E ACADEMY

A number of parents whose children attend Penny Bridge CE Academy have asked me why I did not lead the School Easter Service at Penny Bridge Church last April as I usually do, and a few children have commented that they have not seen me at the school for a while. It is important that I now explain why this is the case.

At the end of February of this year I took the reluctant decision to resign as a governor from the governing board of the school, as have three other governors.

As a consequence, I believe that I cannot in good conscience carry out my usual activities and support of the school.

Rev. Brian Streeter



COLTON CHOICES`

Welcome: A very warm welcome back to John Tarr following his recent serious operation. He is looking extremely well, which is a bit of a surprise as we understand that he has not been doing as he was bid and even Rachel is struggling to keep him on the straight and narrow. The word we are looking for is stubborn, although another word also starting with ‘stu’ did come to mind!

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This Magazine: There are moves, firm moves, afoot to abolish the Colton Parish News, which goes back, at least the last decade of the 19th. C, and replace with a Benefice Magazine which would cover not only the Parish of Colton, but also Penny Bridge, Lowick, Torver and Coniston.

If any reader has any views on this move please contact the Benefice Administrator, Juliet Caldwell **E:** admin@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk

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Thank you: A sincere thank you to Roderick Smith for engaging the help of ‘**The Probation Service – Community Payback**’ where between four and eight ‘persons’ together with a Supervisor have been working during June painting the exterior of the Church Rooms, the Church Porch and the Toilets.

They have also strimmed the verges, brushed the loose gravel off the road and deposited in the car park, cut back all the hedges and shrubs and prepared the railings prior to painting.

All materials and equipment have been provided by the church but all other costs covered by the Cumbria & Lancashire Community Rehabilitation Company’s Probation Service. Thank you to them.

Church Fête: Will take place a week earlier this year on **Saturday 20 July**. **2:00pm**. 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.

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

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Computer Warning

If your e mail has been hacked. go to 'Have I been pwned.com'. Input whichever e mail account you want to check. Then press the pwned? button next to it and it will run an automatic check. If you have not been hacked the report screen that comes back will be green. If you've been hacked it will be a red screen. There will be advice about how to stay safe online and how to set good passwords. If you scroll down you see a report of where/when you were hacked. If you get a red screen, the simple advice is to go and change your passwords to be on the safe side. Never use the same password for multiple sites.

How do you tell if a web site is genuine? Do you trust the https or green padlock you see on a web page title bar? There are a couple of things you can look for to assure yourself the site is safe. When you log into a web page, you will see the site name at the top in your title bar. When you hover over a link, the title bar details and the link you are choosing should show up in the destination box which is normally located at the bottom left of the page. The destination details should mirror what is shown in the title bar. If the destination page looks different to the title bar and link you are hovering over, the chances are it is a dodgy site.

The other way to ensure the site is correct is to right click on ymouse and select 'Source'. If the site is genuine it should throw up a load of pages of computer gobbledegook. This should run into hundreds of pages. If all you see is a small number of pages, e.g. 4 or 5, the chances are it is a fake site and is using the original site to piggyback on, so is worth avoiding going any further.

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I hope that computer users understand this, because I haven't a clue. Editor

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations: Milly & George Young who celebrated their Diamond Jubilee on the 6 June.

Bouth Village Green: The AGM took place at the end of April. The green has been well looked after over the past year by the villagers of Bouth who turned out in good numbers for the spring and autumn work parties. Many thanks to all who have helped over the past year and to those people who ‘volunteer’ for the grass cutting rota.

Special thanks to Paul Holden and John Fraser for their considerable efforts in fixing the safety surfaces which decided to part with the underlying bitmac during the 2018 heatwave. These surfaces will need replacing soon and work is ongoing to seek grants for replacement of the two largest areas.

Haverthwaite Surgery: The Annual General Meeting of the Medical Equipment Fund will take place on **Monday 8 July, 2:00pm, meeting room at Haverthwaite Surgery.** All welcome!

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THE RUSLAND HORIZON TRUST LTD

(Note the new name)

Moths & Butterflies: The Trust is holding a ‘Moth Morning and Introduction to Butterfly Identification on **Saturday 20 July, 9:00am – 12 Noon, Oxen Park Reading Room.** This will be followed by a walk around Oxen Park in search of any butterflies.

This event is suitable for all ages but children must be accompanied by an adult.

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BOUTH WOMENS INSTITUTE

As always, our Annual Outing was a great success with the visit to the Windermere Jetty Museum of Boats, which was opened by Prince Charles in April this year. We all enjoyed the ‘crack’ and our meal at the Boathouse Restaurant. Next meeting **Wednesday 10 July, 7:15pm – ‘Stitch in Time’** which was our chosen Charity 2018.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

1 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.

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.

For further information please contact the Clerk Suzanne Pender
clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk or phone 07501 806298



Problems with Traders

I'm having problems with a builder I employed to build a kitchen extension to our house. The back of our house is now a tarpaulin sheet. We have paid quite a lot, and he keeps asking for more. We had a bit of a row, and he hasn't turned up for the last two days. What should I do next?

If you want the builder to carry on, try to agree a detailed written schedule of works and payments. If you pay any future instalments by credit card rather than cash you'll also have protection from the card provider. Take photos as the work progresses and keep copies of everything.

If you feel the situation with that trader can't continue, complain in writing and ask for a proportional refund. If you believe the work is substandard you can report problems to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer service.

If that doesn't work, look for an approved alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - this is an independent third party who can help you to reach a compromise. Call the Citizens Advice consumer service (0345 04 05 06) for further help.

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.

RUSLAND SHOW

The Show this year will be held on **Saturday 17 August** at **Whitestock Meadow, Rusland**. Anyone who wishes to enter should contact Maureen Boyren, Hill Farm, Colton Ulverston, LA12 8HG. **T:**01229 885 300 and by **E:** m.boyren@btinternet.com,

In the mean time Rusland Horizons will be running workshops in advance of the Show for the following classes:

- Under 6 years: A collage of leaf prints
- Under 8 years: Make a woodland creature
- Under 12 years: A natural dreamcatcher
- Under 16 years: A greenwood pot

Keep an eye on the website or sign up to the mailing list for more information www.ruslandhorizons.org



RUSLAND HORIZONS TRUST LTD.

Rusland Horizons is alive and well! With effect from 1st July, the **RUSLAND HORIZONS TRUST LIMITED** took over responsibility for Rusland Horizons. The aim is to continue doing all of the things which have been enjoyed by so many people and which have benefitted our treasured landscape and environment.

The Trust is a registered charity. Although a company, it has no shareholders, but, instead, has members and we would like to encourage everyone in the parish to become a member. By doing so, you will have your say in the future and will also be helping to fund the continuing activities of Rusland Horizons. To sign up, go to www.ruslandhorizons.org and click on “Get Involved”. Alternatively, call **T:** 07908 986795 for a paper application form. You can also sign up to be a volunteer, if you would like to help.



“A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance”

Proverbs

DIARY DATES

- 1 July Canada Day
- 3 July **Thomas, Apostle**
- 4 July Independence Day, U S A
- 7 July **Morning Worship, Colton, 9:30am**
- 8 July Haverthwaite Surgery, 'Medical Equipment Fund' meeting 2:00pm, Surgery
- 10 July Bouth W I, 7:15pm. Village Hall.
- 12 July Battle of the Boyne, 1690C.
- 14 July **Combined Holy Communion, St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge, 10:30am.**
Bastille Day, 1789C
- 15 July St. Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, 862C
- 20 July **Church Fête, Church Hall, 2:00pm**
Rusland Horizons 'Moth Morning etc' Oxen Park Reading Room, 9:00am.
- 21 July **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 23 July **Mary Magdalene.**
- 25 July **James, Apostle.**
- 28 July **Holy Communion, Colton, 9:30am.**
- 20 July International Day of Friendship'



Wine: There is a belief amongst many that the first producer of wine was Noah for apparently after his boat had come aground in the country that we now know as Turkey he noticed the giddy antics of a goat that had been eating over ripe partially fermented grapes. Encouraged by the sight, he planted a vineyard.

But, the Persians, however, tell a very different story. For them, the person who invented wine was not Noah, but a sad princess who was intent on doing away with herself. Assuming that a jar of frothing grape juice was poisonous, she drank what she believed to be a deadly dose. The pleasurable effects that immediately followed, and indeed her survival, must have come as quite a surprise to the young princess. Sadly, her reaction to the world's first hangover has gone unrecorded.

Colton Church Readers & Prayer Leaders
Month July 2019

Date / Service	Readers Names	Lessons	Prayer Leaders
7 July	Third Sunday after Trinity		
Morning Worship	Jane Pickles	Revelation 2:12-17	Susan King
9:30pm. <i>Donald</i>	Graham Wallace	Matthew 10:26-39	

14 July	Fourth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	Combined Service		
10:30am <i>Vicar</i>	St. Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge		

21 July	Fifth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	Sue Lydon	Revelation 3: 1 - 6	Pam Priestley
9:30am <i>P.Fox</i>	Roderick Smith	Matthew 23: 27-30	

28 July	Sixth Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Communion	Gordon Pickles	Revelation 3: 7-13	Judy Redhead
9:30am <i>Vicar</i>	Susan Smith	John 3:14-17	

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SIDEPERSONS ROTA

7 July Mrs. Susan King
 21 July Mrs. Susan Dean
 28 July Mrs. Susan Smith

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FLOWER ROTA

7 July Mrs. Sue Lydon
 21 July Mrs. Sheila Rotheram
 28 July Mrs. Zella Slater

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“Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.”

Song of Solomon.

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